

Anderson's Speak - Second Marking Period Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. Which classes did Melinda do well in during the marking period?**
 - A. Art and Biology**
 - B. Math and Science**
 - C. History and English**
 - D. Theater and Music**

- 2. In the Closet Space chapter, Melinda uses her closet for what purpose?**
 - A. A place to hide snacks**
 - B. A place to study**
 - C. A place to sleep**
 - D. A quiet place to think**

- 3. What consequence does Melinda face after fainting during the dissection?**
 - A. She is excused from the rest of the day**
 - B. She gets a warning**
 - C. She will need stitches**
 - D. She is sent home**

- 4. During the scene, what did Mr. Freeman do with Melinda's chisel?**
 - A. He took Melinda's chisel.**
 - B. He handed it back to her.**
 - C. He discarded the chisel.**
 - D. He pried it into Melinda's block.**

- 5. Where does Melinda's dad dump the soup?**
 - A. In the sink**
 - B. Next to the grave of the dead beagle, Ariel**
 - C. In the yard**
 - D. On the doorstep**

- 6. What grades did Melinda receive in Art and Biology?**
- A. Art: B, Biology: B**
 - B. Art: A, Biology: C**
 - C. Art: C, Biology: A**
 - D. Art: A, Biology: B**
- 7. Why did Melinda have to hang Heather's posters?**
- A. Melinda volunteered to hang posters for a fundraiser**
 - B. Heather has a modeling job for tennis clothes, so Melinda must hang posters.**
 - C. The principal assigned posters to Melinda**
 - D. Melinda lost a bet and must hang posters**
- 8. What deal does Ms. Connors make with Melinda?**
- A. If Melinda teaches Brendan Keller how to make a foul shot, she will get an automatic A in gym.**
 - B. If Melinda teaches Brendan Keller how to make a foul shot, she will get an automatic B in gym.**
 - C. Melinda helps Brendan Keller with his math homework, and will get extra credit.**
 - D. Melinda can skip practices if she helps with calendars.**
- 9. What did the incident reveal about his art?**
- A. He saw something new in his art.**
 - B. He ruined his art beyond repair.**
 - C. He ignored the incident and kept painting the same.**
 - D. He decided to teach a different class.**
- 10. In Dead Frogs, on what date are the frogs delivered for the dissection?**
- A. January 7.**
 - B. February 1.**
 - C. January 14.**
 - D. January 21.**

Answers

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1. A
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. D
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. C

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Explanations

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1. Which classes did Melinda do well in during the marking period?

- A. Art and Biology**
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Focus on where Melinda shows the strongest performance during the marking period. The data indicate she did well in Art and Biology, meaning her grades or demonstrated progress in those subjects were the highest or most solid. The other pairings include subjects where her performance isn't as strong, so they don't match the best overall trend. So the pair that reflects her strongest results is Art and Biology.

2. In the Closet Space chapter, Melinda uses her closet for what purpose?

- A. A place to hide snacks**
- B. A place to study**
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Private space and quiet reflection are being tested here. In the Closet Space chapter, Melinda retreats to her closet as a safe, enclosed spot where she can be alone with her thoughts. The closet becomes a sanctuary from the chaos around her, a place to slow down, process what happened, and quietly think about how she feels and what she might do next. It's described as a space for reflection, not for eating, studying, or sleeping, which is why the option that highlights a quiet place to think fits best.

3. What consequence does Melinda face after fainting during the dissection?

- A. She is excused from the rest of the day**
- B. She gets a warning**
- C. She will need stitches**
- D. She is sent home**

When a fainting episode happens during a lab that involves sharp tools, a fall can cause a cut or wound. The direct and most immediate consequence is a laceration that needs medical treatment to close, which is why the correct result is that she will need stitches. This focuses on the real physical outcome of the incident. Other outcomes like being excused for the rest of the day, receiving a warning, or being sent home depend on policies or broader behavior judgments, but they aren't the direct consequence of the injury that could occur from fainting in a dissection.

4. During the scene, what did Mr. Freeman do with Melinda's chisel?

- A. He took Melinda's chisel.**
- B. He handed it back to her.
- C. He discarded the chisel.
- D. He pried it into Melinda's block.

In this moment, the action shows a teacher stepping in and controlling the classroom by taking the tool away from a student. Mr. Freeman physically removes Melinda's chisel from her grip, demonstrating his authority in the art room and signaling that safety, focus, and proper technique are being enforced. This move also subtly affects Melinda's engagement: she's momentarily reset and reminded that someone is watching and guiding the process, which is part of how she navigates her feelings and participation in class. It isn't about returning the tool, discarding it, or using it on the block; the key idea is the act of taking the chisel away to supervise the activity and shape the moment in the classroom.

5. Where does Melinda's dad dump the soup?

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The scene uses a precise detail to reveal character and mood: Melinda's dad dumps the soup next to the grave of the dead beagle, Ariel. That specific location isn't just a random spot; it sits by a place connected to loss and memory, reinforcing a moment of anger and disrespect in a household already marked by tension. The act and its setting together highlight the strained family dynamics and Melinda's fragile sense of safety. Other spots like the sink, the yard in general, or the doorstep wouldn't carry the same emotional weight or point to the same relationship dynamics. They would miss the symbolic link to Ariel's grave and what that space represents to Melinda.

6. What grades did Melinda receive in Art and Biology?

- A. Art: B, Biology: B
- B. Art: A, Biology: C
- C. Art: C, Biology: A
- D. Art: A, Biology: B**

You're being asked to read two grades Melinda earned, one in Art and one in Biology, from the record. The pair that matches what she earned is Art: A and Biology: B. This reflects the two grades exactly as listed in the data. Other options mix or swap grades that aren't what Melinda actually received, so they don't fit the record. When you see questions like this, compare each subject side by side and pick the combination that matches both grades together.

7. Why did Melinda have to hang Heather's posters?

- A. Melinda volunteered to hang posters for a fundraiser
- B. Heather has a modeling job for tennis clothes, so Melinda must hang posters.**
- C. The principal assigned posters to Melinda
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Melinda hangs Heather's posters because Heather has a modeling job for tennis clothes, so promotional posters need to be displayed. The posters are part of promoting the modeling gig, and Melinda steps in to help by putting them up. This makes sense as the direct reason for the action—there's a practical need tied to Heather's job, not a fundraiser, no principal assignment, and no bet involved. Melinda's help shows support for her friend and the real-world task of promoting a job through posters.

8. What deal does Ms. Connors make with Melinda?

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The main idea being tested is understanding a character's incentive or deal described in the scene. Ms. Connors promises Melinda a reward in exchange for a specific action: if Melinda teaches Brendan Keller how to make a foul shot, she will automatically receive an A in gym. This shows a conditional arrangement where the action (teaching Brendan) triggers the consequence (an automatic A). The key take-away is recognizing that the deal is about exchanging help for a grade, tied specifically to a gym class and a basketball skill. Other options don't fit because they change either what the task is, who benefits, or what kind of reward is given. For example, a different option might swap the reward to a B, move the task to math homework, or allow skipping practices for calendars. None of those match the described conditional deal in the scene, which centers on teaching a foul shot in exchange for an automatic gym grade.

9. What did the incident reveal about his art?

- A. He saw something new in his art.**
- B. He ruined his art beyond repair.
- C. He ignored the incident and kept painting the same.
- D. He decided to teach a different class.

An incident like this signals a turning point in how he views his own work. It points to a moment of discovery where something new emerges—perhaps a fresh technique, a new theme, or a deeper emotional layer—showing growth rather than staying the same. That sense of noticing something new in his art is the key clue the question is testing. The other options don't fit because they describe damage, stagnation, or a change in something unrelated to his art, none of which align with the idea of a revelatory moment about his artwork.

10. In Dead Frogs, on what date are the frogs delivered for the dissection?

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Interpreting a lab timeline means reading how events are scheduled relative to each other and identifying the date that fits that sequence. In Dead Frogs, the frogs are delivered on a date that matches the described preparation window before the dissection. January 14 is that date, because it lines up with the timeline given for when deliveries occur in relation to the dissection. The other dates don't fit the described schedule pattern, so they don't align with when the frogs are scheduled to arrive.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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