



Supported Independence Science

Official Released Items

Grade 8

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The table below lists the number of core and released items administered on the Fall 2008 *Grade 8 Supported Independence 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.

Supported Independence Science Grade 8

Science Strand	Number of Core Items
Life	7
Physical	3
Earth	5
Constructing	1
Reflecting	1
Total Items	17
Total Possible Points	68
Released Items	3 (Numbers vary by strand and topic.)

*2 points/item Primary Assessment Administrator + 2 points/item Shadow Assessment Administrator = 4 points possible/item

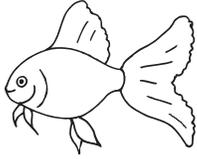
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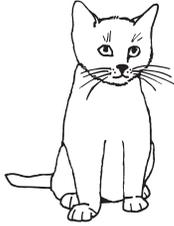
Supported Independence General Directions

- Prior to administration, review the assessment items. All items in the assessment are in the selected-response format. These items are scored using the Supported Independence 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.
- 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).
- 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 a 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 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.

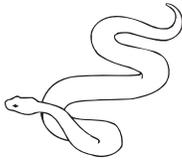
R1 Which animal has claws?



fish

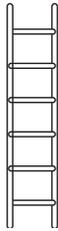


cat

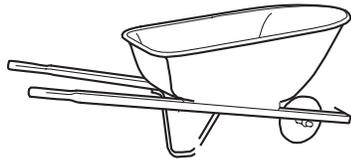


snake

R2 Which one lets a person use **less** force to move things?



ladder



wheelbarrow



shoe

R3 The water in the pot is very hot.

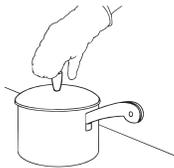
Which is the **safest** thing to do?



get very close



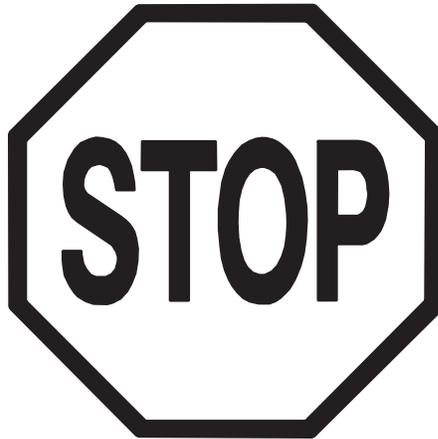
touch hot lid



use oven mitt



Do Not Continue.



Do not continue until instructed to do so.

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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 Supported Independence Items

Item R1

- 2 Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1 Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- 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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- 1 Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
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- B Resists/Refuses
- C Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions



Student Name: _____

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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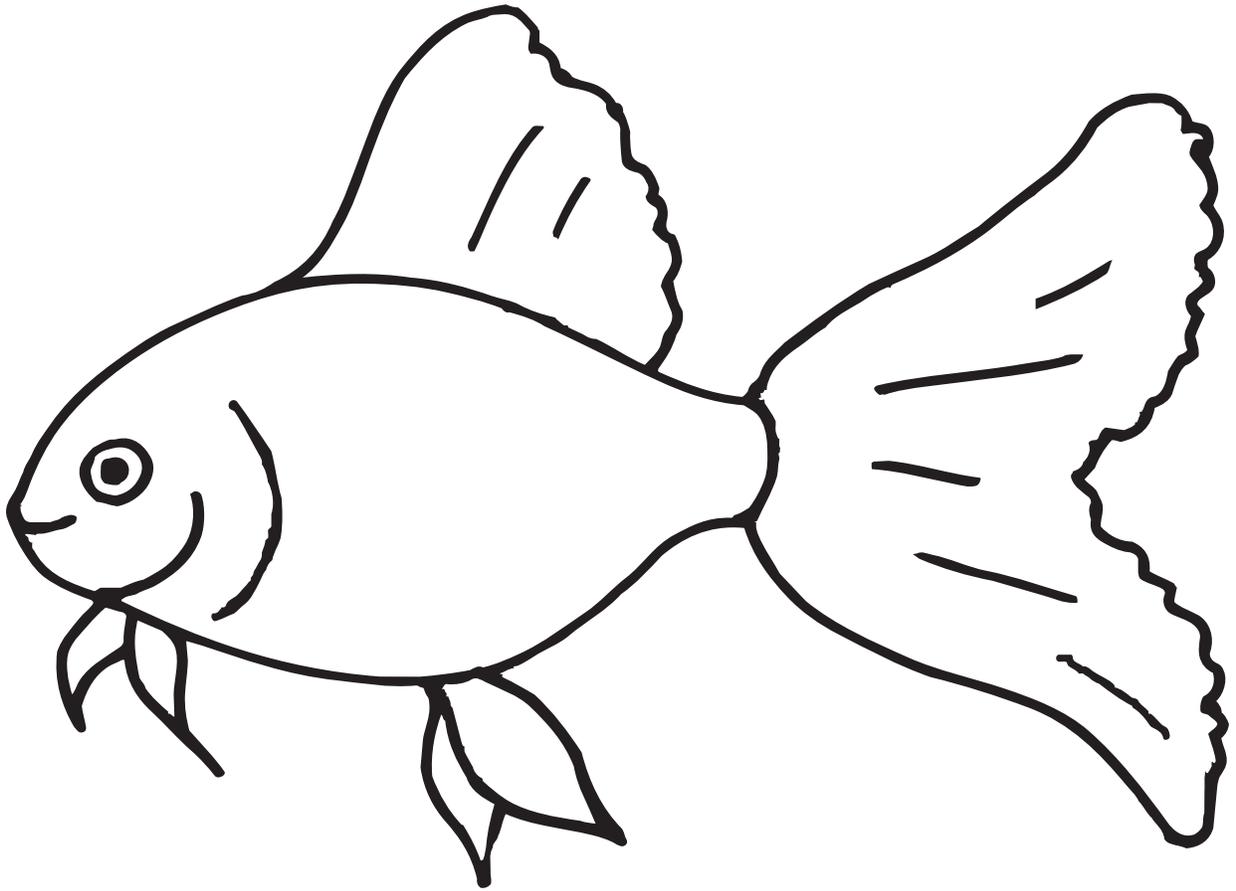
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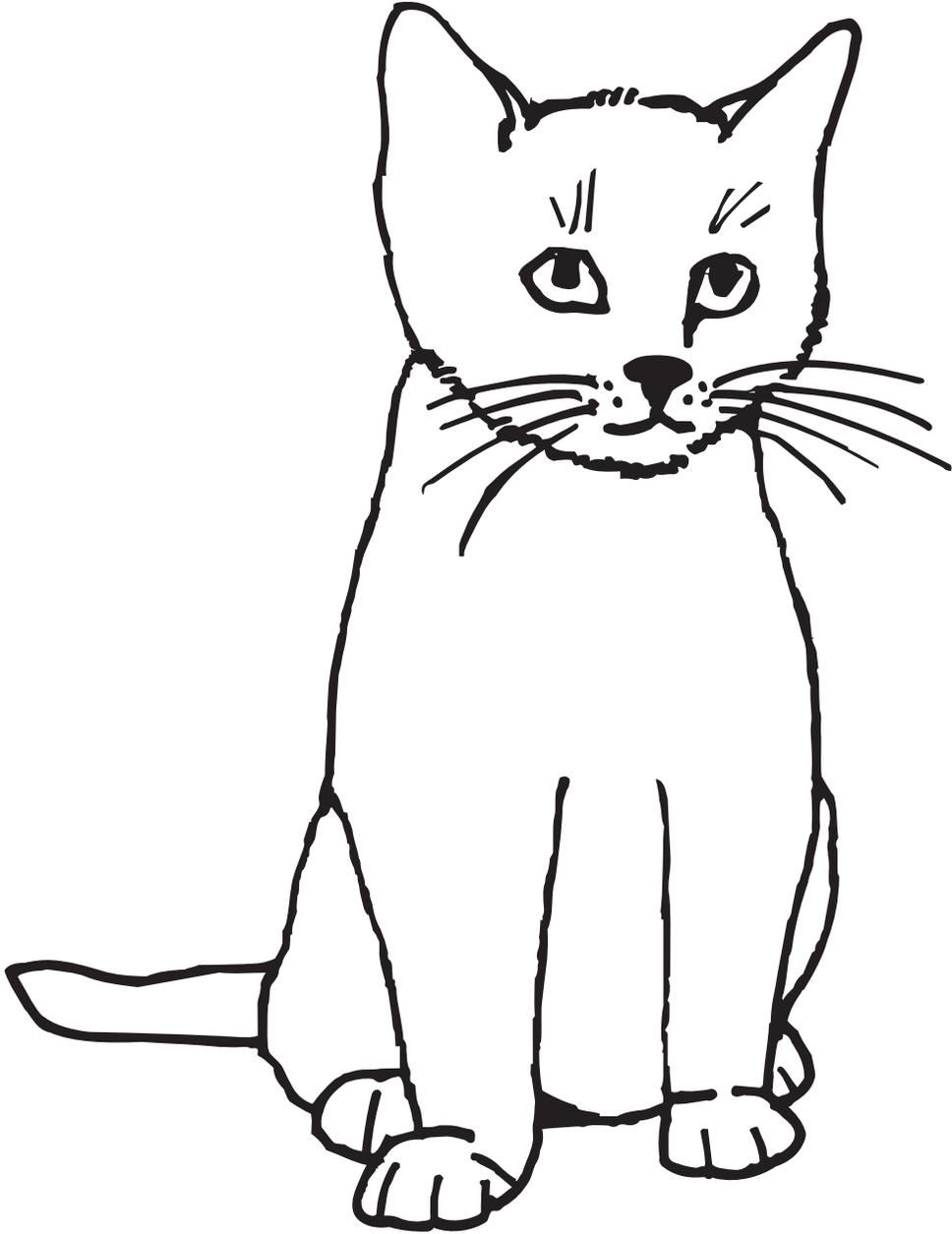


fish

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R1

Incorrect "fish"

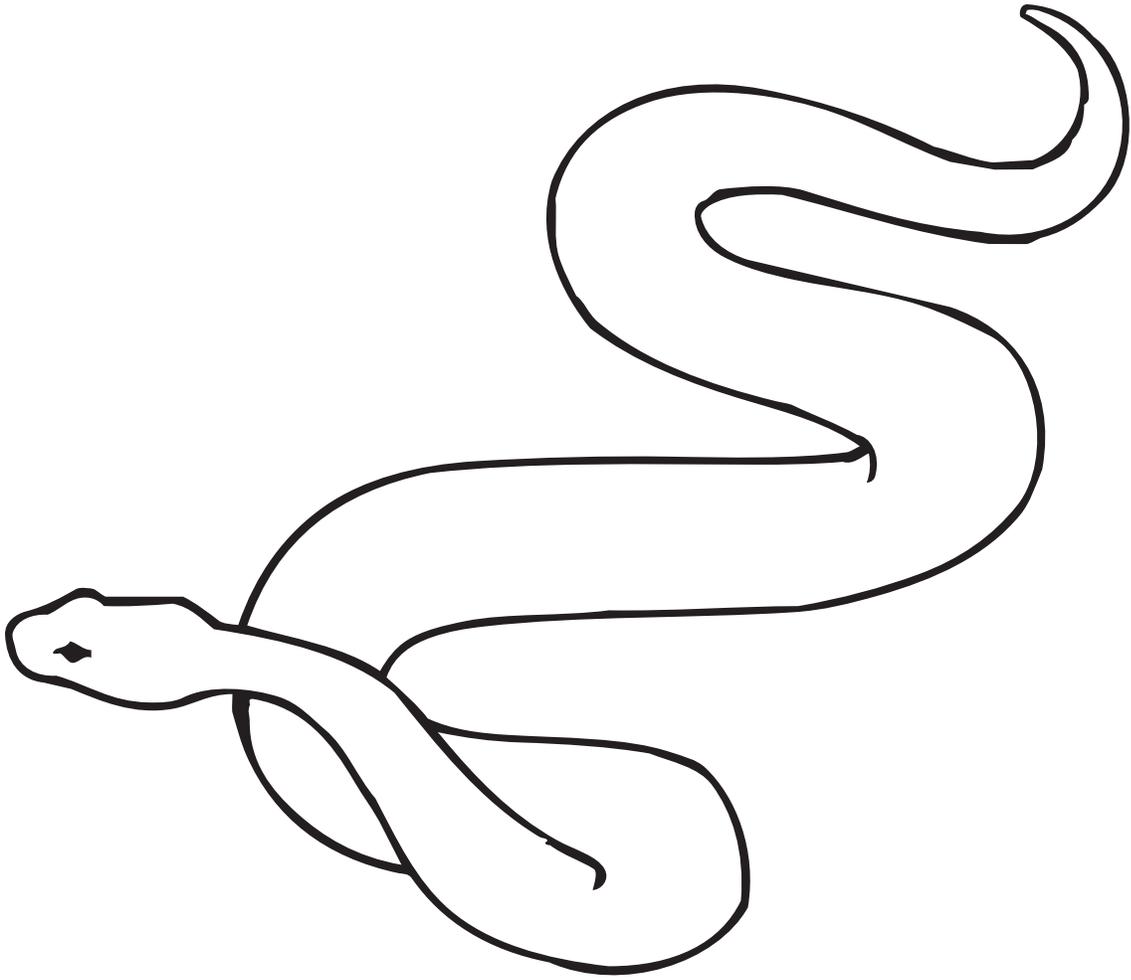


cat

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R1

Correct "cat"

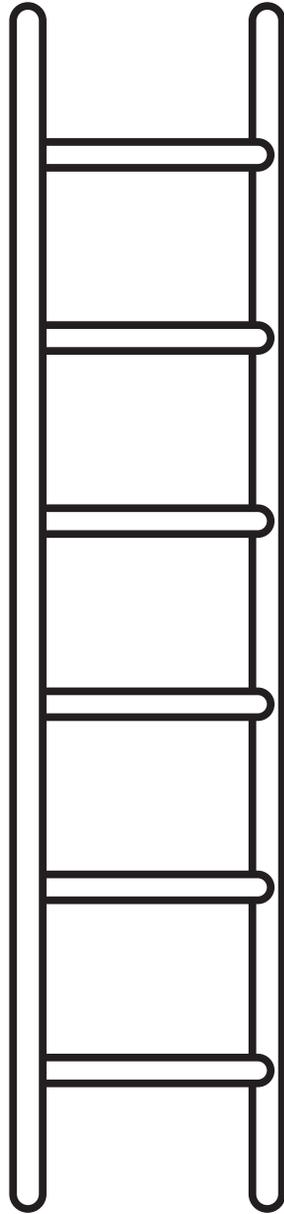


snake

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R1

Incorrect "snake"

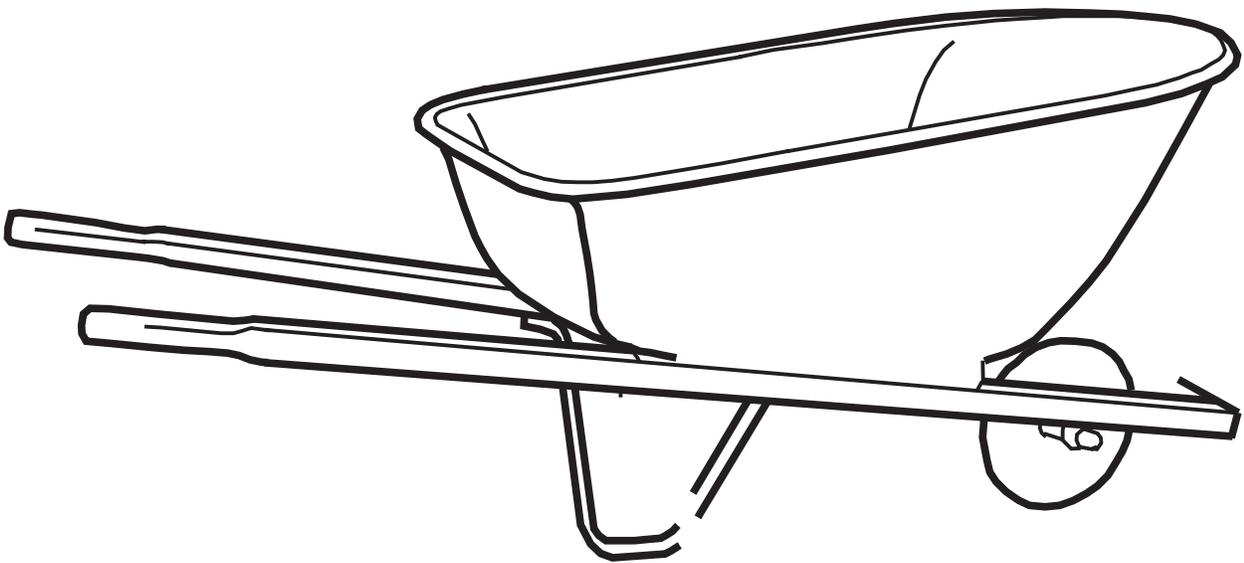


ladder

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R2

Incorrect "ladder"



wheelbarrow

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R2

Correct "wheelbarrow"

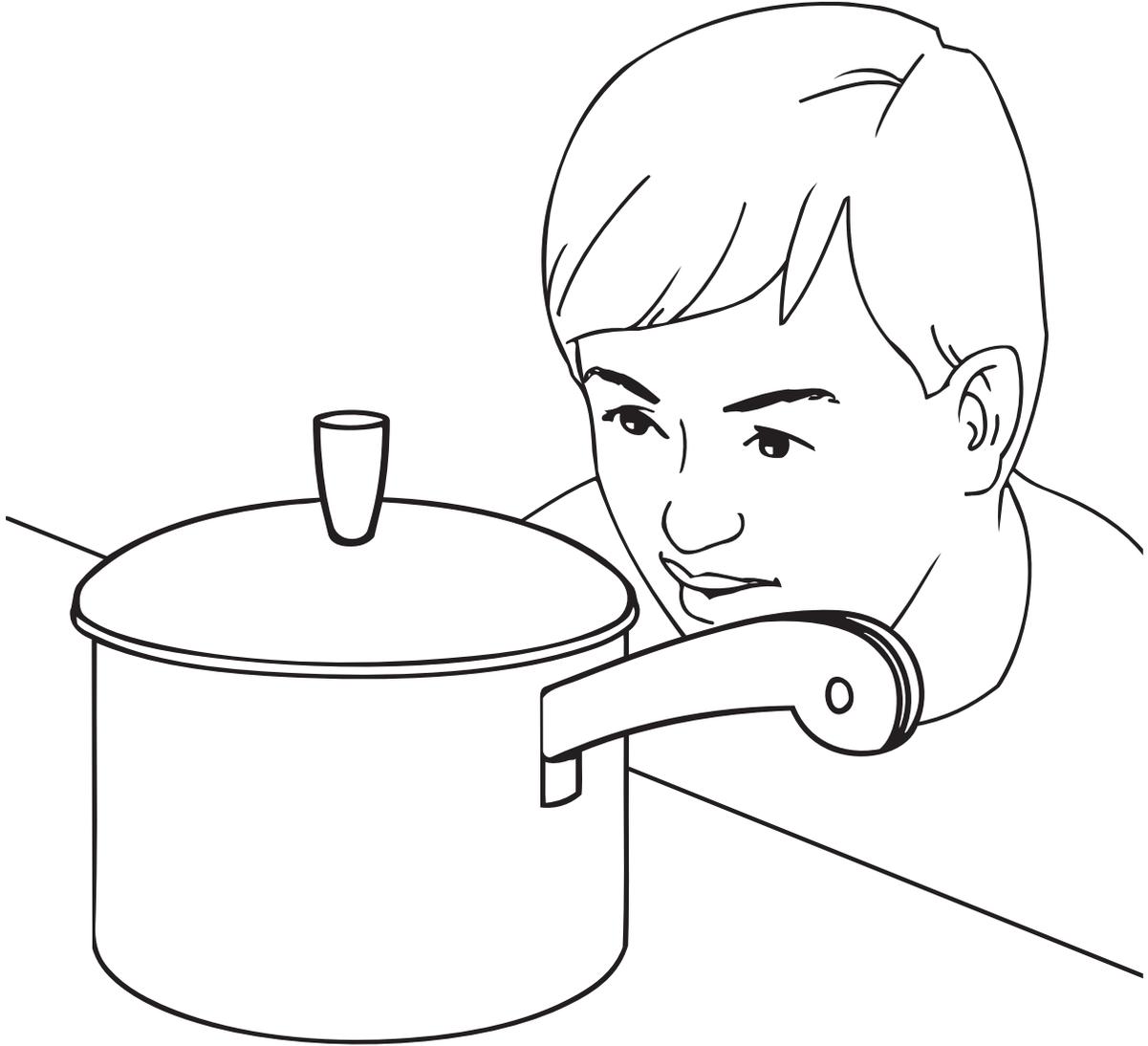


shoe

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R2

Incorrect "shoe"



get very close

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R3

Incorrect “get very close”

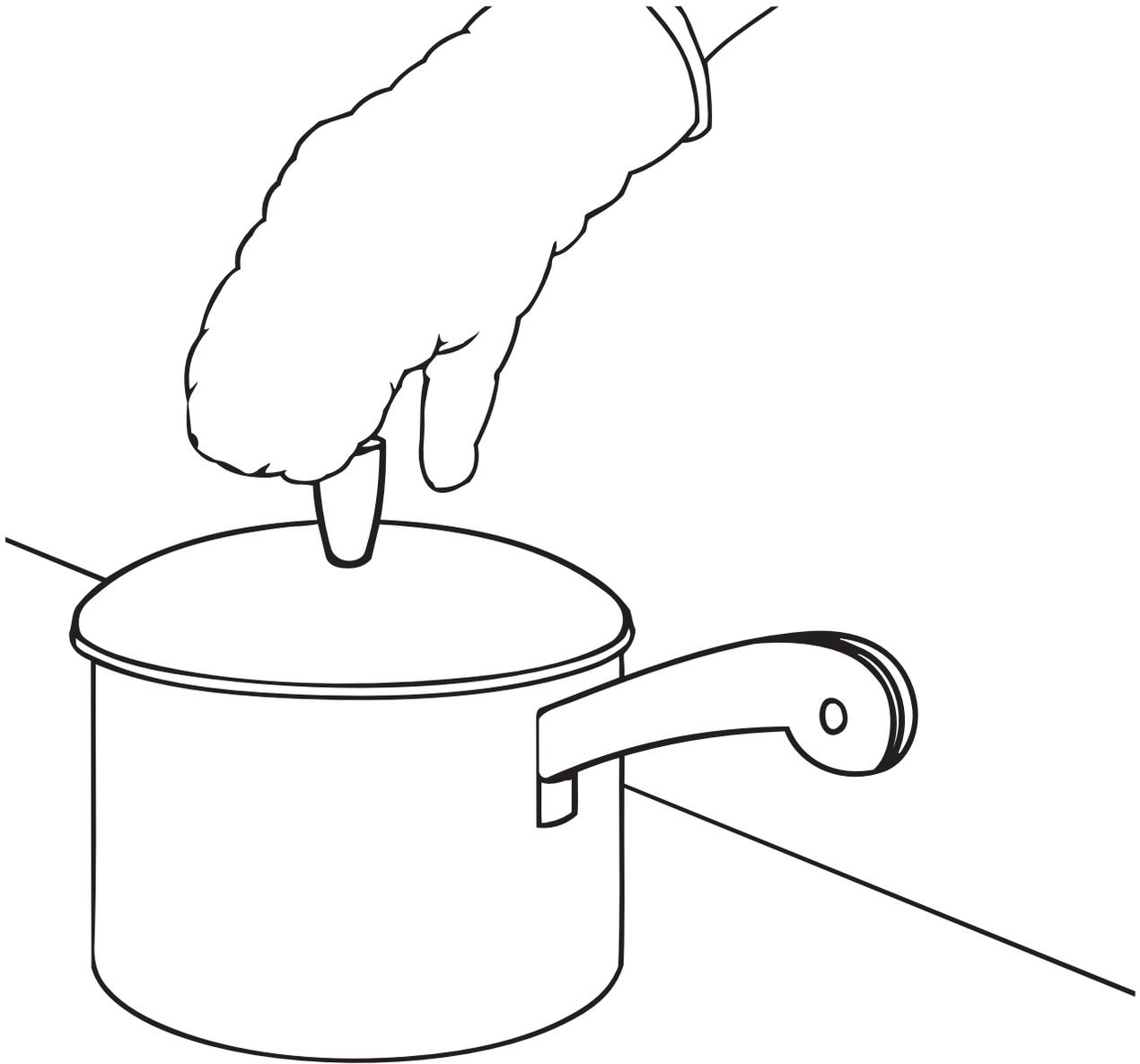


touch hot lid

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R3

Incorrect “touch hot lid”



use oven mitt

Science Grade 8 Supported Independence

Selected-response R3

Correct "use oven mitt"

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.SI.EB.III.2.m.1a	Identify the characteristics or parts that distinguish selected plants from animals
		PHYSICAL
R2	P.MO.SI.EB.IV.3.m.5a	Identify simple machines used to change effort
		EARTH
R3	E.HY.SI.EB.V.2.e.1ADDm	Identify safety precautions with liquid and solid forms of water



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