## Scholastic Reading Inventory

Tricks to Taking the SRI



## Lesson 1: Tricks to Taking the SRI



#### Making an Educated Guess

- Read all answer choices—even if you think you know the correct answer.
- Cross out answers you know are wrong. (If you are taking a computer test, write the answer choices on a sheet of paper and cross out wrong answers.)
- If more than one answer choice remains, reread the passage and look for words or phrases that give more support to once choice than another.

#### Making an Educated Guess



- Look at the passage "Dogs for Different Deeds"
- Complete questions 3 through 5 on your own.
- Review the steps to Making an Educated Guess using the Tell-Help-Check Routine:
  - 1. In pairs, partner 1 <u>Tells</u> partner 2 the steps to making an educated guess. Partner 2 <u>writes</u> down the steps that partner 1 recalls from memory.
  - 2. Partner 2 Helps partner 1 by sharing any missed steps.
  - 3. Both partners <u>Check</u> notes to make sure all the steps were recalled correctly.

### Tricks to Taking the SRI



#### Answering Fill-in-the-Blanks

- Read each answer choice substituted in the blank to determine which one is correct.
- Use the strategy of Making an Educated Guess
- Check your answer choice by rereading the passage to make sure there is enough support for your answer.

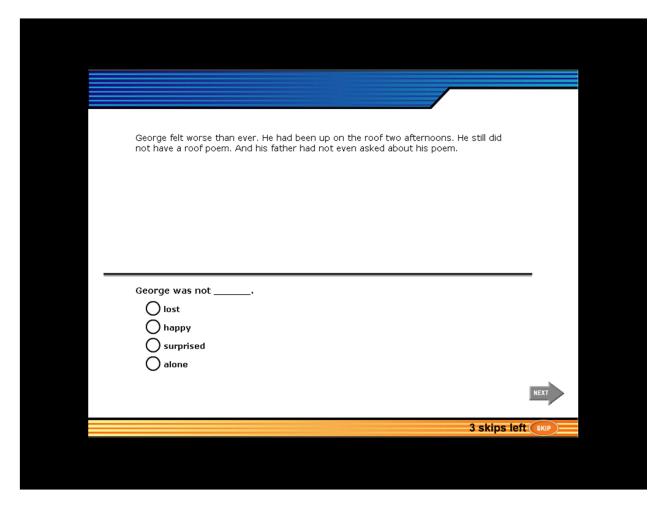
### **Answering Fill-in-the-Blanks**



- Look at the Passage "The Wright Brothers"
- Complete questions 3 through 5 on your own.

#### **Lesson 2: Now for the SRI**

- 1. Read the passage.
- 2. Read the answer choices.





George was not \_\_\_\_\_.

lost
happy
surprised
alone

NEXT

#### SRI

3. Identify what kind of words or phrases are listed as answer choices.



George felt worse than ever. He had been up on the roof two afternoons. He still did not have a roof poem. And his father had not even asked about his poem.
George was not O lost O happy  Control O happy
Surprised Oalone  Happyemotion NEXT

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4. Reread the passage and ask yourself: Should you identify George's state of being or emotion?



George felt worse than ever. He had been up on the roof two afternoons. He still did not have a roof poem. And his father had not even asked about his poem.		
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# 4. Should you identify George's state of being or emotion?

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## Let's Check! Substitute the answer choice in the blank. George was not happy because . . .

George was not	-
Olost	
happy	
Surprised	
o alone	



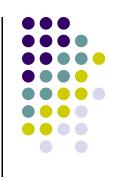
George was not happy because . . . after being on the roof for two days, he still didn't have a roof poem.

AND his father didn't seem to care.

George was not		
Olost		
happy		
Surprised		
alone		

NEXT





Use the Tell-Help-Check Routine to see if you remember the Test Taking Strategies to use on the SRI!

- 1. In pairs, partner 1 <u>Tells</u> partner 2 the steps to answering multiple choice questions. Partner 2 <u>writes</u> down the steps that partner 1 recalls from memory.
- 2. Partner 2 Helps partner 1 by sharing any missed steps.
- 3. Both partners <u>Check</u> notes to make sure all the steps were recalled correctly.