

Grades 3

Tier A



# ACCESS for ELLs®

## Sample Reading Items: How a Bean Seed Grows

### 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.

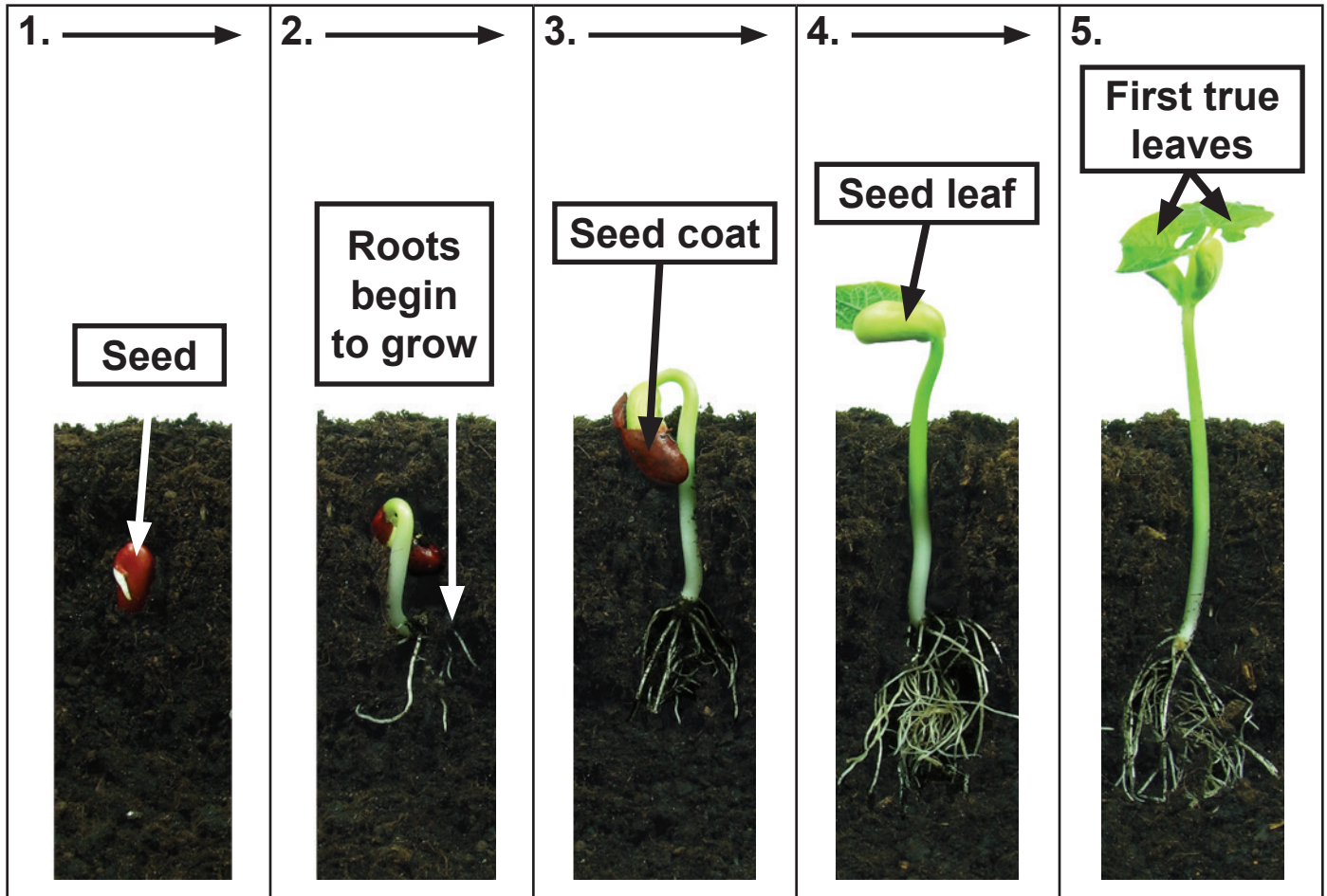
End the testing session by saying:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part D: How a Bean Seed Grows

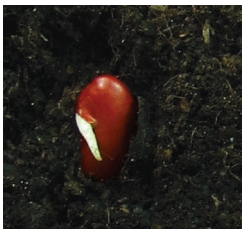
The pictures in the chart show how a bean seed grows into a plant.



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Roots are a very important part of a bean plant. They look like tiny hairs that grow down into the soil. Roots use water from the ground to help the plant grow.

Which picture shows this part of the plant?



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The parts of a bean plant work together to help the plant grow. The stem is the long, thin part of the plant that grows from the seed. The stem holds the plant up and carries water up and down the plant. The leaves on the plant get water from the stem. The leaves need the water to make food for the plant.

What does the stem do for the plant?

- The stem makes food for the plant.
- The stem carries water to the leaves.
- The stem holds the seed in the ground.

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A bean plant has a seed coat that covers the growing seed. The leaves and stem are curved like a hook when the young plant pushes out of the ground. This special shape keeps the young, soft leaves close to the strong stem where they can be protected, or kept safe. As the seed leaf pops out of the ground, the seed coat falls off. After a few days, if there is enough sunlight, the stem stands up all the way.

Why does the seed leaf stay close to the stem when the stem pushes out of the ground?

- To keep the new leaves safe
- To make the seed coat fall off
- To take in enough sunlight