

4 Acadience Reading  
Level 8/Passage 4.3

Oral Reading Comprehension: Free Enterprise...Industrial Giant (continued)

Inference Questions

Now, I am going to ask you a few more questions. As you answer the questions, please be sure to justify your answer.

Circle the 2 when the student correctly answers the question within the context of the passage. Circle the 1 when the student provides some information about the question but does not justify the answer. Circle the 0 when the student is unable to answer the question or gives an incorrect response.

9	Question: <b>Based on this passage, what can we predict would be different if the United States did not have a free enterprise system?</b>		
	Key Concept: The United States would be different because (correctly predicts one difference).		
	Correct response <b>2</b>	Partially correct response <b>1</b>	Incorrect response <b>0</b>
	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If we did not have a free enterprise system, the U.S. would not be a leading industrial nation.</li><li>• The U.S. would be less economically successful if we did not have a free enterprise system.</li><li>• The U.S. would be different because the government would decide what and how much to produce of something.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower profits</li><li>• More rules</li><li>• More responsibility</li><li>• Less freedom</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't know</li><li>• Fewer rules</li><li>• More technology</li><li>• More industrialization</li></ul>
10	Question: <b>What can be concluded about the cost to the government in a free enterprise system versus the cost of another system?</b>		
	Key Concept: A free enterprise system is less costly (in terms of money, time, etc.) because (provides correct justification for answer).		
	Correct response <b>2</b>	Partially correct response <b>1</b>	Incorrect response <b>0</b>
	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The risk of starting a business or owning a business in a free enterprise system is on the shoulders of the person who owns it. If it fails, the person will be affected and have to pay for it, not the government.</li><li>• The cost to the government is less in a free enterprise system because they spend less time and energy controlling and regulating everything.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It costs less.</li><li>• There are fewer things to pay for.</li><li>• Other systems cost more.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't know</li><li>• More expensive</li><li>• No difference in costs</li></ul>

Inference subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

Comprehension total \_\_\_\_\_

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Oral Reading Progress Monitoring 4

Level 8 Scoring Booklet



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Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

Passage	4.1 +	4.2 +	4.3 =	Total
Correct Words Read				
Errors				
Comprehension				

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Directions: Make sure you have reviewed the scoring rules in the Acadience Reading 7–8 Assessment Manual and have them available. Say these specific directions to the student:

- I would like you to read a passage to me. Please do your best reading and read for meaning. If you do not know a word, I will read the word for you. Keep reading until I say “Stop.” Be ready to tell me all about the passage when you finish. (Set the timer for 90 seconds and place the passage in front of the student.)
- Begin testing. Put your finger under the first word (point to the first word of the passage). Ready, begin.

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_
Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_
Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

Fighting Fires

0 The September weather was unforgivingly hot, and the state was 10
10 caught in an extreme drought. Things were difficult, but no one realized 22
22 how serious they would become until that afternoon. Have you ever 33
33 departed for a familiar location, a place that’s as finely etched in your 46
46 mind as the faces of people you love, and arrived to discover someplace 59
59 you don’t recognize? That happened on September 12th when a wildfire 70
70 raged down the south slope of Castle Mountain and blazed across our 82
82 favorite Winding River swimming hole, scorching everything in its path. 92
92 A wildfire packs more power than anyone could ever imagine. 102
102 When we started for Winding River swimming hole, the sky was 113
113 gloriously clear and blue. When we topped Castle Mountain, we saw 124
124 that a rolling, white smoke obscured the valley below. Even though our 136
136 windows were closed and the cold air was blasting us, the smell of smoke 150
150 seeped inside the car’s interior, clogging everyone’s throats. 158
158 Using binoculars, my grandfather searched the horizon for the 167

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Vocabulary Questions

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5	Free enterprise system:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• A system where businesses can make and sell products mostly free from government interference (or) • A system where businesses can produce and sell stuff without regulations	• A system of selling and making stuff (or) • A system where the government doesn't control all of the businesses	• Don't know • The U.S. • Everyone is free • Things are free
	Other:		
6	Laissez-faire:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• A French term that means, "let the people do as they choose." (paraphrased is acceptable) (or) • A policy or attitude where people can make their own choices (or) • People decide what they want to buy	• When people are free to do what they want (or) • A French term (or) • When people choose	• Don't know • French • Freedom
	Other:		
7	Regulate:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• To control using rules (or) • To control businesses with rules (or) • To supervise by means of regulations	• Control (or) • Supervise (or) • Rules	• Don't know • Government • Bosses
	Other:		
8	Wages:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• A fixed payment from an employer to an employee (or) • Money you get from working (or) • What an employer pays a worker	• Money (or) • Income (or) • Paycheck (or) • Carry on a war	• Don't know • A rule about work • Job • A law
	Other:		

Vocabulary subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

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Passage-Specific Knowledge Questions

Now tell me as much as you can about the passage you just read. Ready, begin (set stopwatch for 60 seconds). Listen for the student to state key concepts and details and check the corresponding boxes. Circle a 1 if either the key concept or detail is mentioned (partial credit). Circle a 2 if the student mentions both. After the student completes the Recall, look to see if both the concept and detail are missing for an item.
• If the student missed any items say Now, I am going to ask you some questions. Ask the corresponding follow-up question(s) and then proceed to the vocabulary questions.
– The correct response to the follow-up question is the detail (after the +) in the key concept box. Circle the 1 for a correct response to the question. Circle the 0 for an incorrect response or no response.
• If the student did not miss any items say Now, I am going to ask you some questions. Proceed to the vocabulary questions.

Student Recall	Follow-Up Question	Incorrect Response
<div>1</div> <div>Correct response provided during recall2</div> <div> <div>Key concept + detail:</div> <div>The government only steps in to regulate business in a free enterprise system</div> <div>(+)</div> <div>in order to protect the health and welfare of consumers; (or) to protect people's health and well-being; (or) to keep people safe and healthy.</div> </div>	<div>Partial credit1</div> <div> <div>What are the main things that would cause the government to step in to regulate business in a free enterprise system?</div> </div>	<div>Incorrect response0</div> <div> <div>• Don't know</div> <div>• To boost profits</div> <div>• Open a business</div> </div>
<div>2</div> <div>Correct response provided during recall2</div> <div> <div>Key concept + detail:</div> <div>Prices and wages in a free enterprise system are controlled</div> <div>(+)</div> <div>by supply and demand; (or) by whether or not people want them and how much they want.</div> </div>	<div>Partial credit1</div> <div> <div>What controls wages and the prices of goods in a free enterprise system?</div> </div>	<div>Incorrect response0</div> <div> <div>• Don't know</div> <div>• The government</div> <div>• Supply</div> <div>• Certain rules</div> </div>
<div>3</div> <div>Correct response provided during recall2</div> <div> <div>Key concept + detail:</div> <div>Business owners in a free enterprise system are free to decide</div> <div>(+)</div> <div>what and how much to produce; (or) what to make and how much to make.</div> </div>	<div>Partial credit1</div> <div> <div>What are business owners in a free enterprise system free to decide?</div> </div>	<div>Incorrect response0</div> <div> <div>• Don't know</div> <div>• What taxes to pay</div> <div>• How much to make</div> <div>• Their own rules</div> </div>
<div>4</div> <div>Correct response provided during recall2</div> <div> <div>Key concept + detail:</div> <div>The principles behind a free enterprise system were developed</div> <div>(+)</div> <div>by Adam Smith; (or) by a Scottish economist; (or) by a Scottish philosopher.</div> </div>	<div>Partial credit1</div> <div> <div>Who developed the principles behind the free enterprise system?</div> </div>	<div>Incorrect response0</div> <div> <div>• Don't know</div> <div>• An economist</div> <div>• A philosopher</div> <div>• Someone Scottish</div> </div>

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Fighting Fires (continued)

167 smoke's source. Thin lines of fire stitched their way through the dry pines 180
180 and blazed across brown grasses underneath the trees. The trees directly in 192
192 the fire's path looked like people paralyzed with fear and unable to protect 205
205 themselves. Grandfather scooted everyone back into the car and drove as 216
216 fast as he safely could in an attempt to outrace the fire. 228
228 Wildfire is unpredictable; it's terrible, but it's also beautiful. We were 239
239 surprised when we heard a sharp crack overhead, and a flaming pine 251
251 branch dropped right in front of Grandpa's car. Grandfather slammed 261
261 on the brakes and then into reverse as the limb ignited the brittle grasses 275
275 along the unpaved road. The grasses shriveled in the air made wavy by the 289
289 heat and sizzled as they burned. 295
295 Grandfather quickly jumped from the car trying to stamp out the 306
306 flames that were beginning to spread. But wind gusts sent red-hot embers 319
319 swirling through the air, and they settled on the grasses like fireflies. 331
331 Fortunately, a siren's wail announced the arrival of a sheriff's car that then 344
344 rolled into sight, and we followed her to safety. 353
353 The Castle Mountain wildfire burned for 8 long days, destroying 363
363 30,000 acres. You can fight a fire as hard as you know how, but that 378
378 doesn't mean you're going to defeat it. Fire does what it's supposed to 391
391 do: given enough fuel and air, it burns. 399

Notes:

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Passage-Specific Knowledge Questions

Now tell me as much as you can about the passage you just read. Ready, begin (set stopwatch for 60 seconds).
Listen for the student to state key concepts and details and check the corresponding boxes. Circle a 1 if either the key concept or detail is mentioned (partial credit). Circle a 2 if the student mentions both.
After the student completes the Recall, look to see if both the concept and detail are missing for an item.
• If the student missed any items say Now, I am going to ask you some questions. Ask the corresponding follow-up question(s) and then proceed to the vocabulary questions.
– The correct response to the follow-up question is the detail (after the +) in the key concept box. Circle the 1 for a correct response to the question. Circle the 0 for an incorrect response or no response.
• If the student did not miss any items say Now, I am going to ask you some questions. Proceed to the vocabulary questions.

Table with 4 columns: Student Recall, Follow-Up Question, and Incorrect Response. It contains four rows of questions related to a passage about fighting fires, including key concepts and details for each.

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How Free Enterprise Helped Create an Industrial Giant (continued)

Table with 2 columns: Line Number and Text. It contains a passage about the Industrial Revolution, starting with 'easier and faster. Machines took the place of hand tools...' and ending with 'the United States into a leader of the industrialized world.'

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Now read this passage to me.
Please do your best reading.
Ready, begin.

Total words:
Errors (include skipped words): -
Words correct: =

How Free Enterprise Helped Create an Industrial Giant

In the United States, one of the freedoms enjoyed by its citizens is the free enterprise system. In this type of system, private businesses can produce and sell products and services mostly free from government interference. When government does step in to regulate businesses, it does so mainly to protect the health and welfare of consumers. In large part, this system helps make the United States a leading industrial nation. How does this occur? In a free enterprise system, business owners are essentially free to decide what and how much to produce, which is why this system is sometimes called "laissez-faire," a French phrase that means, "let people do as they choose." In this system, consumers are also free to choose which products and services to buy. Supply and demand, instead of rules and regulations, govern wages and the prices of goods and services. If you want to start a business in your town, you are free to take on the risks and rewards of your business. If enough people want your product or service, your business might succeed. If you do not have enough customers, your business will most likely fail. The free enterprise system is based on principles developed more than 200 years ago by Scottish economist and philosopher Adam Smith. During the 18th and 19th centuries, these principles helped nurture the explosive growth of American industry. In the late 1700s, new inventions such as the cotton gin made the manufacture of goods

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Oral Reading Comprehension: Fighting Fires (continued)

Vocabulary Questions

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Table with 4 main sections: Scorching, Glorious, Obscured, and Paralyzed. Each section contains a table for scoring responses (Correct, Partially correct, Incorrect) and a list of possible student responses.

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Inference Questions

Now, I am going to ask you a few more questions. As you answer the questions, please be sure to justify your answer.

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9	Question: <i>In this passage, how were the trees like “people paralyzed with fear”?</i>		
	Key Concept: The trees were like “people paralyzed with fear” because (provides at least one correct similarity).		
	Correct response <b>2</b>	Partially correct response <b>1</b>	Incorrect response <b>0</b>
	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They looked stuck and unable to protect themselves, like a person who is startled and can't move.</li><li>• The trees were rooted to the spot, like a frightened person.</li><li>• They couldn't get out of the way from the fast-moving fire, like if a person was stuck because they were scared and they couldn't move.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They couldn't move.</li><li>• They couldn't run away.</li><li>• They were like scared people.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't know</li><li>• Actually paralyzed</li><li>• Couldn't move limbs</li></ul>
10	Question: <i>How did the weather that season relate to the wildfire?</i>		
	Key Concept: The hot, dry summer season made good conditions for the wildfire.		
	Correct response <b>2</b>	Partially correct response <b>1</b>	Incorrect response <b>0</b>
	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was a very hot, very dry summer season and these conditions made it easy for a wildfire to start and spread.</li><li>• There was a drought and the forest was so dry that a wildfire started.</li><li>• When it is dry and hot out, fires can start and spread easily.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was really hot out.</li><li>• There was a drought.</li><li>• There wasn't enough rain.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't know</li><li>• Sunny in summer</li><li>• Cold and wet</li></ul>

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Comprehension total \_\_\_\_\_

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Oral Reading Comprehension: The Future Unplugged (continued)

Inference Questions

Now, I am going to ask you a few more questions. As you answer the questions, please be sure to justify your answer.

Circle the 2 when the student correctly answers the question within the context of the passage. Circle the 1 when the student provides some information about the question but does not justify the answer. Circle the 0 when the student is unable to answer the question or gives an incorrect response.

9	Question: <i>How would switching from batteries to fuel cells improve the use of electronic devices?</i>		
	Key Concept: They would hold energy longer and would be more efficient.		
	Correct response <b>2</b>	Partially correct response <b>1</b>	Incorrect response <b>0</b>
	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If fuel cells were used instead of batteries, we would be able to use our electronics longer without having to plug them in.</li><li>• Our electronics would be more efficient and would store energy longer. This would allow people more freedom when using their devices.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It would make your phone battery last longer.</li><li>• You wouldn't have to plug in your electronics as often.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't know</li><li>• Surf the web faster</li><li>• Would be bigger</li></ul>
10	Question: <i>Why is the temperature control of a power source important for the use of technology?</i>		
	Key Concept: If the temperature of a power source is too high, it causes problems for the device and the user.		
	Correct response <b>2</b>	Partially correct response <b>1</b>	Incorrect response <b>0</b>
	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is important that power sources do not get too hot, because it can damage the electronic device it is powering or burn the person who is using it.</li><li>• If a power source got too hot, it could ruin your phone or your laptop, and you wouldn't be able to use it anymore.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It could break the electronic device.</li><li>• It could burn you.</li><li>• If it gets too hot, things don't work right.</li></ul>	Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't know</li><li>• It's hot.</li><li>• It's better when things are cold.</li></ul>

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Comprehension total \_\_\_\_\_

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Oral Reading Comprehension: The Future Unplugged (continued)

Vocabulary Questions

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5	Methane:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• An odorless gas (or) • A gas fuel source (or) • A flammable gas	• A gas (or) • Fuel	• Don't know • Gasoline • A fuel cell
	Other:		
6	Stored energy:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• Energy that has been put into a form so that it can be used later (or) • A battery holds stored energy so that you can use the power when you need it.	• Energy in a battery (or) • Batteries run lights (or) • An energy source	• Don't know • Stores • Works • Energy
	Other:		
7	Solid oxide fuel cell:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• A cell that is able to create electricity from a variety of fuels (or) • A fuel cell that does not need to be recharged	• A type of battery (or) • It powers electronic devices. (or) • An energy source	• Don't know • Type of cell • Made with platinum • It gets hot.
	Other:		
8	Reduce:		
	Correct response 2	Partially correct response 1	Incorrect response 0
	• To make smaller in size or amount (or) • To cut back	• To shrink (or) • Lose weight	• Don't know • Take something away
	Other:		

Vocabulary subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

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Now read this passage to me.
Please do your best reading.
Ready, begin.

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_
Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_
Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

The Future Unplugged

0 Today's communication devices such as cell phones and laptops are 10
10 powered by batteries, which make them small and easy to carry around. 22
22 However, batteries can be a problem since heavy use can quickly drain the 35
35 stored energy. Scientists are working on a new power source for mobile 47
47 devices called a solid oxide fuel cell. A solid oxide fuel cell is able to 62
62 create electricity from a variety of fuels and does not need to be plugged 76
76 in to charge. 79
79 The first of these fuel cells cost a lot and did not work very well. 94
94 However, new developments in materials have scientists excited about 103
103 this new technology. The first fuel cells used hydrogen as the fuel 115
115 source. Unfortunately, this kind of gas was expensive to produce, which 126
126 contributed to the high cost of the solid fuel cells. Using hydrogen as a 140
140 fuel also resulted in operating temperatures over 1400 degrees Fahrenheit. 150
150 The high heat made the fuel cells work less efficiently than the 162
162 batteries already being used today. Some researchers are experimenting 170
170 with methane as a new fuel source. Methane is an odorless gas and fuel 184
184 source that is cheap, abundant, and plentiful. It must be processed to make 197
197 it safe, but this procedure is inexpensive, which helps reduce the price 209
209 of the fuel cells. Using methane also lowers the operating temperature 220
220 to 930 degrees. While the ideal temperature for a mobile device to work is 234
234 about 570 degrees, scientists are excited about their progress. 243

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Table with 3 columns: Line Number, Text, and Line Number. The text describes the development of solid oxide fuel cells, mentioning platinum, nanostructured ceramic film, and the goal of creating plug-free devices like cell phones and laptops.

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Passage-Specific Knowledge Questions

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Table with 4 columns: Student Recall, Follow-Up Question, and Incorrect Response. It contains four rows of questions related to the passage, each with a key concept, detail, and follow-up question.

Passage-specific knowledge subtotal