

Session 1—Reading

Directions

In this part of **Next Generation ELAP**, you will read four passages:

- A Little Pine Tree
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- The Job That Grew Back
- How to Hold a Bake Sale

There are multiple-choice or constructed-response questions for you to answer after each passage. Refer to the passage as often as you need to. Then fill in the circle of the best answer to each question or write your answer on the lines provided.

Now turn the page and begin.

Read this story. Then answer questions 1 through 8.

There is a saying: Be careful what you wish for because it might come true. Keep this saying in mind as you read this fable.

A Little Pine Tree

a retelling of a German fable

- 1 Once upon a time there was a little pine tree. It grew in the midst of a big forest. In fact, it was the only pine tree in the whole forest. Trees of many kinds, sizes, and shapes surrounded it. But these different trees all had one thing in common: they had leaves.
- 2 The little pine tree had needles, of course. Dark green needles covered it from top to bottom. They were long, thin, and sharp. During the winter, the little pine loved its needles. The other trees sported ugly bare branches since they had dropped their leaves in the autumn.
- 3 However, every spring the pine tree became unhappy. The other trees were covered with large, beautiful green leaves in many shapes and sizes. During the summer, birds nested in their branches. In the fall, the leaves turned lovely shades of red, orange, and gold.
- 4 "I am so tired of my needles," the little pine tree thought one day. "They are the same all year round. They are also sharp, so no one wants to touch them. I wish I had needles of pure gold!"
- 5 Sure enough, the next morning the little tree's wish was granted. Its needles had turned to pure gold! "This is wonderful!" thought the pine tree. "Now I am the most beautiful tree in the forest!"
- 6 However, later that day a worker walking through the forest spied the tree. He immediately plucked all the golden needles, put them in his sack, and fled the forest. Now the little pine tree was bare.



- 7 "Oh, no!" the little tree exclaimed. "Now I wish that my needles had been made of shiny glass so no one would steal them!" Sure enough, the next morning the tree was covered in needles of sparkling glass.
- 8 "Oh, my!" the little tree thought. "How the glass needles sparkle in the sunlight! Once again, I am the most beautiful tree in the forest."
- 9 But later that day, a strong wind blew through the forest. The glass needles clattered and crashed against each other. Soon they were in hundreds of tiny pieces on the ground beneath the little pine tree, which was bare once again.
- 10 "Oh!" cried the little tree. "I am so miserable. Now I look so silly! I should have been content as I was. I wish that I could just have my lovely green needles back again!"
- 11 When the sun rose the next morning, all the trees in the forest began to chatter. The little pine tree woke up slowly and then laughed for joy. It was covered once again with dark, shiny needles! "Other trees may sometimes be more beautiful," thought the little pine tree, "but I am happy with my lovely needles that cover me the whole year round."

1. Read this sentence from paragraph 2.

The other trees sported ugly bare branches since they had dropped their leaves in the autumn.

What does the word "sported" mean?

- (A) fell
 - (B) played
 - (C) disliked
 - (D) displayed
2. Which of these events happened **first**?
- (A) a strong wind blew through the forest
 - (B) the pine tree wished for needles of gold
 - (C) the pine tree wished for needles of glass
 - (D) a worker plucked all the golden needles

How to Hold a Bake Sale

by Jen Ramirez

Holding a bake sale can be a fun way to earn money for a club. Almost everyone likes cookies, cupcakes, and other sweet treats—especially when buying them supports a good cause. Holding a bake sale is a fun project that's easy to do. Here's how to organize one:



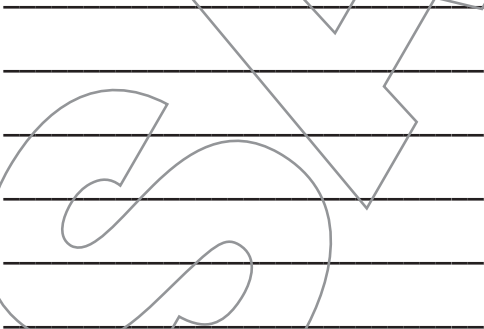
1. Choose a team leader who will make sure that everything goes smoothly.
2. Pick a date for the sale that leaves plenty of time to plan and prepare.
3. Find a good place to have the sale and get permission to use it.
4. Create a sign-up sheet for participants to write what they will bring. That way you can make sure you have a variety of baked items.
5. Give each person in the group a job to do. These jobs must be done before the sale:
 - Advertise: Tell people about the sale with signs, posters, and other advertising.
 - Find tables: Borrow tables and tablecloths to use on the day of the sale.
 - Signs for the tables: Make signs to show the name of the club. Create signs that name the items being sold and the prices.
 - Cash: Prepare a box to collect the money the day of the sale. Have coins or one-dollar bills to give as change, if needed.
 - Find bags, boxes, or other containers: Make it easy for shoppers to carry their baked goods home.
6. A day or two before the sale, start baking. It can be fun to spend the day baking together. Each person in the club can bring one or two items, or more. Some favorite items are brownies, cookies, banana bread, cupcakes, and different kinds of cakes or pies. You can even make trail mixes or granola bars for healthier options.
7. On the day of the sale, make sure everything looks nice. Put club members in charge of greeting customers, selling goods, arranging the table, or collecting money. You can sell individual items or sell goods by the dozen or half dozen.

8. When the sale is over, it's time to clean up. As you clean up and count your money, you can enjoy the remaining baked goods.

Here is a sample sign-up sheet you can use to get started:

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24. To have a successful bake sale, which jobs before the day of the sale are **most** important? Use **two** details from the article to support your answer.



Session 2—Reading and Writing

Directions

In this part of **Next Generation ELAP**, you will read three passages:

- Raising a Special Puppy
- Experience the Rain Forest
- Deep in the Jungle

There are multiple-choice or constructed-response questions for you to answer after each passage. Refer to the passage as often as you need to. Then fill in the circle of the best answer to each question or write your answer on the lines provided.

Now turn the page and begin.

Plan Your Answer

This is space where you can plan your answer to question 35 on the next page. Read the question and make notes below about how you might answer it. Then write your final answer on pages 30 and 31. Your writing on this page will **not** count toward your final answer.

SAMPLE

35. The article "Experience the Rain Forest" and the story "Deep in the Jungle" tell about traveling through a rain forest. Imagine yourself in each setting. How would your point of view and mood be the same and different in each place? Describe your feelings in each place. Use details from **both** the article and the story to support your response.

In your response, be sure to

- evaluate your point of view and mood in each setting
- compare and contrast your feelings
- use details from **both** the article and the story to support your response

