

Language Arts: Sample Item

Questions 3

This item has the following characteristics:

Strand: Writing

Objectives: Produce revised draft pieces of writing to meet identified criteria based on content, organisation, style and use of conventions.

Develop several linked paragraphs using a variety of strategies and organizational patterns.

Item Type: Order Match

About this Item Type: Order Match items asks examines to fill in some banks with some choices. All blanks must be filled in, but some of the choices may not be used, and no choice can used more than once.

This is the beginning of a story written by a student who wants to use dialogue.

Sam was always afraid of different crawling and flying insects and lizards. Sam was screaming and running away every time he saw a moving spider or a running lizard. When Sam went on a field trip with his class, he didn't want his classmates and his teacher to know he was scared of insects.

1. "Are you afraid of this lizard, Sam?" the teacher smiled as she moved the tree branch away from Sam.
2. Sam almost fainted when he saw a lizard sitting on a tree branch.
3. "Not at all. Well, not really." Sam smiled hoping that his teacher hadn't noticed.

In the dialogue that the student wants to use, place the three sentences, marked 1, 2 and 3, as shown above, in the correct order from the start of the dialogue to the end.

Which sentence should come first? _____

Which sentence should come second? _____

Which sentence should come third? _____