

**Assessment of Expository Discourse
Procedural Discourse Retell Task
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Directions for Administration:

Instructions to Students: “I am going to show a game to you. I would like you to listen carefully as I will ask you to tell the information back to me. The game is Curling. Have you ever heard of Curling? I will tell you all about it.

“Curling is a team sport with four people in a team.

It is played on a specially marked piece of ice, roughly 40 metres long and 3 metres wide.

At either end of the sheet of ice is a bulls-eye-type target called the house (Point to picture #1).

The object of the game is to slide a stone, which weighs about 20 kilograms, down the ice and stop it in the house. (Point to picture #2)

Then, as if that wasn’t difficult enough, the opposing team throws a stone and tries to knock yours out while keeping theirs in. The teams take turns until each team has thrown eight stones. (Point to picture #3) When both teams have thrown all their stones, that is called an “End”. There are about ten “Ends” in a game.

After all the stones are thrown in an end, the score is determined. A team scores a point for every stone of theirs that is closest to the centre of the target. For instance, here the yellow team scores three points (Point to picture 4). So, the aim of the game is to get your stones as close as possible to the centre of the house.

During the game, the skip, the person who is captain of the team, stands in the target and tells their teammates where to throw the stone. Those players who are not throwing, have to sweep the ice in front of the stone to help it reach the target.” (Point to picture 5)

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1. Now, I would like you to tell me how to play the game of “Curling”. Tell me everything you can remember about the game including how many people play the game, what the rules are and what the goal of the game is.
2. What would a team need to do in order to win a game of curling do you think? What strategies would a good player know?