



# acadience® reading k-6

## Maze

Student Materials

### Grade 4 | Benchmark Assessment

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## Practice 1

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## The Lizard Store

Lisa flopped onto her bed and gazed at the walls of her room. Today she was finally going to

though friends a pet! Pictures of puppies, kittens, tigers remembered, and even gorillas peered at her from her get two

some bedroom walls. There was no doubt that Lisa was wild an animal lover. Whether the animal was salesclerk adapting

will big or small, furry or smooth, Lisa sneeze sold was wild about it. easily

The only problem was that Lisa was held allergic to furry pets. The slightest whiff smooth others make would

her sneeze, cough, and itch. She once long calm visited a friend who had a rabbit any animal, and her eyes swelled shut

for three get hours. Owing a dog, a cat, or was even gazed a hamster was impossible for her and this cage small Lisa made

sad. She tried to make up for it with her actually animal turtles posters, but she still longed for a pet notice shut.

She didn't have to be sad approached still any longer, though. Today she and Dad were pets because going to

Lou's Lizard Land to pick out an shy got animal companion. There would be no fur or today fuzz curled to irritate

Lisa's nose at this animals store walls, because they only sold lizards, snakes, front green turtles, and frogs.

When Dad's car pulled up to the house owning companion, Lisa dashed outside. "Hop in," said

Dad, “**visited**  
**we've**  
**longer** got some shopping to do!”

At the **that's**  
**didn't**  
**store**, they looked inside every cage and **irritate**  
**would**  
**glass** aquarium that held a small creature.

**Cat**  
**Some**  
**Type** of the animals hid, while others **puppies**  
**won't**  
**seemed** not to notice the two humans. Lisa **have**  
**almost**  
**stopped** in front

of one aquarium that **looked**  
**eyes**  
**held** a small green lizard moving slowly up a **nose**  
**branch**  
**best**. When it noticed Lisa,

it gazed at her and **come**  
**rabbit**  
**curled** its long tail around the branch.

She **big**  
**made**  
**said** to her Dad excitedly, “Come look at this **lizard**  
**sales**  
**shoulders**!” Dad hurried over to see, and a

**impossible**  
**salesclerk**  
**later** approached and told them that the **lizard**  
**evening**  
**environments** was a chameleon, a type of lizard that

**different**  
**skill**  
**can** change the color of its skin to **adapt**  
**tail**  
**feeling** to temperature, light, and mood.

Lisa **noticed**  
**feet**  
**could** that this particular lizard was a **beautiful**  
**pick**  
**ride** green color. She remembered reading

that **slowly**  
**when**  
**pet** lizards were green, they were usually **dashed**  
**color**  
**feeling** calm. She also noticed that the **dog**  
**lizard's**  
**creature**

feet curled almost completely around the **branch**  
**one**  
**lizard's** in its cage. “That's so they **can**  
**smile**  
**cough** climb trees

easily,” said the sales **be**  
**three**  
**clerk**. “Eventually, the lizard will actually prefer to **skin**  
**snakes**  
**ride** on your shoulders

and see the lizards  
world  
completely with you.”

Lisa could hardly wait to particular  
take  
hop her new pet home. The salesclerk aquarium  
told  
probably her that the

lizard would probably hamster  
be  
furry shy at first, but its skill in hurried  
change  
adapting to different environments would

make it a very  
hid  
said good pet.

Later that evening, Lisa bedroom  
said  
house goodnight to her new pet. “It bed  
won't  
trees be long until we're best

friends!” she said  
peered  
its with a smile.



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## A Leaning Tower

The country of Italy is home to a building you may recognize. It is called the Leaning Tower of

Pisa, and it 

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| is    |
| much  |
| first |

 one of the most recognized buildings in the 

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| world |
| is    |
| began |

. The building is an eight-story,

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| white  |
| see    |
| lasted |

, round tower with large bells at the 

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| able |
| all  |
| top  |

. Thousands of tourists visit the building 

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| each  |
| other |
| open  |

 year.

People stand at the bottom and 

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| view  |
| look  |
| years |

 up. As they do this, their 

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| marble  |
| heads   |
| stopped |

 tilt to match the leaning of

the 

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| plans    |
| south    |
| building |

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Construction of the remarkable building began over 

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| home    |
| stories |
| eight   |

 hundred years ago, in 1173, and

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| hundred |
| lasted  |
| columns |

 many years. Workers had finished three of the 

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| building's |
| slightly   |
| recognized |

 eight marble stories when they

noticed 

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| vertical  |
| little    |
| something |

 odd. The building was leaning! It 

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| was  |
| halt |
| idea |

 sinking into the ground. The engineer in

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| charge |
| added  |
| tried  |

 changed the building's plans. The next 

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| fifteen |
| spiral  |
| stories |

 that were added were slightly taller on

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| one     |
| farther |
| so      |

 side. The idea was to even out the 

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| leaning   |
| continued |
| where     |

. But the heavy marble only made the 

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| still     |
| destroyed |
| tower     |

sink farther into the soil. Work 

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| ground |
| was    |
| many   |

 stopped at the time, but started 

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| century |
| be      |
| once    |

 again and continued

off and on for 

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| bracing |
| many    |
| public  |

 years. It was finally done in the 

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| some      |
| engineers |
| sixteenth |

 century, and the tower still leaned.

At  point, the tower leaned so much that the  was about fifteen feet farther south

the bottom. People tried many ways to  it, including bracing the building with

columns. Nothing seemed to correct or  the leaning. One attempt to straighten it

destroyed the tower. The building leaned  and farther.

In 1990, engineers worried that the  was unsafe, so they closed it and  work

to correct some of the . This time, they dug some of the  soil out from underneath

the building's  on one side. When they removed the , that side of the building

came down a . The workers were able to steer the  where they wanted it, but they

they would not straighten it entirely. After , it would no longer be the Leaning Tower

of Pisa  it were vertical.

The building straightened  inches and finally stabilized entirely for the  time.

Now, the building is once  safe and open to the public. You  climb the almost three



hundred stairs that 

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| recognize |
| make      |
| engineer  |

 up the spiral staircase that leads 

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| made |
| do   |
| all  |

 the way to the top. From

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| country |
| there   |
| noticed |

, you can see a view of Italy that 

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| round |
| is    |
| year  |

 like no other.



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## Diamonds State Park

There is a park in Arkansas where visitors come to enjoy the outdoors, view wildlife, camp, and

hunt for diamonds. That's right, diamonds! Crater of Diamonds State Park sits on a 

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| end   |
| hunt  |
| piece |

 of land that is

full of 

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| diamonds |
| bank     |
| did      |

, and visitors can dig through the 

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| dirt     |
| outdoors |
| sits     |

 to find them. Whatever they find, they

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| come |
| can  |
| zone |

 keep.

One hundred years ago, the 

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| pan    |
| yellow |
| land   |

 belonged to a farmer. One day, 

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| while    |
| diamonds |
| many     |

 the farmer was

in the field 

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| day       |
| feeding   |
| different |

 his pigs, he saw something sparkle in the 

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| something |
| dirt      |
| share     |

. He hoped it was a little

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| keep  |
| work  |
| piece |

 of gold. He scooped some of the 

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| rocky  |
| offers |
| how    |

 soil into a pan and washed it in 

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| water    |
| washed   |
| belonged |

. He didn't

find any gold, but he 

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| prefer |
| did    |
| have   |

 find two strange pebbles. One was 

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| forever |
| yellow  |
| uncover |

 and the other was white. He

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| showed   |
| look     |
| property |

 them to the president of his 

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| local   |
| land    |
| hundred |

 bank, and learned that they were 

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| soil     |
| falls    |
| diamonds |

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How did the diamonds end up on a 

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| farmer's |
| pebbles  |
| shovel   |

 property? Billions of years ago, there 

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| was     |
| strange |
| tiny    |

 a

volcano on this part of the 

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| land    |
| hard    |
| however |

. The diamonds were created deep inside the Earth, and 

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| right |
| then  |
| are   |

 the

volcano pushed them to the Earth's 

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| surface  |
| learned  |
| patience |

. The volcano is long gone, but the 

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| diamonds |
| pushed   |
| owned    |

 are still

there.

Today, the land is inches leaving owned by the state of Arkansas, and the rocks park ways is a place for locals and tips tourists billions alike to enjoy. There is a visitor rocky simply center where people can learn how the diamonds large hoped formed. The park also offers a discovery alike zone ago, where park rangers share tips about how send rangers to

search for diamonds.

The diamonds are gold didn't hard to find. Visitors can hunt for them in pigs several memory different ways. They can simply walk along and walk look feeding for diamonds on the surface. This is farmer's use a good method to use after it dig dirt rains. The rain washes the dirt away and uncovers deep several the rocks and diamonds near the method surface piece.

Many visitors prefer to use a water is small shovel to dig up a few enjoy inches diamond of soil. They toss the soil onto a piece years learn of screen. The dirt falls through the fun holes local in the screen, leaving any rocks and diamonds behind.

Very  
Gone  
Serious

diamond hunters dig deep holes and

washes  
away  
send

the soil through several screens. This

while  
method  
one

takes many hours of hard work and

patience  
most  
sparkle

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Over the years, several very large diamonds

will  
discovery  
have

been found at the park. However,

most  
been  
screens

of the diamonds are very small.

Still  
Few  
Even

, the visitor who finds even a

saw  
tiny  
locals

diamond will keep

the memory of a

scooped  
full  
fun

time forever!

