



## Grade 5 Level A - Emerging

Fifth grade students performing at the **Emerging** level demonstrate limited understanding of the knowledge and skills assessed on the Level A PASA. Based on 1-2 sentences of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices, they may be able to:

- ✓ identify a key detail,
- ✓ identify the meaning of words or phrases using context, and
- ✓ answer basic literal questions.

## Grade 5 Level A - Novice

Fifth grade students performing at the **Novice** level are generally able to do the following based on 1-2 sentences of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices:

- ✓ identify the meaning of figurative language through simple similes or metaphors,
- ✓ identify the meaning of words and phrases—including those with multiple meanings—using context and/or prefixes, suffixes, and roots,
- ✓ identify one or more key details, and
- ✓ answer literal questions.

## Grade 5 Level A - Proficient

Fifth grade students performing at the **Proficient** level are able to perform almost all of the knowledge and skills that define Novice performance. In addition, based on 1-2 sentences of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices, they are generally able to:

- ✓ identify the author's purpose (e.g., to persuade, inform, or entertain),
- ✓ identify evidence that supports the author's point of view,
- ✓ identify the main idea or key details, and
- ✓ answer inferential questions.

## Grade 5 Level A - Advanced

Fifth grade students performing at the **Advanced** level are able to perform almost all of the knowledge and skills that define Proficient and Novice performance. In addition, based on 1-2 sentences of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices, they are generally able to:

- ✓ identify one or more details that support an inference, and
- ✓ answer literal and inferential questions.