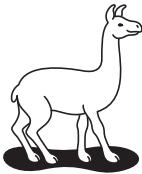


# Practice FCAT Reading Section



This is the Practice FCAT Reading Section.

Here is a list with pictures to help you locate the stories in the Reading Section and Answer Section.

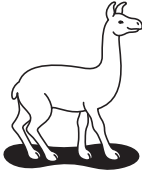


**The Star Llama . . . . . Page 2-2**



**Blueberries . . . . . Page 2-4**

**Directions:** It should take about 20–30 minutes to read the passages in this book and answer the 12 questions in the Answer Section. Read each passage, then refer back to it as needed when answering the questions in the Answer Section.



Read the story “The Star Llama” and then answer Numbers 1 through 6 in the Answer Section.

## The Star Llama

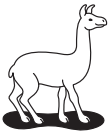
by Jan Mike

**O**nce there was a young Inca boy. He had no family except for an old llama. Each day the boy and his llama walked many miles, looking for a home. Each night they curled up together and slept. But one starry evening, the old llama died. The boy buried his friend next to an icy stream. Then he sat under a tree and cried. What would he do? He had no family and no home.

The boy cried for a very long time. But there was no one to comfort him. There were only the stars in the sky.

Suddenly, the sky filled with bright light. The boy held his breath. He was afraid to move. One bright star fell to the ground. Slowly, the star took the shape of the old llama. She bent her head and drank from the stream. She looked at the boy and smiled. As she jumped back into the sky, bits of llama wool fell.

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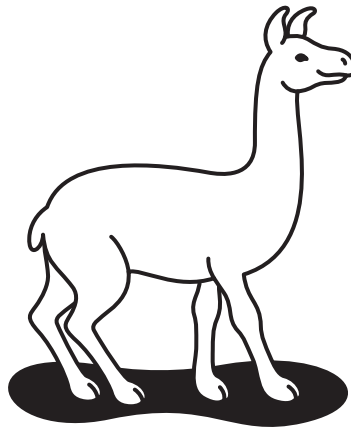


## The Star Llama

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As the Sun began to rise, the boy picked up the soft, warm wool. It glowed in his hands like starlight. He carried the wool to the city and sold it. With the money, he bought a house. He bought two young llamas. He never forgot the star llama. And he was never lonely again.



Now turn to page 2-6 in the Answer Section.



Read the story “Blueberries” and then answer Numbers 7 through 12 in the Answer Section.

## Blueberries

By Wanda Haan

**D**o you know how blueberries grow? They grow on bushes. Each blueberry is small and round. Many blueberries can grow on one bush. At first, the blueberries are green. The green berries are not ready to eat yet. They need a lot of sun and rain to help them become fat and sweet. When the berries turn blue, they are ripe and ready to be picked.

Some farmers grow blueberries in big fields. The people who live nearby can earn money by helping to pick the blueberries. Each one takes a pail out to the field and fills it with blueberries. They work fast so that they can fill many pails. They want to earn as much money as they can. When they are done picking, their fingers are blue from the juice of the berries!

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## Blueberries

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After the blueberries are picked, they are put into boxes and sent to stores. People buy the blueberries and take them home to eat. Some people like to wash the berries and eat them one by one. Other people like to cook with blueberries. They make blueberry muffins and pancakes.

No matter how you eat them, blueberries taste great!



Now turn to page 2-9 in the Answer Section.



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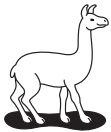
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# Practice FCAT Reading Answer Section



This is the Practice FCAT Reading Answer Section.

The questions in this section are based on the stories in your Practice FCAT Reading Section. You may go back to the Reading Section to help you answer the questions.



## **The Star Llama**

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**Now answer Numbers 1 through 6. Base your answers on the story “The Star Llama.”**

- 1** Why does the boy cry when the old llama dies?
- Ⓐ because he is afraid of the dark
  - Ⓑ because he is always sad
  - Ⓒ because the old llama is his only family
  - Ⓓ because he is sick

**Go On →**



## The Star Llama

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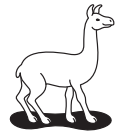
- 2 What happened BEFORE the old llama died?
- F The boy bought two new llamas.
  - G The boy and the llama walked many miles looking for a home.
  - H The boy collected the wool and sold it in the city.
  - I The old llama fell to the ground in the shape of a star.

- 3 Read this sentence from the story.

**One bright star fell to the ground.**

What does *bright* mean?

- A old
  - B shining
  - C new
  - D clean
- 4 What does the boy in the story want?
- F a cart
  - G a horse
  - H a new wool shirt
  - I a home



- 5 What happens at the end of the story?
- Ⓐ The boy buys a house and two llamas.
  - Ⓑ The boy buries the llama next to an icy stream.
  - Ⓒ The boy and his llama walk for many miles.
  - Ⓓ The boy cries for a very long time.

- 6 Read this sentence from the story.

**As the Sun began to rise, the boy picked up the soft, warm wool.**

What does *rise* mean?

- Ⓕ grow darker
- Ⓖ fall down
- Ⓗ come up
- Ⓘ take a step

Now turn to page 2-4 in the Reading Section.



Now answer Numbers 7 through 12. Base your answers on the story “Blueberries.”

- 7 Read this sentence from the story.

**The people who live nearby can earn money by helping to pick the blueberries.**

What does *earn* mean?

- Ⓐ sell
  - Ⓑ get
  - Ⓒ lose
  - Ⓓ share
- 8 What color are the blueberries BEFORE they are ready to be picked?
- Ⓕ blue
  - Ⓖ red
  - Ⓗ green
  - Ⓘ brown
- 9 Where do the blueberry pickers work?
- Ⓐ in a barn
  - Ⓑ in a field
  - Ⓒ in a forest
  - Ⓓ near a stream



- 10 What happens to blueberries in the story **AFTER** they are picked?
- F They are put into boxes.
  - G They need sun and rain.
  - H Farmers plant them.
  - I They become sweet and ripe.

- 11 Read this sentence from the story.

**They need a lot of sun and rain to help them become fat and sweet.**

What does *sweet* mean?

- A juicy
- B sour tasting
- C dry
- D sugary tasting



## Blueberries

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- 12 Which title best describes this story?
- F “All About Blueberries”
  - G “How to Cook with Blueberries”
  - H “Eating Blueberries”
  - I “All About Strawberries”

**This is the end of the Practice Test.**

*Go back and check your work until time is called. Turn your answers over when you are finished.*

