



Illinois ELA Assessment

Practice Item Answer Key

Grade 4 - Online and Text-to-Speech

The following pages include the answer key for all machine-scored items, followed by a breakdown of the writing rubric expectations for prose-constructed responses.

Item Number	Answer Key
1.	Part A: B Part B: D
2.	Part A: C Part B: A, D
3.	Part A: D Part B: E, C
4.	Part A: B Part B: D
5.	DD1: outdoor DD2: leaves and trees DD3: nature
6.	Row 1: poem Row 2: story Row 3: poem Row 4: both
7.	Open Ended

#7 Open Ended
Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

A top response may include but is not limited to the following information:

Possible differences include:

- While the dialogue in “A Piano for Mama” develops the wind as problematic, the details in “Who Has Seen the Wind?” show the wind as mysterious.
 - ““Ach! How I hate you!’ Hildy Becker shouted, shaking her fist at the hot Santa Ana wind.” (“A Piano for Mama,” paragraph 1)
 - ““I think Mama will be angry.’ ‘With this wind? She’ll understand,’ Papa said.” (“A Piano for Mama,” paragraphs 10–11)
 - ““Ach! I’ll never forget 1861. First the drought, now the Santa Anas ripping our grapevines, snapping the stakes.” (“A Piano for Mama,” paragraph 11)
 - “Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you;” (“Who Has Seen the Wind?”, lines 1–2)
- While the dialogue in “A Piano for Mama” develops the wind as aggressive and harmful, the details in “Who Has Seen the Wind?” show the wind as gentler.
 - ““Ach! I’ll never forget 1861. First the drought, now the Santa Anas ripping our grapevines, snapping the stakes.” (“A Piano for Mama,” paragraph 11)
 - “But when the leaves hang trembling” (“Who Has Seen the Wind?”, line 3)
- The dialogue in “A Piano for Mama” reveals hatred toward the wind, while the details in “Who Has Seen the Wind?” show respect for the wind.
 - ““Ach! How I hate you!’ Hildy Becker shouted, shaking her fist at the hot Santa Ana wind.” (“A Piano for Mama,” paragraph 1)
 - “But when the trees bow down their heads
The wind is passing by.” (“Who Has Seen the Wind?”, lines 7–8)