



New York State Testing Program

English

Language Arts Test

Book 2

Grade

8

January 20–23, 2009

Name _____

TIPS FOR TAKING THE TEST

Here are some suggestions to help you do your best:

- Be sure to read carefully all the directions in the test book.
- Plan your time.
- Read each question carefully and think about the answer before writing your response.

In this test, you will be writing about a text that you will be listening to. Your writing will be scored on

- how clearly you organize your writing and express what you have learned
- how accurately and completely you answer the questions being asked
- how well you support your responses with examples or details from the text
- how correctly you use grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and paragraphing



Whenever you see this symbol, be sure to plan and check your writing.

Listening and Writing***D*irections**

In this part of the test, you will listen to an article called “Music to His Ears.” Then you will answer questions 27 through 30 to show how well you understood what was read.

You will listen to the article twice. As you listen carefully, you may take notes on the article anytime you wish during the readings. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow. Use the space on Pages 2 and 3 for your notes.

Here is a term you will need to know as you listen to the article.

- **nettle bushes** plants covered with stinging hairs that can cause a skin rash when touched

Go On

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STOP

27

According to the article, Bernie Krause believes humans make noises that harm the environment. Complete the chart below by naming **two** noises humans make that harm the environment. Then explain how each noise harms the environment.

Human Noise		How the Noise Harms the Environment
1.		
2.		

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What does Bernie Krause mean when he states that every living thing has a “sound signature”? Give **two** examples of living things that have sound signatures. Use details from the article to support your answer.

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Explain how Bernie Krause’s work with people is important for the environment. Use details from the article to support your answer.

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Planning Page

You may PLAN your writing for question 30 here if you wish, but do NOT write your final answer on this page. Your writing on this Planning Page will NOT count toward your final score. Write your final answer on Pages 7 and 8.



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Write an essay in which you describe **three** challenges Bernie Krause has faced when recording nature sounds. Explain Krause's responses to the challenges. Then explain what his responses reveal about him. Use details from the article to support your answer.

In your answer, be sure to

- describe **three** challenges Bernie Krause has faced
- explain his responses to the challenges
- explain what his responses reveal about him
- use details from the article to support your answer



Check your writing for correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Lined writing area with 25 horizontal lines.

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