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**The following passage is to be read quietly  
and then the assessor will ask you some questions about it.**

During the gold rush of 1849, many miners went to California and British Columbia hoping to stake their claims and become rich. A young man by the name of Levi Strauss joined those heading west. He arrived in San Francisco planning to sell canvas to the miners for tents, but the miners did not buy much from him.

Strauss' tent idea was a failure. One day he noticed that miners had holes in their pants and overalls. With all their hard work they needed tough, durable, pants. With the help of a tailor, he made pants for an old miner named Pete. Pete told his friends that they were the best pair of pants he had ever worn.

Levi decided to change the fabric from canvas to denim because it was stronger, cheaper and softer than canvas. He chose to dye the denim an indigo blue color because black and brown dyes were too expensive. Levi's blue jeans became a success.

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### **Topic for writing**

You are asked to write an article for the next issue of your school newspaper. You decide to write about animals. Tell why you think one of these statements is true. You should write both facts and opinions in this story.

**In my opinion, all children should have a pet.**

OR

**In my opinion, children don't need to have a pet.**

There should be a beginning, a middle and an end.

*Listen carefully to the instructions given you by the assessor and then write your paragraph below.*

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*Answer the following questions either orally to your assessor or written if you prefer.*

**An alien from outer space was carefully exploring my backyard, but I was the only person who could see him.**

From the above sentence, place as many words as you can in the correct place in the charts below.

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs

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*Read the passage below as if you were reading it to your class.*

*Afterwards, the assessor will ask you at least one question.*

### **The Greedy Merchant**

There was once a merchant who lost a bag of gold coins. He offered a reward to anyone who might have found the lost treasure.

When a poor old woman brought the bag to him, the merchant backed out of his offer. He claimed the bag had also contained several silver coins that he had forgotten to mention. He accused the poor woman of stealing them.

The matter went to court. The wise judge ruled that since there were no silver coins in the bag, it could not have been the merchant's. Then he turned over the bag of gold to the woman who had found it.