

**Grade 4 English Language Arts Sample Items (Reading)
Answer Key**

Item #	Item Type	Point(s)	Standard	Rubric / Key	Scoring
1	Multi-Select	1	RI.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/> "Imagine that you are swimming in the ocean and come upon a shark as long as a school bus." (paragraph 1) <input type="checkbox"/> "Tracking tags contain devices that keep a record of where each shark travels, how deep it swims, and any changes in water temperature." (paragraph 7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "No one knows why the sharks dive so deep." (paragraph 9) <input type="checkbox"/> "Over the next 150 days, the shark traveled nearly 5,000 miles from the Yucatan Peninsula to a point about halfway between South America and Africa." (paragraph 10) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Dr. Hueter thinks this may be one place where whale sharks go to give birth, but he'll need more data to find out." (paragraph 10)	The correct response receives 1 point
2	Multiple Choice	1	RI.4.5	A	The correct response receives 1 point
3	Multi-Select	1	RI.4.4	<input type="checkbox"/> "devices" <input type="checkbox"/> "changes" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "sends" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "e-mails" <input type="checkbox"/> "a record"	The correct response receives 1 point
4	Multiple Choice	1	RI.4.5	D	The correct response receives 1 point
5	Evidence-Based Selected Response	1	RI.4.2	Part A: D Part B: B	The correct response receives 1 points

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6	Hot Text	1	RI.4.3	<p>For this item, a full-credit response includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The reason may be because sharks don’t have swim bladders like most other fish.” <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Without a swim bladder, sharks sink toward the ocean floor to rest.” 	The correct response receives 1 point

**Grade 4 English Language Arts Sample Item (Writing)
Sample Responses**

Item #	Item Type	Standard	Rubric & Scoring
7	Writing Prompt	W.4.2	<p>Writing prompts are scored using the 10-point rubrics posted on the Portal. Each rubric has three domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose, Focus, and Organization (0-4 points) • Evidence and Elaboration (0-4 points) • Conventions of Standard English (0-2 points) <p>Sample responses and scores are included on the pages that follow.</p>

10-point Student Sample Response

Purpose, Focus, and Organization (4-point Rubric)	Evidence and Elaboration (4-point Rubric)	Conventions of Standard English (2-point Rubric)
4	4	2

Have you ever wondered where the food that you eat comes from, or why people started eating a type of food in the first place? The foods that people in the United States eat every day comes from many different parts of the country and the world and many foods have stories about why they are popular.

In your local grocery store, you can find avocados from California or blueberries from Maine, you can buy papayas from Brazil and kiwi from Australia! Food comes from all over! Farmers and food company's make sure that fruits and vegetables are packed into trucks and airplanes fast so they can get to grocery stores in the United States.

Many of the things we eat have a story to explain why we eat it. For example, over 2000 years ago in ancient Greece, the people made a flat kind of bread that could hold many other ingredients. When people from Greece started coming to the United States to live, they brought this bread with them. That's where that pita bread you are eating came from! Also, people from Europe did not know about some types of food until explorers came to the Americas. When Spanish explorers arrived in Mexico, they were shown crops like tomatoes for the very first time by the Aztec people. For other types of food, the story is the opposite. Cows and pigs, which make hamburgers and pork, were brought to the Americas by the explorers.

The next time you are shopping at your local grocery store, take a look at all the different types of foods. You may not know everything about the foods you see, but you will know that they came from many different places and that there are stories about many of the foods.

6-point Student Sample Response

Purpose, Focus, and Organization (4-point Rubric)	Evidence and Elaboration (4-point Rubric)	Conventions of Standard English (2-point Rubric)
2	2	2

Food comes from all over! For example, you can find apples from Washington or avocados from Mexico. Also, you can even find kiwi witch comes from Australa.

Did you also no that the kinds of food we eat sometimes has a story about why we eat it. People who living in Greece a long time ago made a flat kind of bread. When Greek people started moveing to the United States they brought this bread with them. Pretty cool! People from Europe did not know about some types of food until explorers came to the Americas. Spanish explorers learned about corn for the very first time from the Aztec people. Imagine if you never, ever knew about corn and then you were shown what it was. That's pretty awesome! European colonists brough cows and pigs. This is where we get pork and burgers from. The natives did not know about this. So you can see that you never know where the food you are eating comes from and the story behind it!

3-point Student Sample Response

Purpose, Focus, and Organization (4-point Rubric)	Evidence and Elaboration (4-point Rubric)	Conventions of Standard English (2-point Rubric)
1	1	1

the food we eat come from many places. we get papayas from Brazil and coconuts from the Dominican republic and kiwi from new zealand Pineapples and bananas come over oceans in special refrigerator trucks. vegetables and fruits we don't see here are in our supermarkets.

Columbus brought orange seeds and beef to America if he didnt do that we would never know what hamburgers are and drink orange juice. Tomatos and tortillas were found in Mexico these are things we would never know if the spanish didnt find them in mexico. bread came from ancient greece and it looked like pita it was used as a plate not just as a sandwich. pretzels were made by the dutch in philadelphia and sold on the streets bagels are a favorite breakfast food that was made in eastern europe. All of these breads we eat in america and they have come from all over the world