



# READY WRITING



**Grades 7-8  
Practice Packet 3**



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## for UIL and PSIA contests

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This book mimics the Ready Writing contest style and format of the **Texas Interscholastic League (UIL)** and **Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA)**. Use these unique and thought-provoking prompts for general contest tips or to help identify your child's strengths and weaknesses in writing.

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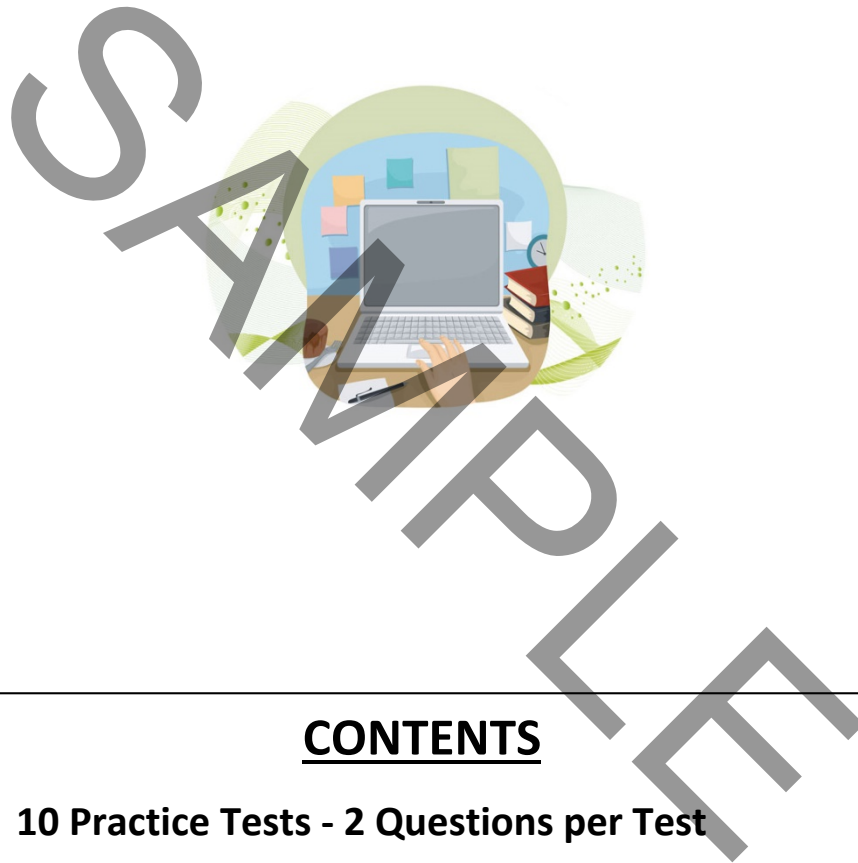
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For official UIL Constitution and Contest Rules for A+ Ready Writing, please review Section 940 on the document under "Contest Rules" at: [www.uil texas.org/aplus/events/aplus-ready-writing](http://www.uil texas.org/aplus/events/aplus-ready-writing)

## PROMPT 1 - Ready Writing Grades 7-8

### INSTRUCTIONS

Choose **one** of the following topics. Write the topic you have chosen at the top of your paper. Remember, you should not use your real name or that of your school in the composition.

<b>Topic: <i>Worldly Possessions</i></b>	Consider your possessions. What is the most meaningful item you own? It could be a letter, family heirloom, trophy, or even a commonplace object tied to a memory. Write an essay describing it in detail, and explain why it is important to you.
<b>Topic: <i>Seeking Truth</i></b>	Emperor and philosopher Marcus Aurelius said, "If someone is able to show me that what I think or do is not right, I will happily change, for I seek the truth, by which no one was ever truly harmed. It is the person who continues in his self-deception and ignorance who is harmed." Consider this quotation. Write an essay expressing your opinion about what this means.

## PROMPT 2 - Ready Writing Grades 7-8

### INSTRUCTIONS

Choose **one** of the following topics. Write the topic you have chosen at the top of your paper. Remember, you should not use your real name or that of your school in the composition.

<b>Topic: <i>Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner</i></b>	Imagine that you are selected as the winner of a \$1 million grand prize in a contest. Write a story explaining what you would do with your winnings. Be as creative as you like.
<b>Topic: <i>Losing</i></b>	Though it is important to celebrate our wins and successes, there is also value to be found in our losses and failures. Write an essay about a time you lost a competition or failed at something, and explain what you learned from this experience. Be descriptive.