



Participation

Science

Official Released Items

Grade 8

Fall 2008
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The table below lists the number of core and released items administered on the Fall 2008 *Grade 8 Participation Science Assessment*. Core items are those that count toward students' scores. All released items in this booklet were selected from the pool of core items that appeared on the assessment.

Participation Science Grade 8

Science Strand	Number of Core Items
Life	5
Physical	5
Earth	3
Constructing	1
Reflecting	1
Total Items	15
Total Possible Points	90
Released Items	3 (Numbers vary by strand and topic.)

*3 points/item Primary Assessment Administrator + 3 points/item Shadow Assessment Administrator = 6 points possible/item

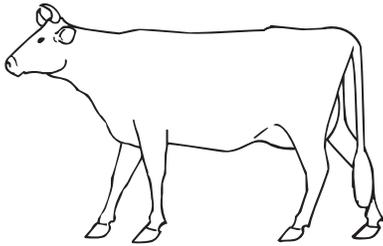
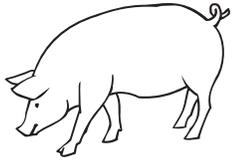
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Participation General Directions

- Prior to administration, review the assessment items. The Participation assessment uses two item formats: selected-response and activity-based observation. All items are scored with the Participation Scoring Rubric. Learning how to apply the rubric correctly is very important to the reliability of the assessment. The *2008/2009 MI-Access Coordinator and Assessment Administrator Manual* and the MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence (P/SI) Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program (www.mi-access.info) both contain examples of how the rubric should be applied. In addition, the "Scoring Rubric Flow Chart" included in the manual explains when to give a student a score point or a condition code.
- All items are designed to assess the Science Extended Benchmarks (EBs), which link the assessment to the Michigan Curriculum Framework's Science Content Standards.
- All answer choices for selected-response items require graphics. These have been provided as thumbnails on the page containing the item and as separate full-page (8½ x 11) picture cards coded to the individual items for which they will be used. Prior to administration, review the items and corresponding picture cards to ensure that you have the correct one for each item. When administering the assessments, these picture cards must be presented to the student two times in a different order, and the student must respond correctly both times. Both the MI-Access manual and the scoring rubrics online learning program provide detailed descriptions and examples of how to present items with picture cards to the student.
- The activity-based observation items are designed to (1) reflect classroom activities with which students should be familiar, and (2) provide a performance context in which specific Science Extended Benchmarks can be assessed. Review the item components, which include the actual activity that will be observed and the specific scoring focus.
- Plan for appropriate materials and any individualized communication or technology devices the student may need, such as augmentative communication devices and/or other specialized equipment. Keep in mind that any aids or materials used must be chronologically age appropriate and reflect what the student typically uses during instruction (in other words, do not introduce a new device or material during assessment administration with which the student is not familiar).
- If possible, plan observation times when the item/activity may typically occur. While some activities will occur naturally in the classroom, others may require more detailed planning in order to observe the specific scoring focus. Prepare to adjust the instructional environment as needed.
- Persons involved in the assessment should follow universal health precautions when needed.
- Determine which **two** people will observe and score the items. A certified professional staff member (such as a teacher, school psychologist, related services provider, or teacher consultant) must act as the Primary Assessment Administrator (PAA). Shadow Assessment Administrators (SAA) can also be certified staff or other school personnel (such as highly qualified paraprofessionals). Keep in mind that both PAAs and SAAs must (1) be familiar with the student, and (2) not impede or influence any interaction particular to the item.
- Both the PAA and SAA will need to tear or cut out their respective MI-Access Assessment Administrator Scoring Documents, which are located in the test booklets on the pages following the last item. This is where the PAA and SAA will record the score point or condition code for each selected-response or activity-based observation item. Using a separate scoring document allows the PAA and SAA to independently score the student's response to each item. Once all of the items have been administered, the score points or condition codes recorded by the PAA and SAA must be transferred to the student's answer document using a Number 2 pencil.

R1 Which one is a cow?

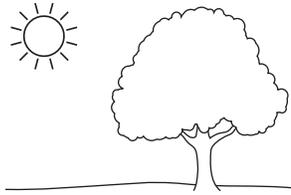


Item R2

Activity: The student will correctly indicate which of two objects is moving faster, during a familiar leisure activity, when the assessment administrator presents two objects and moves one of them faster. For example, the assessment administrator presents a model car and a chalkboard eraser pushed across the floor with equal force and asks the student, "Which one is moving faster?"

Scoring Focus: Recognizing movement of objects

Use this picture to answer the question.



hot sunny day

R3 Which one would a person wear on a hot sunny day?



coat



swimsuit



Do Not Continue.



Do not continue until instructed to do so.

MI-Access Primary Assessment Administrator Scoring Document

Directions: *Tear or cut this document out of the assessment booklet.* Circle your scores for the student on this document, then transfer them to the student answer document. Please be careful that your scores from this sheet are transferred to the correct numbered item on the student answer document.

Science Participation Items

Item R1

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- 2 Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- 1 Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides modeling, short of hand-over-hand assistance
- A Incorrect response
- B Resists/Refuses
- C Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R2

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Item R3

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MI-Access Shadow Assessment Administrator Scoring Document

Directions: *Tear or cut this document out of the assessment booklet.* Circle your scores for the student on this document, then transfer them to the student answer document. Please be careful that your scores from this sheet are transferred to the correct numbered item on the student answer document.

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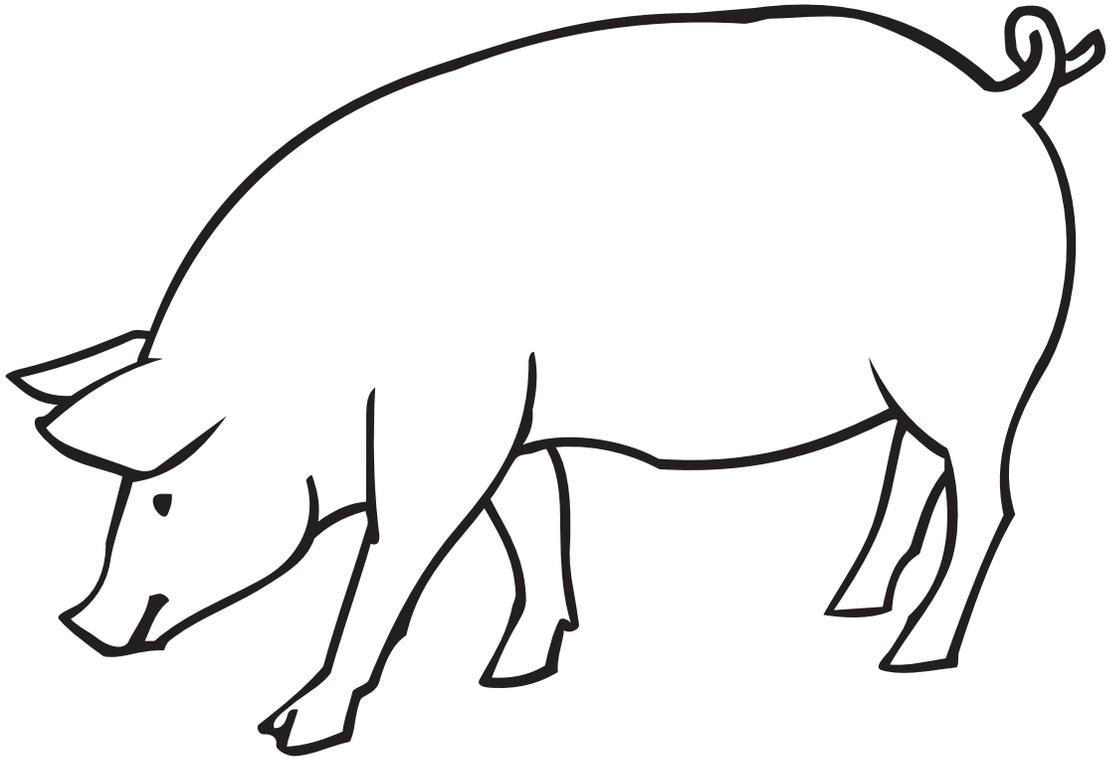
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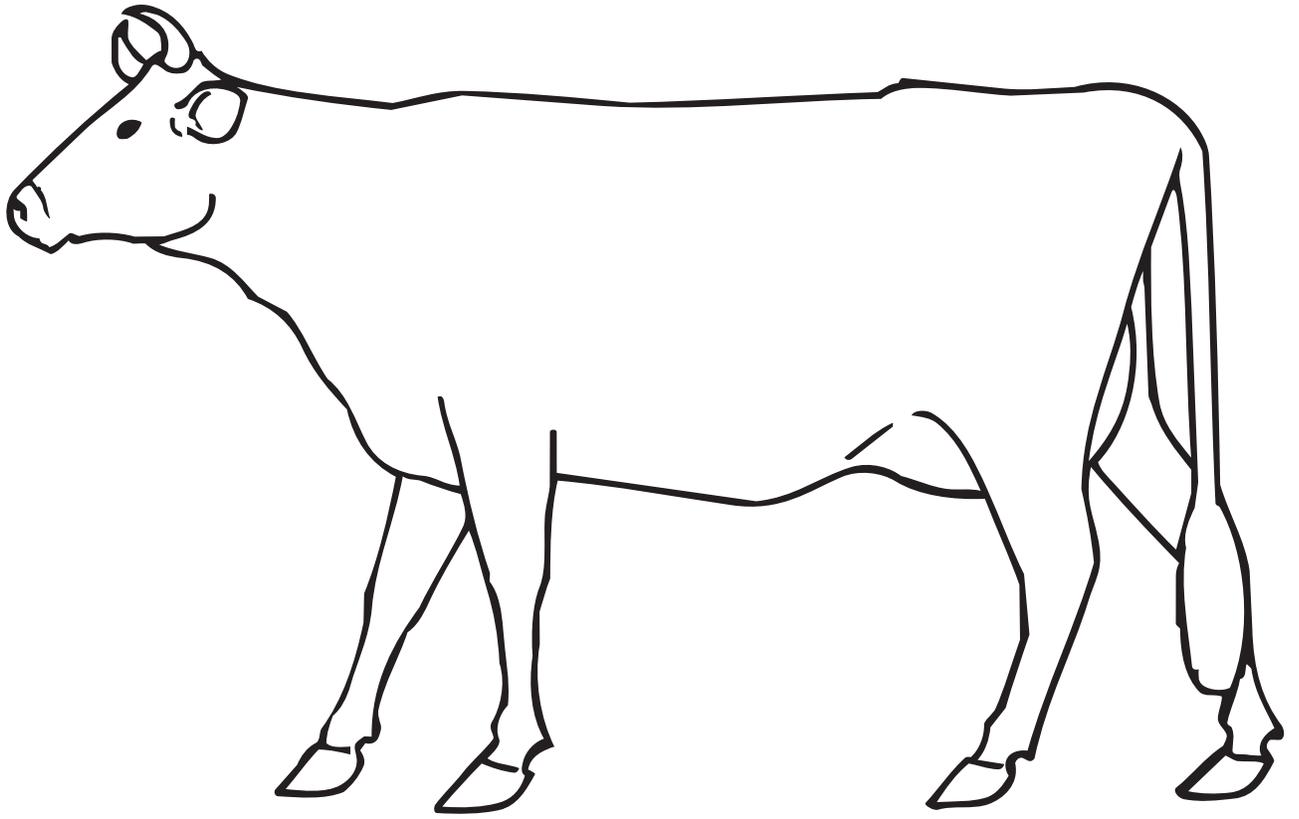


pig

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Selected-response R1

Incorrect "pig"

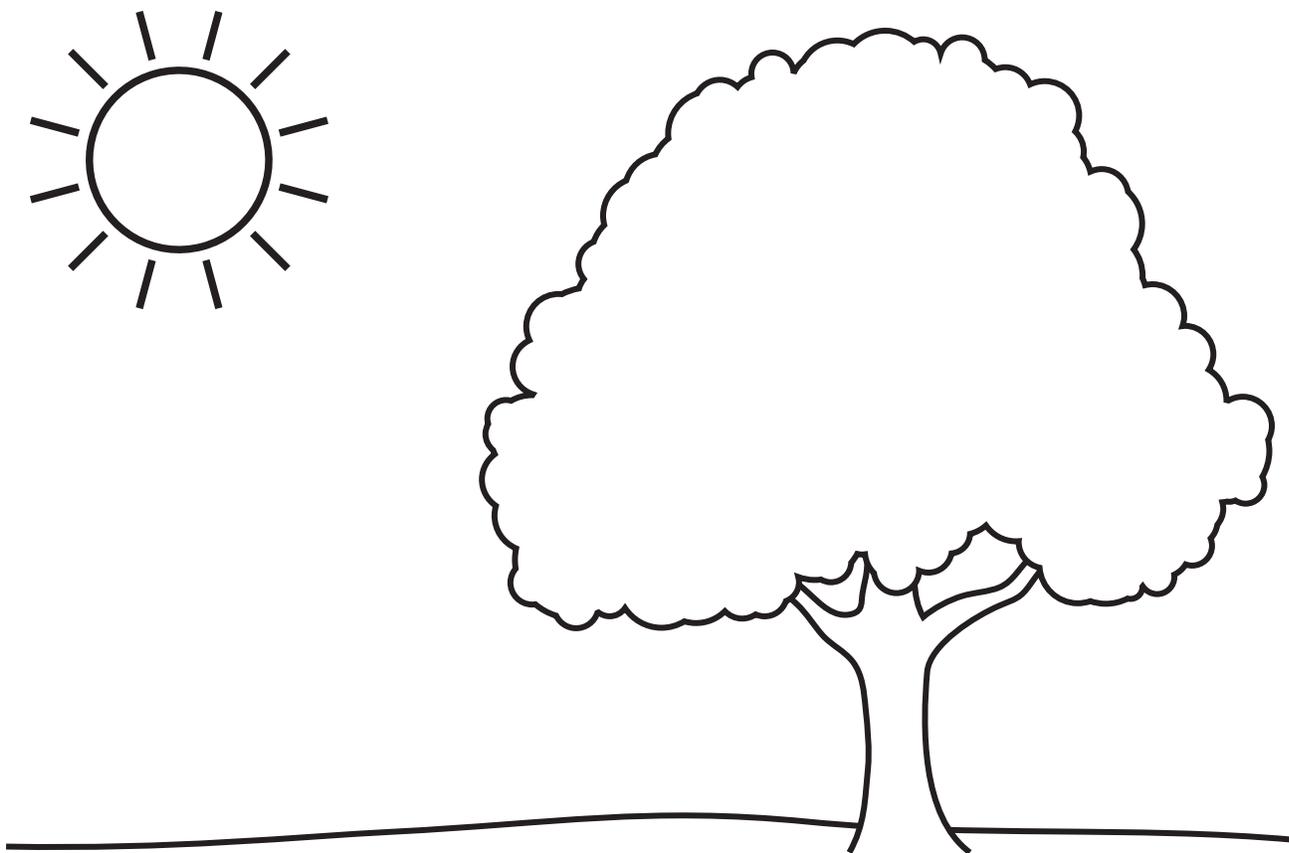


COW

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Selected-response R1

Correct "cow"



hot sunny day

Science Grade 8 Participation

Selected-response R3

“hot sunny day”

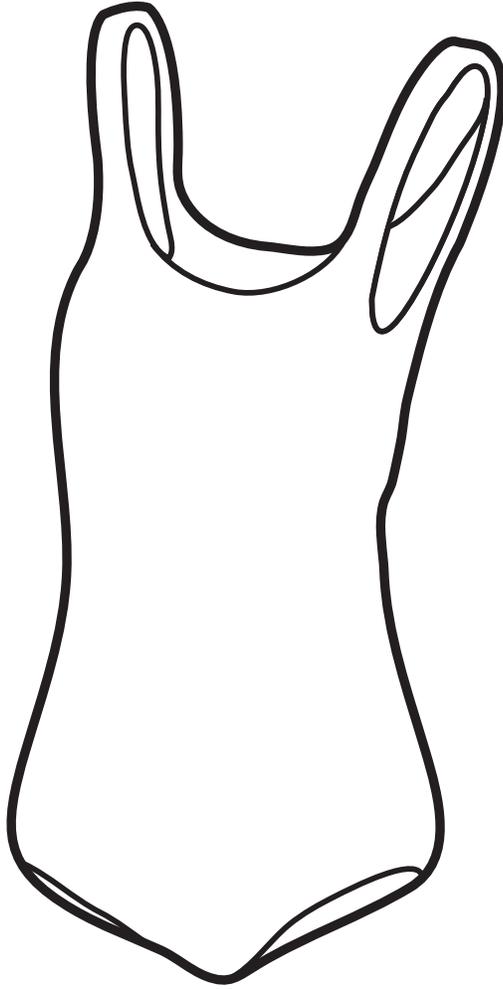


coat

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Selected-response R3

Incorrect "coat"



swimsuit

Science Grade 8 Participation

Selected-response R3

Correct "swimsuit"

Below is a list of the Extended Benchmarks (EB) for each released item found in this booklet. The chart contains the EB code and a brief description of what is measured.

Full descriptions of the EB contained in the chart below are available for review and download at www.mi.gov/mi-access.

Science		
Released Item Number	EB Code	SCORING FOCUS
		LIFE
R1	L.OR.P.EB.III.2.m.1a	Identify plants and animals
		PHYSICAL
R2	P.MO.P.EB.IV.3.m.1a	Recognizing movement of objects
		EARTH
R3	E.AW.P.EB.V.3.e.1ADDm	Identify appropriate clothing and/or activities related to particular weather conditions



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