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**READING
ACHIEVEMENT
TESTING**

of Third Grade Students

*Arizona Department of Education
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Dear Parent:

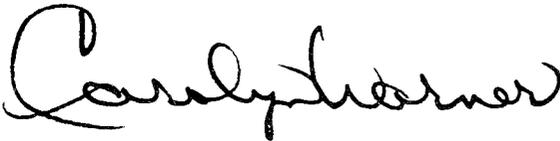
Recently, you received your child's results of the statewide test in reading.

This booklet explains:

- 1) How your child did;
- 2) How your child's score compares to the scores of other children in Arizona;
- 3) How your child's score compares to the scores of other children across the nation taking the same test.

You have the right to ask and to be told how the test results will be used to help your child in reading. Visit your school. Talk with your child's teacher. Parents are the most important people in the lives of children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Horner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

STUDENT RESULTS

You have received a Pupil Home Report. An example is shown on the right. Here is what some of the words mean for your child.



STANINE: Uses numbers 1-9

- 7, 8, 9 – Your child did better than most students
- 4, 5, 6 – Your child did as well as most students
- 1, 2, 3 – Your child did poorly on this test



PERCENTILE: Reports in percents

- Above 50 – Your child scored better than most children
- 50 – Your child scored as well as half of the children taking the test
- Below 50 – Your child scored less well than half of the children taking the test

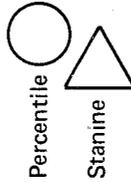
IMPORTANT: The scores tell you at **WHAT** level your child is achieving, but it does not tell **WHY**. Please see your child's teacher to explain the **WHY**, especially if your child has not done well on the test.



PUPIL HOME REPORT

PUPIL

TEACHER
SCHOOL
DISTRICT
COUNTY
DATE



SUBTEST

	Percentile	Stanine
Vocabulary		
Word Reading		
Paragraph Reading		
Word Study Skills		
Listening Comprehension		

STANINE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Total Auditory		
Total Reading		

AVERAGE

This is a report of the results of the Stanford 73 Reading Test which your child recently completed. Third grade children in Arizona take this test to find out their achievement level in reading skills. Please remember that these are the results of one test, given over a short period of time, and there may be reasons why these scores are not representative of your child's ability.

Percentile scores are based on a national sample. As an example, your child's Total Reading score was in the _____ percentile. This means that your child scored as well as or better than _____ percent of students throughout the United States who took this test.

The stanine is a nine point scale, with a low of one and high of nine. On the stanine graph above, the shaded area is an average range. The row of X's shows the range in which your child is probably achieving. Small differences of only one stanine are generally not important, while differences of two or more stanines are of greater importance.

If you have questions or wish further explanation, please contact your child's teacher.

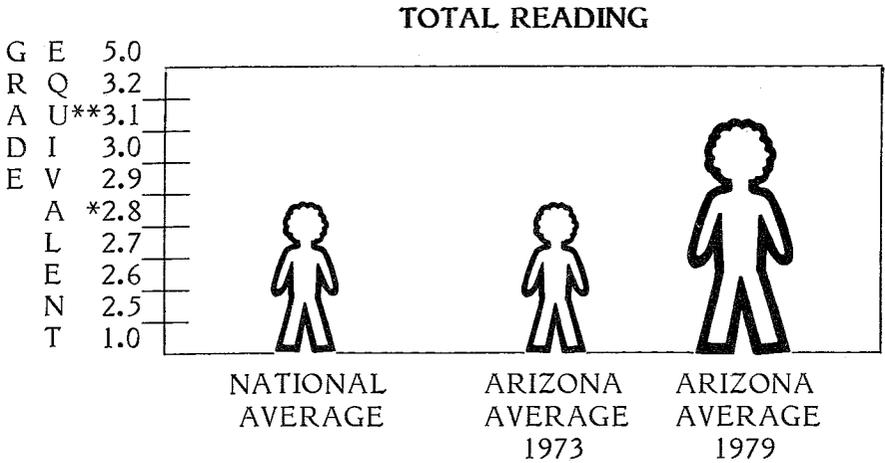
TEACHER SUGGESTIONS: _____

STATE AND NATIONAL RESULTS

The Arizona Legislature requires that a reading test be given during the first week of October to all students enrolled in the third grade. This year, 39,355 students took the Stanford Reading Achievement Test, Form A, Primary Level II.

This reading test yields two total scores: Total Reading and Total Auditory. The Total Reading score is based on three tests: 1) Word Reading, 2) Paragraph Reading, and 3) Word Study Skills. The Total Auditory score is based on two tests: 1) Vocabulary, and 2) Listening Comprehension.

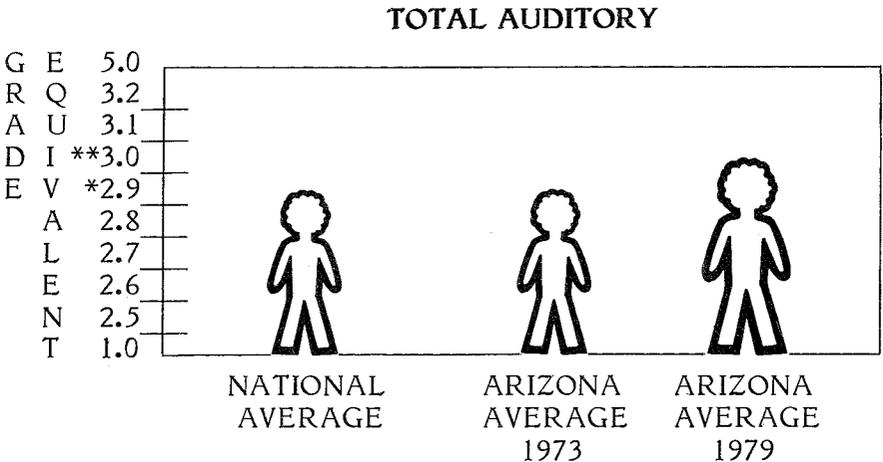
The graph below shows that Arizona students have scored as well as, or better than, the national average in Total Reading since 1973 (the first year the test was given).



*A grade equivalent of 2.8 is the national average.

**The Arizona average for 1979 is 3.1, which is above the national average.

The graph below shows that Arizona students have increased their score in Total Auditory since 1973 (the first year the test was given).



*A grade equivalent of 2.9 is the national average.

**The Arizona average for 1979 is 3.0, which is above the national average.

REMEMBER

Test scores are only one part of the total picture. Your child's score can be affected by how your child feels, how your child reacts to tests, the conditions in the classroom, and so on.

HINTS TO HELP YOUR CHILD IMPROVE IN READING:

- Encourage your child to be serious about school.
- Make sure your child sleeps well and eats properly before going to school.
- Set aside time each day for homework.
- Encourage your child to read.
- Get to know your child's teacher. Find out how you can help your child at home or in the classroom.
- Ask questions about your child's progress.

Parents and teachers, working together, can help your child improve in reading.

For more detailed information about the test data, please refer to the Technical Manual available after February 1980 at the school district office.