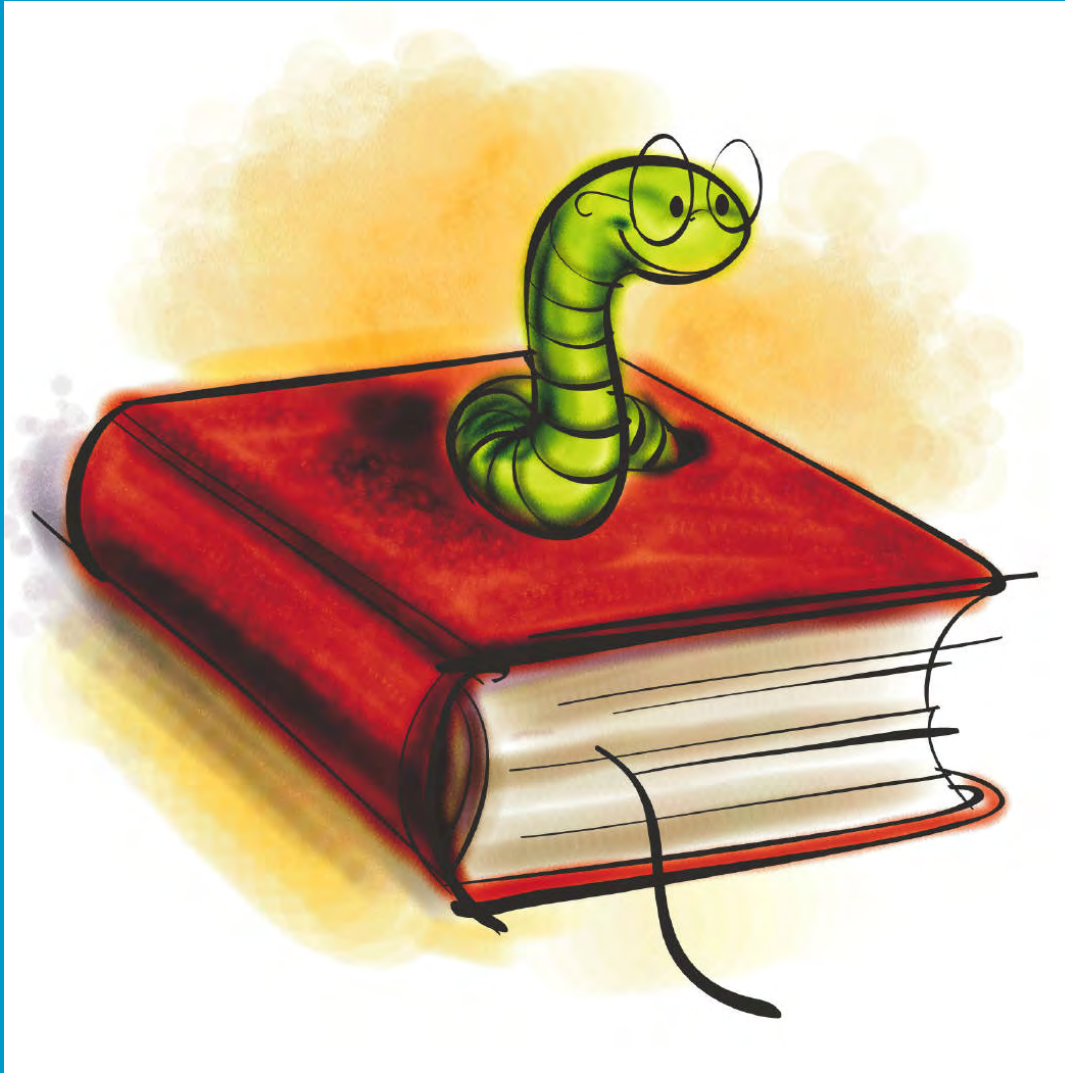


ISAT READING

2010-2011





TEST SESSIONS

Session 1

- * 6 Short Passages (literary, informational, poems)
- * 30 Multiple-Choice Questions
- * SAT 10 (norm-referenced questions)

TEST SESSIONS

Session 2:

This session contains two passages of more equal length.

A few passages in the passage bank are paired passages (i.e., 2009 grade 3 sample book, “The Chickenpox Party”).

Each passage has ten multiple-choice questions; one passage has an extended-response item.



TEST SESSIONS

Session 3:

This session contains two or three passages.

The shorter passages will have five multiple-choice questions.

The longer passages will have ten multiple-choice questions and one extended-response item.



FRAMEWORKS

- Sessions 2 & 3



The test questions in these two sessions contain items written by Illinois teachers.

Framework Issues

Students across Illinois seem to have difficulty with items that address these topics:

- Antonyms
- Homonyms
- Fable/folk tale/legend/myth/fairy tale/essay
- Organizational patterns
- Mood and tone
- Point of view
- Irony
- Genre



More Frameworks Issues



main idea vs. supporting detail

inference

elements of fiction

author's message

type of writing

character foil

cause/effect

identifying genre of a passage

Students have difficulty making the distinction between narrative and expository writing when the expository text contains some dialogue, and events occur in time order.



More Frameworks Issues



- Items that require students to look back to a specific paragraph

Students don't look back to confirm the answer for a particular section of the text – or many of them don't.

- Point of view
- Text structure/organizational pattern
- The meaning of antonym

More Information on the ISAT Reading Assessment

- The Web link below has more information on the reading assessment.
- <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/reading.htm>

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