

Grades 4–5

Tier B/C



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Sample Reading Items: Ancient Hopi and Iroquois People

Using this document

Review this sample item to gain a better understanding of the look, feel, and process of the ACCESS for ELLs Reading test. Use this item in any way that is helpful for you and your students. If practical for your classroom, WIDA strongly encourages you to do a full mock administration of this sample item, as a realistic administration can help prepare your students for the real test.

If you do plan a mock administration, set aside 30 minutes to explain the activity and allow students to answer the questions. Create materials for the mock administration by printing:

- One copy of page 1 for yourself.
- One copy of pages 2–3 for each student. (Print single sided)

Introducing the sample items

Explain to your students that they are about to complete a reading exercise. This exercise is similar to a test they will take in the future. The test will be their opportunity to demonstrate their English proficiency in reading, and this practice exercise will help them get ready for the test.

When the students are ready and understand what they are going to do, pass out the test materials. Each student needs a complete copy of the sample test items and a pencil.

Ask the students to write their name at the top of each page.

Monitoring the test

As you walk around the room and monitor the students' work, check to make sure that each question has been answered. Do not check whether responses are correct or not. If any responses are missing, point them out to the students and invite them to try again.

End the testing session by saying:

Please put your pencil down, and I will collect your papers.

Part E: Ancient Hopi and Iroquois People

This map shows where two ancient groups of people lived and the types of homes they built.

Locations and Homes of the Ancient Hopi and Iroquois People

Hopi Pueblos

Iroquois Longhouse

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The Hopi people used pack dogs to help them carry things. Much later they used horses.

Which animal did they use first?



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The Hopi and the Iroquois lived in large family units that were built differently. The ancient Hopi lived in large adobe houses, which were made of clay. They were like apartment buildings where multiple families lived. Meanwhile, the ancient Iroquois lived in longhouses made from trees. Up to twelve families shared each longhouse.

What is one way ancient Hopi and Iroquois homes were similar?

- They both had the same style.
- They were both small homes.
- They were both made of clay.
- They both held many families.

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The Iroquois lived in the woodlands of the Northeast. During certain times of the year, this area was often cold and damp. To adapt to the climate, the Iroquois used the resources they found in the forests to keep themselves comfortable when the weather turned harsh. They fashioned clothing from animal skins or leather, which provided warmth and waterproofing. The clothing also protected their skin from cuts and scratches, which could be common when walking through dense, wooded areas with thorns and sharp branches.

According to this passage, why was Iroquois clothing made of leather?

- To protect the people from wild animals
- To protect the people from the sun
- To keep the people dry and warm
- To keep the people near the water