

Domain	Focus Skill
Foundational Skills	Read grade 3 words, even when their spellings are unusual (for example: certain, notice)
	Use various ways to understand what is being read, such as slowing down, re-reading, or sounding out a word by using phonics
Reading: Informational Text	When reading non-fiction, be able to tell how some events lead to other events
	Tell the topic of what is being read and the main idea in each paragraph
	Use a table of contents, an index, a title, a caption, and other text features to find information
Reading: Literature	Ask and answer questions to understand a story better (for example: who, what, where, when, why, and how)
	Find the moral of a story, even if the story comes from another country or culture
	Explain how the characters in a story act when they face a problem (for example: How does the girl in the story solve the problem?)
	Explain how stories, poems, and plays are different
Language	Use a beginner's dictionary or dictionary to check the meaning of a word
	Know the different meanings of words that sound the same or that are spelled the same, and use the correct word in context (for example: hear or here)
	Use prefixes, suffixes, or the root of a word to figure out the meaning of a new word (for example, use "view" to understand "review", and "preview")

For more information regarding the MKAS2 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment, please visit the MKAS² website - <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/MKAS2>

For parent resources, please visit the literacy website-<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/literacy>