

SATs Awareness Meeting

SATS 2025/26

Important National Test Dates

SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.

The SATs take place over four days, starting on Monday 11th May ending on Thursday 14th May.

The SATs papers consist of:

- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1: GPS) Monday 11th May
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 2: Spelling) Monday 11th May
- Reading Tuesday 12th May
- Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) Wednesday 13th May
- Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Wednesday 13th May
- Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) Thursday 14th May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

Format of Tests

The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.

Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.

After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.

The results are then sent to the school in July.

Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:

- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) 45 minutes
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) 20-30 minutes (no time restraints)
- Reading 60 minutes
- Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) 30 minutes
- Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) 40 minutes
- Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) 40 minutes

Access Arrangements

Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:

Additional (extra) time (up to 25%);

Tests being opened early to be modified;

An adult to scribe (write) for them;

An adult to read for them (including a translator);

The use of prompts or rest breaks;

Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

Results

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);

A scaled score (see below);

A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the raw score is converted to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensure an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Grammar, punctuation and spelling consists of two papers.

Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (grammar, punctuation and spelling or GPS). The paper lasts for 45 minutes.

Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately 20-30 minutes. There is no set amount of time (pupils will be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

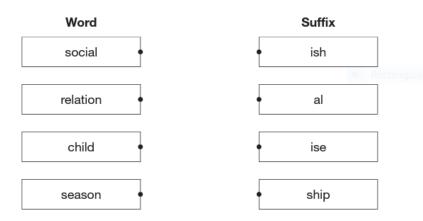
Grammar and Punctuation Test One

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Dipti is keen to practise the drums she wants to play in the school band.

Draw a line to match each word to a **suffix** to make four different words.

Use each suffix only once.



Rewrite the underlined verbs so that they are in the simple past.
I usually feed my cat before I eat breakfast.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

	Tick one .
Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink was really enjoyable.	
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Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.	
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Spelling Test

Spelling

1.	There was a	in the	field
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- 2. I kept in _____ with my old friends when we moved.
- **3.** The questions were ______ from one to ten.
- **4.** The cup of tea was so hot it was ______.
- **5.** We learnt the ______ to the song.
- **6.** You ______ to wear your coat.

2023 Spelling script

Spelling 1: The word is **lamb**.

There was a **lamb** in the field.

The word is lamb.

Spelling 2: The word is **touch**.

I kept in **touch** with my old friends when we moved.

The word is touch.

Spelling 3: The word is **numbered**.

The questions were **numbered** from one to ten.

The word is **numbered**.

Writing

Writing is assessed by the school.

Working towards the expected standard

The pupil can:

- · write for a range of purposes
- · use paragraphs to organise ideas
- · in narratives, describe settings and characters
- in non-narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub-headings, bullet points)
- use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly
- spell correctly most words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list, and some words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list*
- write legibly.¹

Working at the expected standard

The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of the first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing)
- · in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
- select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)
- use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs
- · use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly^ (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech)
- spell correctly most words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list,* and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
- maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.²

Writing

Working at greater depth

The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (e.g. literary language, characterisation, structure)
- distinguish between the language of speech and writing³ and choose the appropriate register
- exercise an assured and conscious control over levels of formality, particularly through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to achieve this
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 correctly (e.g. semi-colons, dashes, colons, hyphens) and, when necessary, use such punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid ambiguity.[^]

[There are no additional statements for spelling or handwriting]

Working at Expected Standard Exemplification

Materials

This science-fiction story mirrors the narrative of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. It draws on the structure, and patterns of language, of many traditional tales.

Within and across sentences and paragraphs, cohesion is achieved through appropriate use of pronouns (Everything was still), adverbials (Within a few minutes: already) and repetition (Tap, tap), as well as the integration of dialogue in the narrative. The constant presence of the stick, referenced in a variety of ways, in itself acts as a cohesive thread (marvellous stick. magic stick, portal stick, good for nothing stick).

The opening paragraph effectively transplants the tale of Jack being sent to the market to trade the family treasure into a futuristic setting.

Another Dimension

In 2621 on the planet Zordo, a young but poor boy carefully fixed his droid, wich which was the only source of income he had left. Whilst his mother was busy, he typed things on the micro tablet that con-constantly shut down without even in the middle of a game. "Please fix the droid proply with care." his mother begged. "And when you've finished, take it to the market to be sold," she cried. "Yes, mother," he groaned and nodded as he said it. Quickly, Jack picked up the brandnew looking droid and raced out the door before he was shouted at again. Soon, jack Within a few minutes he was already at the an all the alley way which led to the market, when an old man in rags blocked the pathway. "Where are you going with that droid boy?" asked the curious old man. "I intend to sell it at the market, Sir," Jack said, feeling angry at being distrupted from his walk.

The old man examined the droid for a minute and then looked back to Jack. "I will trade you for this marvellous stick young man," he

The opening sentence includes a fronted adverbial, an expanded noun phrase (a young but poor boy) and two relative clauses (including one with an omitted relative pronoun), providing a succinct but comprehensive introduction to the main elements of the story.

[GP]

Vocabulary appropriate to the science-fiction genre (droid, portal, lasers, hologram) supports the futuristic setting of the story and helps to create the atmosphere of the piece.

[C]

Ideas are well-organised across paragraphs. Transistions between paragraphs are skilfully managed, notably through deliberate shifts of focus (he was home before he could even breathe / "You're back already". However, language and ideas are not always as well-developed and clear as they might be in the work of a child working at greater depth (he typed things on the micro tablet / feeling angry at being disrupted from his walk / meanwhile, about a mile away.

[C]

Working at Expected Standard Exemplification Materials

These 2 short pieces describe a midnight fridge-raid from contrasting third and first person perspectives, demonstrating confident control over language, sentence structures that are carefully chosen for effect and precise vocabulary choice.

A tense atmosphere is created across both paragraphs through the use of short sentences and phrases, and apt vocabulary choices (darted, grabbed, bolted). This is lightened by juxtaposing humour with tension (distant snoring; his heart raced) and the succinct integration of dialogue ("Ewan!") as the climax to the first paragraph.

A range of cohesive devices links ideas within and across the 2 paragraphs, including the use of pronouns (he, one), adverbs (Wow, Suddenly; Then), repetition of detail (urging, the seventh one) and ellipsis to leave some story elements unsaid.

Appropriate changes have been made during the writing process, with particular attention given to consistent pronoun usage to clarify meaning. [C] Opening the Fridge

Slowly, Ewan peeped through the crack in his door. All was black. He took a step out. He could hear distant snoring as he creeped crept across the landing.

As his heart raced he stared into the darkness; he could hear the fridge urging him on – willing him to move.

Now the stairs. The tricky bit. Suddenly a THUD!... He raced down the creaking stairs – even the seventh one that makes an earsplitting noise creak. He could see the re white rectangle straight ahead of him. Then he opened it.

He took a quick glance and saw the chocolate digestives. Then she He could feel a pair of eyes watching her him in

the darkness. Who was it? Had he been seen...? My His eyes darted around the room, his heart in his mouth. He grabbed the biscuits and ran for it.

"Ewan!" echoed a voice

Sneaking Downstairs

A series of short phrases in quick succession creates a sense of urgency and excitement, echoing Ewan's thoughts as he sneaks downstairs. The structure of the scene and the language employed mirror that from scenes in adventure or ghost narratives, applied here to a more humorous context.

[GP]

The selection of verb forms – past and present tense – distinguish between the past tense narrative and the current state of the seventh stair, placing the reader at the heart of the action.

[GP]

Frankie takes care to remove the agent from this section, not sharing to whom the 'pair of eyes' belong and making use of the past perfect passive form (had he been seen...?) in order to build tension.

[GP]

Appropriate choice of vocabulary supports an informal, conversational tone, reflecting the likely age of the protagonist and the humorous situation. [C] The figurative language here captures the temptation Ewan feels in an entertaining way for the reader.

[C]

controlled multi-clause sentence, incorporating co-ordination and subordination, including a relative clause (that makes an ear-splitting thud), conveys the drama of the situation, as well as cleverly echoing the language used in the previous first-person account.
[GP]

I lay under the covers, staring at the ceiling, my stomach empty. Slowly I got out of bed and crept towards my door.

The handle shimmered in the darkness urging me to turn it. My hand quivered as

the brass handle turned and made a 'click'. I jumped. Shadows crept across the landing while I nibbled at my nail.

My parent's room's door creaked and I bolted down the stairs – including the seventh one that makes an earsplitting thud when you step on it.] I stared at the human-eating fridge and my legs turned

to jelly as I tiptoed towards it. I reached

Human-eating Iridge further example of figurative language being used for humour and effect. [C]

Careful use of the third

person and well-chosen

provide additional detail,

picture the scene and the

quivered, nibbled) shows the

enabling the communication

writer's strong vocabulary,

enabling the reader to

action within it

Precise use of verbs

(shimmered, urging,

of subtle nuances in

vocabulary choice.

[GP]

preposition phrases

An appropriate range of punctuation is used correctly, including a hyphen to avoid ambiguity (human-eating fridge), commas to clarify meaning, punctuation of direct speech, and a semi-colon to mark the boundary between 2 independent clauses.

[GP]

out..

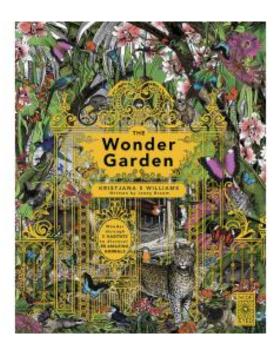
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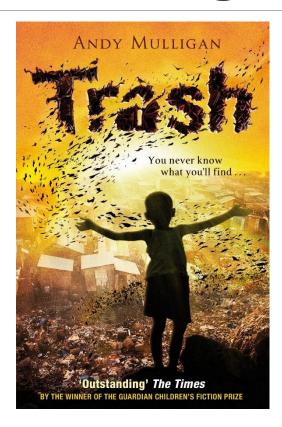
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Year 6 Texts Linked to Writing







Reading Comprehension

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/ or poetry.

The test covers the following areas (known as Content Domains):

Give/ explain the meaning of words in context;

Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;

Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;

Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;

Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;

Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;

Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;

Make comparisons within the text.

Reading Test Questions

Priya and her friends are camping near a farm owned by Mr Jones. Earlier in the day, Mr Jones had told the group that sheep thieves had been seen in the area.

A Noise in the Night

Priya woke with a start, her heart beating fast. Something had disturbed her but she wasn't sure what. Abby was still sleeping quietly beside her, and the night-light glowed, but now she could see things inside the tent, and she realised that the moon must have risen. She took a deep breath, trying to calm herself, but then she heard something rustling outside. It's nothing, she told herself strictly. It's a hedgehog, or a mole. It's something nice and harmless.



Questions 1-12 are about A Noise in the Night (pages 4-5)

Look at the first paragraph.

How can you tell Priya was feeling nervous?

Write **two** ways.

1. _____

2.

Mark Requirement Look at the first paragraph. Up to How can you tell Priya was feeling nervous? Write **two** ways. Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks: 1. Priya's heart beating fast, e.g. Priya's heart started to race her heart was beating really quickly. 2. Priya taking a deep breath / trying to calm herself down, e.g. she took a deep breath Priya was trying to calm herself · she must be nervous because she needs to calm down. 3. Priya telling herself there is nothing to worry about, e.g. she tells herself it must be something harmless she tries to reassure herself. 4. Priya waking with a start, e.g. · she woke with a start.

Example questions: Based on text 2: Bats Under the Bridge

This is a magazine interview about the bats that live under the Congress Avenue Bridge in the USA.

Bats Under the Bridge

By day, the Congress Avenue Bridge in the city of Austin could hardly look more normal: a grey, dreary city-centre road bridge. By night, it plays host to one of the most amazing shows nature has to offer. The underside of the bridge is home to more than a million bats, and every evening in summer they all come swarming out at once, rising up into the city sky like a tornado before spreading out in all directions like plumes of smoke. Standing on the bridge, you might even feel the wind from their wings as they pass by.

1 mark

Austin is the capital city of the state of Texas in the USA, but it is also the bat capital of North America. The bats under the bridge attract thousands of visitors every year, and every August bat



Draw four lines to match an amount on the left to a fact on the right.

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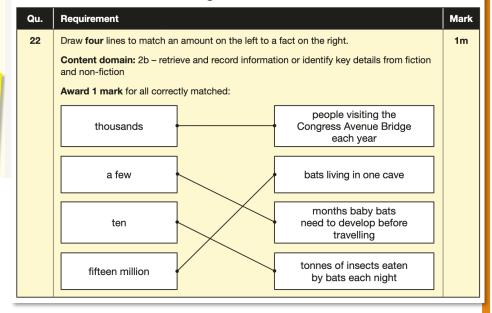
people visiting the Congress Avenue Bridge each year

bats living in one cave

months baby bats need to develop before travelling

tonnes of insects eaten by bats each night

Section 2: Bats Under the Bridge



Three-mark Question

A Howl at Dusk

The howl pierced the darkening sky and made Innis Munro stop dead in his tracks. He pulled his hood down, listened intently. The only sound was his beating heart.

That was a wolf, he thought.

But it couldn't have been. There were no wolves on the island of Nin, no wolves in Scotland any more, not for almost three hundred years. It was just a trick of the wind.

He pressed on but kept his hood down. The afternoon light of early March was fading fast, snow was falling, and he was still a good half-mile from home.

Innis walked faster, told himself it was not the howl that made him hurry but the gloomy sky and gathering snow. He was crossing 'the Barrens' – the middle of the island where the land was bumpy and boggy.

To a stranger, a mainlander, it would have seemed he was lost in the middle of bleak nowhere, but Innis knew this ground, knew every rise and dip.

Another howl came; long, bloodcurdling, wolf-like.

Innis stopped again, caught his breath and held it. He turned full circle, scanning the landscape, peering through the snow and the gloom. Closer this time.

38

Look at the paragraph beginning: Innis sat up... to the end of the text.

Innis meets the boy. What do you learn about the boy's personality?

Give **two** things, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Personality	Evidence

Section 3: A Howl at Dusk

Qu.	Requirement		Mari	
38	Look at the paragraph b	eginning: Innis sat up to the end of the text.	Up to	
	Innis meets the boy. What do you learn about the boy's personality?			
	vidence from the text to support your answer.			
	Content domain: 2d - r with evidence from the t	nake inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences ext		
	Award 3 marks for two	acceptable points, at least one with evidence.		
	Award 2 marks for either	er two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence.		
	Award 1 mark for one a	acceptable point.		
	Acceptable points (personality)	Likely evidence		
	he is unfriendly / rude / surly	unfriendly eyes 'What's it to you?' strode off without another word didn't bother to look at Innis whilst replying he didn't look at him when he replied.		
	2. he is independent / brave / calm	he was on his own not concerned he might be walking towards the wolf he didn't seem to be shocked that there was a wolf about.		
	3. he is curious	the only questions asked were about wolves 'How far?' 'Where exactly?' he stops when Innis mentions the wolf.		
	4. he is mysterious / strange	he doesn't talk much he wiped the snow off, turned and strode off he appeared out of nowhere he didn't tell linnis much about himself.		
	5. he is secretive / defensive	he didn't tell Innis anything about himself strode off without another word 'What's it to you?'		
	6. he is determined / single-minded / self-centred	was only interested in the wolf strode off without another word he only paid attention to what he was interested in he only interacted when he realised that Innis had useful information.		

3 marks

Reading At Home

The KS2 2025 reading comprehension paper heavily focused on inference (24 marks) and retrieval (15 marks), which together accounted for the majority of the marks.

Other key areas included word meaning (vocabulary) in context (6 marks) and question types testing skills like summarizing, comparing, and explaining meaning.

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.

<u>Inference</u>

How can you tell that...?

What impression do you get of...?

How do you know that...?

What evidence is there of...?

Explain what... suggests about...

Why did...?

Explain how...

How does...suggest that...?

How do these words make the reader feel?

What in the text tells us that...?

What evidence is there of...?

How do you think... felt when...?

What kind of person do you think... was?

Explain how... felt about...

Maths

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) – Wednesday 13th May

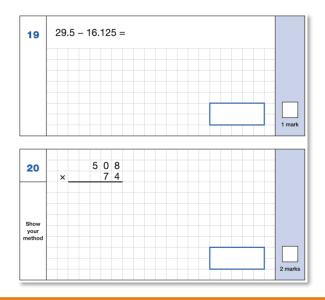
Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Wednesday 13th May

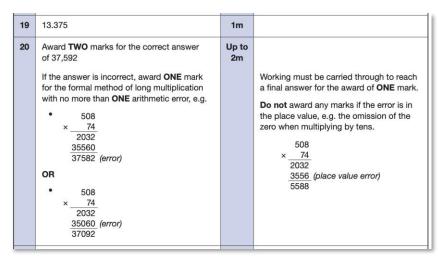
Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Thursday 14th May

Arithmetic

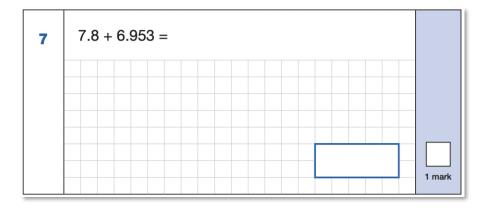
The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks and lasts for 30 minutes.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BODMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

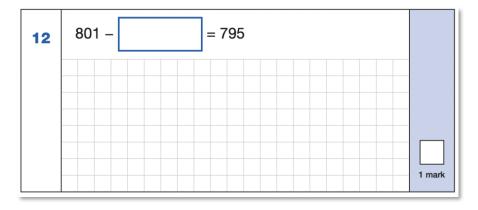


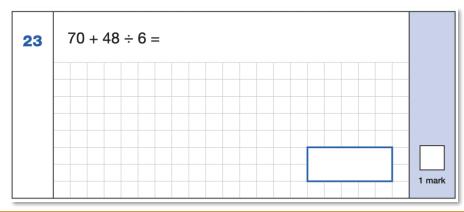


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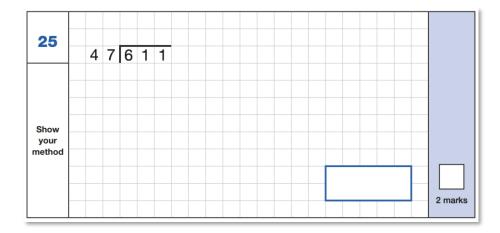








Example: Two-Mark Question



Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
25	Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 13	Up to 2m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for the formal methods of division with no more than ONE arithmetic error, i.e. • long division algorithm, e.g.		Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of ONE mark.
	15 r 25 47 611 - 470 260 (error) - 235 25		
	OR		
	$ \begin{array}{r} 18 \text{ (error)} \\ 47 \boxed{611} \\ -\underline{470} \\ 141 \end{array} $ $ \begin{array}{r} 10 \times 47 \\ -\underline{141} \\ 0 \end{array} $ $ 3 \times 47 $		
	 short division algorithm, e.g. 1 5r6 (error) 47 61²⁴1 		Short division methods must be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm, and be a complete method. The carrying figure must be less than the divisor.

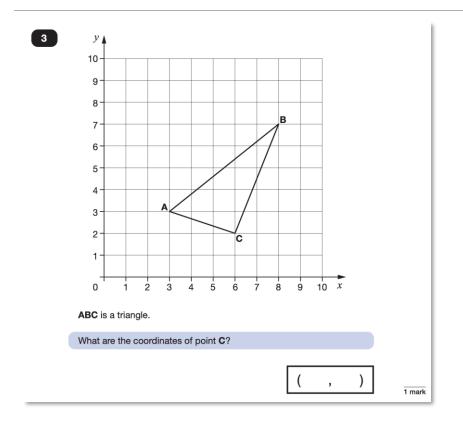
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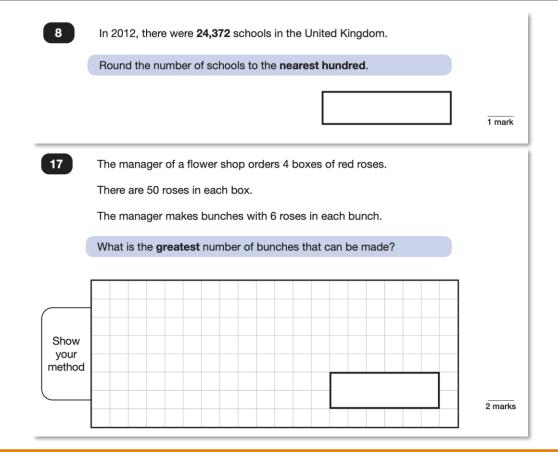
Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 15th May and paper 3 will take place on Thursday 16th May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each and lasts for 40 minutes each.

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including:

- ➤ Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- **▶**The four operations;
- **▶** Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- >Statistics;
- ➤ Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- **≻**Algebra;
- > Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

Reasoning Questions





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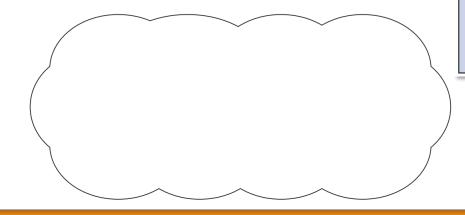
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Jack says,

I multiplied a whole number by 3 My answer was 32



Explain why Jack is not correct.



9 Award **ONE** mark for an explanation that recognises that 32 is not a multiple of 3, e.g.

- 32 is not in the 3× table
- 32 ÷ 3 = 10 r2 or 10.66 (which are not whole numbers)
- if you count in multiples of 3 from 0, you won't get 32
- 3 + 2 = 5, 5 is not a multiple of 3 so he is wrong.

OR

For a description that includes one or both of the multiples of 3 either side of 32, e.g.

- if you do 10 x 3 = 30 and 11 x 3 = 33 there is no 32
- $10 \times 3 = 30$ and 32 is 2 away.

1m

Do not accept responses that restate the question, e.g. Jack is not correct because if you multiply 3 by any whole number you will not get 32.

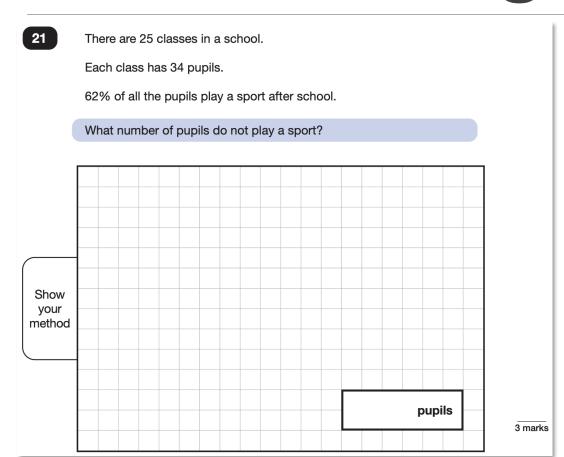
Do not accept vague or incomplete explanations, e.g.

- If you multiply by 3 you will get 30, not 32
- 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33
- 32 is not a factor of 3

Do not accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information relevant to the explanation.

1 mark

Reasoning Questions



Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
21	Award THREE marks for the correct answer of 323 Award TWO marks for:	Up to 3m	A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the
	An incorrect answer with evidence of an appropriate complete method with no more than one arithmetic error, e.g.		mathematics is simplified. TWO marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly.
	25 × 34 100 750 950 (error)		ONE mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one error.
	62% of 950 = 589 950 - 589 = 361		Within an appropriate method, if the pupil has rounded appropriately with no more than one arithmetic error, the pupil may be awarded TWO marks.
	• 34 × 25 = 950 (error) 95 × 3 = 285 9.5 × 8 = 76 285 + 76 = 361		
	 oR sight of 527 (as evidence of calculating 62% of 850) 		
	Award ONE mark for: evidence of an appropriate method with more than one error.		Answer need not be obtained for the award of ONE mark.
	sight of 850 (as evidence of the multiplication step completed correctly)		

Conclusions/Questions



- >SATS practice will take place throughout the year to allow pupils to practise and consolidate their knowledge and understanding.
- ➤ Please read with your child as regularly as possible and record this in their reading record. Include questions about the text.
- > Please practise spellings and spelling rules as regularly as possible.
- Do not hesitate to contact the Year 6 team if you have any questions at any point in the year.
- If you would like any extra resources to support your child, please contact their class teacher.