

## **2015 Released Items: Grade 3 End-of-Year M/L Informational Text Set**

The End-of-Year medium/long (M/L) informational text set requires students to read an informational text and answer questions.

The 2015 blueprint for the grade 3 End-of-Year M/L informational text set includes seven Evidence-Based Selected Response/Technology-Enhanced Constructed Response items. This document includes a complete M/L informational text set from an online summative assessment form.

### **Included in this document:**

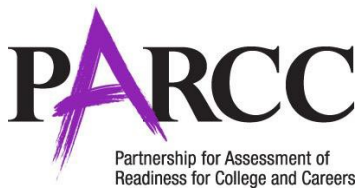
- Answer key and standards alignment
- PDFs of each item with the associated text

### **Additional related materials not included in this document:**

- PARCC English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment: General Scoring Rules for the 2015 Summative Assessment

### **Note:**

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**PARCC EOY Release Items Answer and Alignment Document**  
**ELA/Literacy: Grade 3**

<b>EOY Text Type: Informational M-L</b>		
<b>Passage(s): Adorable Dormice</b>		
<b>Item Code</b>	<b>Answer(s)</b>	<b>Standards/Evidence Statement Alignment</b>
0381_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: A</b> <b>Part B: B</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.2.2 RI 3.7.1
0230_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: B</b> <b>Part B: B</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.3.2
0816_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: D</b> <b>Part B: B</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.5.1 RI 3.2.2
0234_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: B</b> <b>Part B: C</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.7.1
0814_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: B</b> <b>Part B: E, F</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.4.1 L 3.4.1
0815_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: A</b> <b>Part B: D</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.2.2 RI 3.3.2
0228_A	<b>Item Type: EBSR</b> <b>Part A: B</b> <b>Part B: A</b>	RI 3.1.1 RI 3.2.1

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**Part A**

What information about dormice does the photograph help readers understand?

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- A. Dormice survive because they can fit in small places.
- B. Dormice survive because they are able to find food in woodpiles.
- C. Dormice survive because they hibernate to save energy in winter months.
- D. Dormice survive because they are nocturnal animals.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the article provides support for the answer to Part A?

- A. "Despite its name and mousey looks, this cute little rodent is in a class all its own." (paragraph 1)
- B. "Trees are where dormice find much of their food, make their nests, and hide from predators such as owls." (paragraph 3)
- C. "Dormice eat spiders, beetles, and other creepy-crawlies." (paragraph 9)
- D. "They spend most of their lives getting their beauty rest!" (paragraph 13)

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**Part A**

What is the main reason dormice have been disappearing for the past 30 years?

- A. More predators are hunting them.
- B. People are taking over their habitats.
- C. Their heart rates are dropping when they fall into *torpor*.
- D. Their food sources, such as spiders and bugs, are decreasing in number.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the article supports the correct answer to Part A?

- A. "That's because they make tasty little meals for owls and other predators." (paragraph 6)
- B. "Many different kinds of dormice are losing their forest homes as people build more houses and businesses." (paragraph 6)
- C. "That's why people are working to save as many dormice as they can . . ." (paragraph 6)
- D. "For a dormouse, a dark woodpile is like an all-you-can-eat buffet." (paragraph 9)

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**Part A**

According to the article, how can people help a wild animal in need?

- A. by raising the animal on their own
- B. by bringing the animal to their homes
- C. by feeding the animal with an eyedropper
- D. by notifying wildlife experts about the animal

**Part B**

Which section in the article supports the answer to Part A?

- A. **THREATS TO SURVIVAL**
- B. **BRINGING UP BABIES**
- C. **YUM...SPIDERS!**
- D. **TIME FOR A NAP**

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**Part A**

What part of the article shows that baby dormice are unable to protect themselves?

- A. paragraph 3
- B. paragraph 4
- C. paragraph 5
- D. paragraph 6

**Part B**

Which photograph supports the correct answer to Part A?

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### Part A

What is the meaning of the word **gorge** as it is used in paragraph 10 of "Adorable Dormice"?

- A. to taste things that grow in the wild
- B. to eat as much as possible
- C. to nibble on insects
- D. to munch on food

### Part B

Which **two** words or phrases from the article help the reader know the meaning of **gorge**?

- A. "... a great place to find bugs and such." (paragraph 9)
- B. "... eat spiders, beetles, and other creepy-crawlies." (paragraph 9)
- C. "... safe place to hide ... ." (paragraph 9)
- D. "... snack ... ." (paragraph 10)
- E. "... fatten up ... ." (paragraph 10)
- F. "... doubling their weight ... ." (paragraph 10)

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**Part A**

According to the article, how does torpor benefit dormice?

- A. Torpor allows dormice to keep up their strength.
- B. Torpor lets dormice sleep for months.
- C. Torpor enables dormice to hunt for food at night.
- D. Torpor assists dormice in locating meals.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the article supports the answer to Part A?

- A. "... it's a great place to find bugs and such." (paragraph 9)
- B. "They need to fatten up—sometimes doubling their weight—for the long winter sleep ahead." (paragraph 10)
- C. "Dormice are nocturnal." (paragraph 11)
- D. "This helps them save their energy while food is scarce." (paragraph 12)



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**Part A**

Which sentence states the main idea of the article?

- A. Though dormice are related to mice, they live in trees rather than in the ground.
- B. Dormice live in the woods where they raise their young and find food and safety.
- C. Though dormice like to eat spiders and beetles, they also like fruit, nuts, and berries.
- D. Dormice are special animals that live off their fat when they sleep during hibernation from October to April.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the article provides evidence to support the correct answer to Part A?

- A. "Trees are where dormice find much of their food, make their nests, and hide from predators such as owls." (paragraph 3)
- B. "Many different kinds of dormice are losing their forest homes as people build more houses and businesses." (paragraph 6)
- C. "For a dormouse, a dark woodpile is like an all-you-can-eat buffet." (paragraph 9)
- D. "Even in summer, if the weather is bad and food is hard to find, a dormouse may fall into *torpor*." (paragraph 13)