

# 2022 MCAS Sample Student Work and Scoring Guide

## Grade 4 English Language Arts Question 12: Constructed-Response

**Reporting Categories:** Reading

**Standard:** R.PK-12.3 - Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**Item Description:** Write a paragraph that explains the importance of teamwork, using important details from the passage as evidence.

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### Constructed-Response Prompt

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Based on the passage, write a paragraph that explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station. Support your response with important details from the passage.

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### Scoring Guide

Select a score point in the table below to view the sample student response and annotations that describe elements of the response that contributed to its score.

Score*	Description
<a href="#">3A</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates full understanding of the reading material</li><li>• Includes important and specific evidence/details for support</li></ul>
<a href="#">3B</a>	
<a href="#">2A</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates partial understanding of the reading material</li><li>• Includes some important evidence/details for support</li></ul>
<a href="#">2B</a>	
<a href="#">1A</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates minimal understanding of the reading material</li><li>• Includes little or no evidence/details for support</li></ul>
<a href="#">1B</a>	
<a href="#">0</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates no understanding of the reading material</li><li>• Includes insufficient evidence/details for support</li></ul>

\*Letters are used to distinguish between sample student responses that earned the same score (e.g., 3A and 3B).

**Score Point 3A**

The constructed response fully explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station. The response uses clear and specific details from the passage to describe how teamwork is needed to keep everything running and tidy. For example, the response presents evidence from the passage, “The whole crew works together to keep their space home tidy,” and explains that “this shows that teamwork is very important because if no one did these things the space station would never be clean.” The response further explains that the astronauts live on the ISS for three months, so everyone needs to get along and work together: “if no one gets along then you can’t really do anything about it.” The paragraph demonstrates a full understanding of the reading material and includes important details from the passage as support.

Teamwork is important on the ISS because it keeps everything running. Teamwork is important because everyone needs to pitch in when it comes to cleaning and tidying up, otherwise the ISS will never stay clean. I know this because in the text it says, "The whole crew works together to keep their space home tidy." and "Teamwork is important on the space station." This shows that teamwork is very important because if no one did these things the space station would never be clean. Teamwork is also important because you will live with the people in the ISS for about 3 months. I know this because in the text it literally says, "This huge machine will be your home for the next three months." and "Everyone has to work together and get along. You can't go out somewhere to get away from one another." This shows that teamwork is important because if no one gets along then you can't really do anything about it. You have to live with everybody around you and learn to deal with it. Therefore teamwork is important on the ISS.

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**Score Point 3B**

The constructed response fully explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station using specific details from the passage. Details from the passage include ““The crew works together to check the [machines].”” The response further explains that “there are so many [machines] on the space station and there is to[o] many for only one person to do so you need your team.” The response also states that teamwork is important to keep everything clean and to help with different projects. Each reason is explained and supported with a relevant quotation from the passage. The paragraph demonstrates a full understanding of the reading material and includes important details from the passage as support.

Teamwork is very important in the space station and here are some ways on how. The first way is that there are so many machine's on the space station and there is to many for only one person to do so you need your team because "The crew works together to check the machine's every day." The second reason is that the space station needs to be clean so "The whole crew works together to keep their space home tidy." The third and final reason is that there are a bunch of projects that you have to do so "Like most of the ISS crew you are a scientist and you need to help each other out with the projects." That is why you need teamwork while your in the space station.

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**Score Point 2A**

The constructed response partially explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station using some details from the passage. The response explains that the astronauts work together to take care of the ISS and make sure everything is working. There is also a mention of astronauts providing food to eat; however, more supporting details would have provided clarity in the response. The paragraph demonstrates a partial understanding of the reading material and uses some important details from the passage as support.

Teamwork is important on the ISS. Astronauts work together to take care of the ISS. They help by bringing foods so the astronauts have something to eat. They help each other fix the ISS and check if it's working. They do most things together. Teamwork is essential to living on the ISS.

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**Score Point 2B**

The constructed response partially explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station using some details from the passage. The response identifies the need for everyone to get along in the cramped area and the importance of teamwork in doing chores and keeping things tidy. The quotations are relevant but are not explained in the response. The paragraph demonstrates a partial understanding of the reading material and uses some important details from the passage as support.

Based on the passage teamwork is important because in paragraph twenty nine it says " Teamwork is important on the space station. Everyone haswork together and get along. You can't go out somewhere to get away from one another." Teamork is very important espacally in a cramped little house! It also said in paragraph twenty seven it says " You have chores at home, you have chores in space! The whole crew works to keep their space home tidy." Teamwork is important in many ways but those are some of the reasons teamwork is important in this passage.

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**Score Point 1A**

The constructed response minimally explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station and includes little information from the passage. The response mentions the need to get along over a three-month period and the need to work together to stay safe, but it lacks explanations of how the astronauts used teamwork to get along or how they worked together to stay safe. The response provides little supporting detail and therefore does not demonstrate more than a minimal understanding of the reading material.

Teamwork is important on the ISS because astronauts will be staying in the ISS for 3 whole months so they need to use teamwork in order to get along. Another reason why teamwork is important on the ISS is in case there is a major problem astronauts need to be able to work together to stay safe.

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**Score Point 1B**

The constructed response minimally explains why teamwork is important on the International Space Station. While the response states that the astronauts worked together and that they could not get away from each other, it provides little information from the passage as support. The response provides little supporting detail and therefore does not demonstrate more than a minimal understanding of the reading material.

Teamwork is important on the space station. Everyone has to work together and get along. You can't go out somewhere to get away from one another.

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**Score Point 0**

The constructed response does not explain why teamwork is important on the International Space Station. It demonstrates no understanding of the reading material as it relates to the question.

up in space you run out of fresh fruit

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