

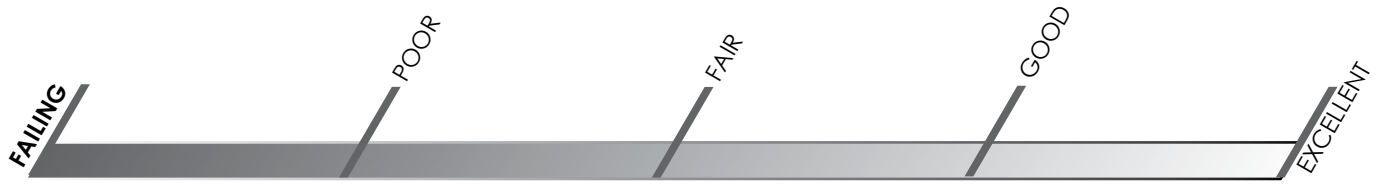
ORAL QUIZ ON BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

The quiz is based on *Benjamin Franklin*, by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire. The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

The Life of Benjamin Franklin

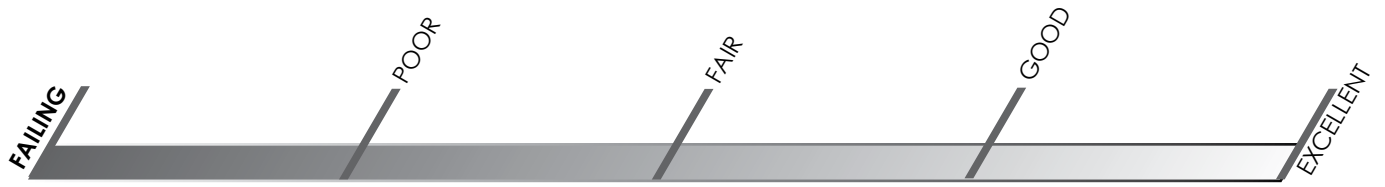
1. How many brothers and sisters did Benjamin Franklin have?
Benjamin had seventeen siblings!
2. Where did Benjamin live as a child?
Benjamin and his family lived in Boston, Massachusetts.
3. What occupation was Benjamin trained in which he did not like very much?
Like his father, Benjamin was trained to be a candlemaker, but he did not enjoy this job at all.
4. What new trade did he learn from his brother?
Benjamin became a printer's apprentice to his brother James.
5. When he was older and living in Philadelphia, Benjamin wrote a book called *Poor Richard's Almanac*. What kind of book was it?
Poor Richard's Almanac was a book in which Benjamin wrote funny sayings as well as observations about the weather and the stars.
6. Name one accomplishment Benjamin achieved in Philadelphia.
Any of the following are acceptable: He started a library, the first fire department, a college, and a fund for a hospital. He helped govern the city and became the first postmaster in the colonies. He also proved that lightning made electricity, and he invented many things like the Franklin stove.
7. What famous document that declared the American colonies were free and independent did Benjamin sign in 1776?
Benjamin signed the Declaration of Independence.

1. HOW MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS DID BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HAVE? _____



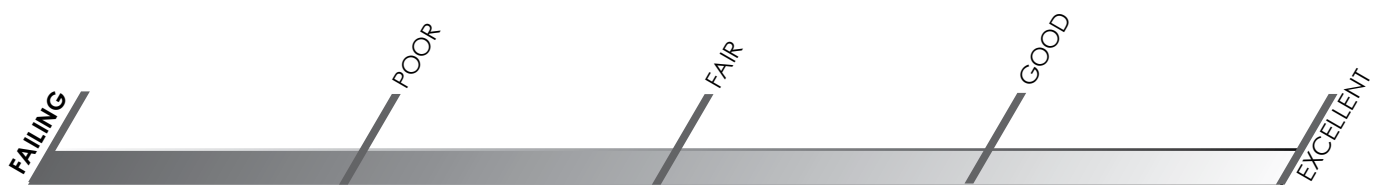
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2. WHERE DID BENJAMIN LIVE AS A CHILD? _____



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3. WHAT OCCUPATION WAS BENJAMIN TRAINED IN WHICH HE DID NOT LIKE VERY MUCH? _____



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4. WHAT NEW TRADE DID HE LEARN FROM HIS BROTHER?

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5. WHAT KIND OF BOOK WAS *POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC*?

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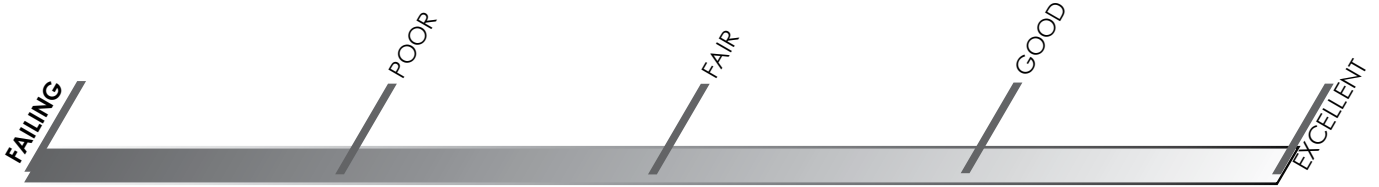
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6. NAME ONE ACCOMPLISHMENT BENJAMIN ACHIEVED IN PHILADELPHIA.

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7. WHAT FAMOUS DOCUMENT DID BENJAMIN SIGN IN 1776?



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