



Noah's Ark Independent Primary School

Subject: Home Language P1	Examiner: Gororo, E
Type: End of 3 rd Term Assmt.	Moderator: Böhmer, MA
Date 1/2 October 2002	Grade: 6-___
Marks: 30 Marks	Time: 2 hours

Name: _____

Instructions

Follow the instructions your teacher gives you to complete the following oral tasks

Section A: Unprepared Reading

Read the book review aloud and then answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character in this book? (1)

2. Where does the story take place (the setting)? (1)

3. Name the other characters in the book. (2)

4. Why is Ace describe as 'remarkable'? (2)

5. What is a 'celebrity'? (1)

6. This book is a sequel to a previous book. What is a sequel? (1)

7. Who do you think will enjoy this book? Why? (1)

8. Which genre does this book belong to? (1)

Criteria	Possible Marks	Actual Marks
Reading with understanding (10÷2)	5	
Preparation: Predicts from title and pictures	1	
Preparation: Uses reading strategies: skimming and scanning, contextual clues and previous knowledge.	1	
Reading technique: Reads aloud with clear pronunciation, phrasing, tempo, changing speed as appropriate.	2	
Reading technique: Pronounces words correctly	1	
Reading technique: Uses good work attack skills for unknown words.	2	
Reading technique: Reads with understanding and clear expression	2	
Reading technique: Uses appropriate language and style for audience and purpose.	1	
Total Mark	15	

Section B: Listening and Speaking

1. Listen as your teacher reads another book review aloud to you then answer True or False to the questions that follow. (5)
 - a. Ace is an unlikely hero. _____
 - b. Hi name 'Ace' comes from a black, club-shaped mark on his body. _____
 - c. Ace communicates by talking to Farmer Tubbs. _____
 - d. Ace gets help from the cat and the dog to enter the house. _____
 - e. Ace wants to be a celebrity. _____
2. Present your own book review to the class.

Your review must be about a book that you have read and enjoyed. It must be two to three minutes long. Remember the following:

- a. **Plan** your speech. Use the following headings to plant your book review speech.
- b. **Practice** your speech. Write out key words onto a speech card to remind you of what you want to say. You don't need to know your speech off-by-heart but be able to speak without hesitation.
- c. **Present** your speech with confidence. Use a clear voice, expression and eye-contact to keep the audience's attention.

Criteria		Possible Marks	Actual Marks
Planning and content	Selects interesting and relevant content	2	
	Organises ideas logically	1	
	Has a clear introduction, middle and conclusion	4	
	Stays on topic	2	
	Uses appropriate language and style for audience and purpose	3	
Presentation skills	Projects voice at correct volume, tempo and pace	3	
	Uses appropriate body language and posture	2	
	Makes good eye contact with audience	3	
Total Marks (20÷2)		10	



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Ace is an intelligent, loveable, unlikely pig hero, similar to his great-grandfather Babe: The Gallant Pig. Ace is distinguished from his **littermates** by a black mark in the shape of a club from a **deck of cards**, and also by his ability to understand human speech. The lonely, good-natured Farmer Tubbs is used to talking to his animals, but he is amazed when this young piglet communicates his wants with snorts, squeals and grunts. With the help of the clever house cat and by flattering a fat corgi, Ace gains entry to the house and makes himself comfortable watching the magic television box. When word of the remarkable pig spreads throughout the countryside, Ace becomes a celebrity! Despite the fame that he achieves, the pig remains unspoiled and content with the simple pleasures: his animal friends and a good television show viewed from the comfort of his favourite armchair. Dick King-Smith's delightful animal fantasy pokes fun at human behaviour and attitudes in the foibles of the animal characters.

Unprepared Reading

Ace: The Very Important Pig by Dick King-Smith

Illustrated by L.H.

Once again, King-Smith recounts the adventures of a highly unusual pig in this fanciful sequel to *Babe: The Gallant Pig*, which introduces Babe's great-grandson Ace. Much to the amazement of the other barnyard animals, Ace understands the language of human beings and, although his own vocabulary is limited to a few snorts, squeals and grunts, communicates quite well with his owner, Farmer Tubbs. As time goes by, Ace starts to act more like a person than a pig. He sits in the farmer's most comfortable chair, watches educational TV, rides in the front seat of the truck and even visits the local pub. When word of the remarkable pig spreads throughout the countryside and Ace becomes a celebrity, fame does not go to his head. In the end he is content to lead a quiet life on the farm. Readers will recognize many parallels between this book and its predecessor, yet fresh characterizations and new plot twists prevent old concepts from growing stale. This delightful story is sure to warm hearts and bring smiles to children from the age of 7 and up. The book is divided into 14 short chapters which makes it particularly appropriate as an introduction to longer fiction and well suited to teachers looking for read-aloud fiction. It is available in paperback and is 144 pages in length.