Released Items
Grade 4 ELA-Reading
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About the Released Items

The AzM2 Released Items provides details about the items, student response types, correct responses, and related scoring considerations for released AzM2 test items.

Within this guide, each item is presented with the following information:

- Domain
- Cluster
- Content Standard
- Depth of Knowledge (DOK)
- Static presentation of the item
- Static presentation of student response field (when appropriate)
- Answer key, rubric or exemplar
- Applicable score point(s) for each item
- Option rationales (when applicable)

The items included in this guide are representative of the kinds of items that students can expect to experience when taking the computer-based test for AzM2 Grade 4 ELA-Reading.
Grade 4 ELA–Reading Released Items

Passage(s):

Delmar and His Disappearing Dog
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1 Delmar was a . . . farmer who lived with his wife, Patience, in the village of Scone. . . . Delmar performed magic tricks at birthday parties and sometimes even at feasts for the king and queen. He was a good magician, but he wanted a trick that would make him great.

2 A selfish and bored wizard named Trikken was living out his retirement in a castle on a nearby mountain. It was rumored that the secret of invisibility had been passed on to him by a legendary sorcerer. Trikken in turn had promised to share the spell with other worthy magicians, but he’d greedily held on to it.

3 “I wish he would share that spell with me,” Delmar told his wife one day.

4 “With such knowledge, you could become a great magician!” she said. “Perhaps you should go ask him.”

5 So Delmar set out to visit the wizard, taking his puppy, Griffin, for company. After a long, hot climb, Delmar found Trikken sitting at a table in his garden, eating from a plate of cinnamon doughnuts.
Delmar bowed and said, “I am but a . . . farmer and a humble magician. I wish to learn your secret of invisibility.”

The wizard laughed. “I’ve seen your performances, but why on earth would I share my greatest spell with you?”

“Because I know it was meant to be shared among other magicians,” Delmar said. “Your mentor, the great Peter the Sorcerer, said so.”

“Very well,” Trikken said (a little too easily, Delmar thought). “You are a respectable magician, so I will tell you. First, place your right hand on top of your head. Then, recite these words: invisibilis, vanesco, defluxus!”

Delmar repeated the spell. And then, to his astonishment, he vanished. “I’m not here!” he cried, looking down at where his body used to be. “I mean, I’ve actually disappeared!”

But Trikken wasn’t interested. He was back to stuffing himself with doughnuts.

“Um,” Delmar said, “are you going to make me visible again?”

The wizard smiled slyly. “Why, you didn’t tell me you wanted to become visible, too! That spell will cost you your dog.”

“Griffin?” Delmar cried. “But the spell is supposed to be shared. You tricked me! I will not give up my dog!”

Trikken shrugged. “Suit yourself. Perhaps you will reconsider.”

Poor Delmar trudged home, and he scared Patience right out of her chair when he kissed her hello. “I guess I will have to remain invisible,” he said.

But it wasn’t easy. Patience kept bumping into him. Exasperated, she gave Delmar a bell to wear on his shirt so she’d know where he was.

“I must go back to Trikken’s castle,” Delmar declared one day.

“But what are you going to say?” Patience asked.
Delmar sighed gloomily. “Perhaps he’s changed his mind.”

He and Griffin headed up the mountain again. At the castle, they found Trikken eating his usual doughnuts.

“Ah, you’ve brought me your dog!” Trikken said.

“Please,” Delmar begged, “just make me visible again.”

“Then give me the dog.”

“No! He stays with me,” Delmar said.

“Not if I catch him first!” Trikken said.

Fearing for the dog’s safety, Delmar placed his hand on Griffin’s head. “Invisibilis, vanesco, defluxus!” he shouted, and the dog—suddenly invisible—bounded off, barking excitedly.

“Why did you do that?” cried Trikken. “How am I going to capture an invisible dog?”

Trikken followed the sound of Griffin’s barking into the castle, where the dog led him on a wild chase, leaving behind a trail of muddy paw prints, half-eaten magic wands, and gnawed furniture. Growing more exhausted and angry by the minute, Trikken even resorted to magic, but none of his spells could help him catch the mischievous dog.
When he finally stumbled outside and realized the puppy was devouring his beloved doughnuts, the wizard could stand no more.

“Take your dog home!” Trikken pleaded. “I want nothing more to do with him!”

“Gladly,” Delmar said. “But please, you must first share with me the secret of visibility.”

“Anything!” Trikken said desperately, and he rattled off a spell. “Pinch your nose with your left hand and repeat after me: conspectus, sensi, visibilis!”

Delmar recited the incantation and watched with relief as his body reappeared. He whistled for Griffin, then made him reappear, too.

So that is how Trikken finally passed along the spell, how Delmar kept his dog, and how he eventually became the Great Delmar. When he retired many years later, he passed his knowledge on to other magicians, so they, too, could brighten people’s days with spectacular magic shows.

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### Item(s)

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This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**
What is a main theme of the story?

- A. Greed often makes people stronger.
- B. Greatness comes to those who share.
- C. Knowledge can be more powerful than magic.
- D. People act selfishly when nobody can see them.

**Part B**
Which sentence from the story supports the answer to Part A?

- A. “I’ve seen your performances, but why on earth would I share my greatest spell with you?” (paragraph 7)
- B. “Invisibilis, vanesco, defluxus!” he shouted, and the dog—suddenly invisible—bounded off, barking excitedly.” (paragraph 27)
- C. “When he finally stumbled outside and realized the puppy was devouring his beloved doughnuts, the wizard could stand no more.” (paragraph 30)
- D. “When he retired many years later, he passed his knowledge on to other magicians, so they, too, could brighten people’s days with spectacular magic shows.” (paragraph 35)

**Option Rationales**

**Part A**
**Choice A:** Although Trikken’s greed is an important part of the story, the text describes him as becoming weaker over time rather than gaining strength.

**Choice B: Key** - Delmar values helping and sharing with others, and it is by sticking to these values that Delmar eventually becomes “great.”
Choice C: Although Delmar seeks knowledge of the invisibility spell, which he believes has the power to make him a great magician, the story does not claim that knowledge is more powerful than magic.

Choice D: Although selfishness and invisibility are both important topics addressed in the story, this is not a central theme.

Part B
Choice A: This sentence illustrates Trikken’s selfishness, but it does not support the correct answer to Part A.

Choice B: Although this sentence refers to invisibility, which is a prominent topic addressed in the story, it does not support the central theme from Part A.

Choice C: Although this describes Trikken, who represents greed in the story, this sentence illustrates a moment of total weakness in which Trikken gives in to Delmar; it does not support the central theme from Part A.

Choice D: Key - This sentence supports the idea that “great” people are those who value sharing and helping others, and whose actions reflect those values.
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### Domain Cluster Content Standard DOK
Reading for Literature Key Ideas and Details RL.4.2 2

Put the sentences in order based on when each event happens in the story.

- Delmar wants a way to make his magic better.
- Trikken tricks Delmar and refuses to give him what he wants.
- Patience becomes annoyed that she is unable to see Delmar.
- Delmar protects his dog by making him invisible.
- Trikken becomes desperate and reveals weakness.
- Delmar shares his knowledge to help other magicians.

(1 Point)
This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**
Why does Delmar turn down Trikken’s offer to make him visible again?

- **A** to stand up for what he cares about
- **B** to prove that he is a better magician
- **C** because he is scared that he will be tricked again
- **D** because he likes being invisible more than he expected

**Part B**
Which detail from the story supports the answer in Part A?

- **A** “Delmar repeated the spell. And then, to his astonishment, he vanished.” (paragraph 10)
- **B** “But the spell is supposed to be shared. You tricked me! I will not give up my dog!” (paragraph 14)
- **C** “Poor Delmar trudged home, and he scared Patience right out of her chair when he kissed her hello. ‘I guess I will have to remain invisible,’ he said.” (paragraph 16)
- **D** “Delmar sighed gloomily. ‘Perhaps he’s changed his mind.’” (paragraph 20)

(1 Point)

**Option Rationales**

**Part A**
**Choice A: Key** - Even though Trikken gives him a chance to become visible again, Delmar refuses because he stands up for the things he believes in and cares about in his life.
**Choice B:** Although proving a point may be one reason that influences Delmar to make this choice, this does not explain why he refuses Trikken's offer to make him visible again.

**Choice C:** Although Delmar is unhappy with the fact that Trikken tricked him, the text does not indicate that fear caused him to refuse Trikken's offer.

**Choice D:** Although Delmar chooses to remain invisible rather than accept Trikken's help, the text does not suggest that he enjoys being invisible or that he wants to stay that way.

**Part B**

**Choice A:** This depicts Delmar casting a spell on himself, which could support the idea that he wants to prove himself as a magician; however, it does not support the correct answer to Part A.

**Choice B: Key** - This shows that Delmar refuses to give in to Trikken because he believes truly in the idea that the spell is meant to be shared, and because he cares about his dog too much to give him up even if it would help his own situation.

**Choice C:** This detail describes Delmar as he reluctantly accepts his fate, but it does not suggest that he enjoys being invisible, and it does not support the correct answer to Part A.

**Choice D:** Although this describes Delmar’s attitude toward his situation and Trikken, it does not support the correct answer to Part A.
What is the definition of mischievous as it is used in paragraph 29?

(A) excited
(B) invisible
(C) speedy
(D) troublesome

(1 Point) Student selected the correct option.

Option Rationales

Choice A: Although the text indicates that the dog is excited and probably having a good time causing trouble for Trikken, paragraph 29 does not specifically indicate that the word “mischievous” refers to his excitement.

Choice B: Although the dog is invisible during this scene, the paragraph indicates that the word “mischievous” refers to the trouble he creates for Trikken, rather than his invisibility alone.

Choice C: Although the dog’s speed may contribute to Trikken’s inability to catch him, additional factors are at play, and the paragraph does not suggest that the word “mischievous” specifically refers to speed.

Choice D: Key – The dog leads Trikken “on a wild chase,” destroying furniture and other items in the castle while continuing to evade Trikken, who clearly considers the dog to be troublesome.
Select **two** sentences that explain how the second drawing adds to the story.

- It shows how the dog creates a mess for Trikken.
- It shows how the dog keeps himself safe from Trikken.
- It shows how Delmar uses a spell to make his dog invisible.
- It shows the kind of magic that Trikken uses as he tries to capture the dog.
- It shows that Delmar is entertained by Trikken’s attempts to catch the dog.

(1 Point)

**Option Rationales**

**Choice A: Key** - The image illustrates the chaotic scene caused by Griffin as he destroys the castle and leads Trikken on a wild chase.

**Choice B:** Although Delmar makes his dog invisible to protect him, the image does not show the dog keeping himself safe.

**Choice C:** Although the image pictures Delmar and Griffin when they are both in an invisible state, the image itself does not show how Delmar uses a spell to make the dog invisible.

**Choice D:** Although the story explains that Trikken tries to use magic to capture the dog, this image does not add details about the specific kind of magic that he uses.

**Choice E: Key** - The image depicts Delmar’s facial expression, which reveals that he is pleased and entertained by the chase scene.