

National curriculum tests

# Key stage 1

## English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions pack

Information on when the tests should be administered and instructions on opening the test packs will be provided in this space on the 2016 live tests.

# SAMPLE TEST

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These test administration instructions reflect guidance for the live test in 2016.

As this document supports the sample test materials, any guidance on security and maladministration procedures is not applicable.

Some of the documents or procedures mentioned in these instructions, such as when the test must be administered and the opening instructions, will be applicable to a live test scenario only.

Further information is available on GOV.UK at [www.gov.uk/sta](http://www.gov.uk/sta).

**For test administration**

**2016 Key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling sample test Paper 2: questions**

The key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling sample test consists of 2 papers. The papers must be administered in order. Pupils may have a break between the papers. However, test packs must not be opened until the pupils are in the test room ready to complete the test.

**Paper 2: questions**

The following information explains how to administer key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling sample test Paper 2: questions. If you have any questions, you should check with your headteacher or key stage 1 test co-ordinator before you administer the test.

Please make sure you follow these instructions correctly to ensure that the test is properly administered.

<p><b>Format</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This component consists of a single test paper.</li> <li>● Pupils will have approximately 20 minutes to complete the questions in the test paper (not strictly timed).</li> <li>● It is at your discretion to choose when or if pupil(s) require a break during the test or whether, if appropriate, to stop the test early.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equipment</b></p>	<p>Pupils will need the equipment below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● a blue / black pen or a dark pencil</li> <li>● a rubber (optional). If rubbers are not provided, you should tell pupils that they may cross out any answers they wish to change.</li> </ul> <p>Pupils will not be allowed the equipment below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● dictionaries, electronic spell checkers or bilingual word lists.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assistance</b></p>	<p>You must ensure that nothing you say or do during the test could be interpreted as giving pupils an advantage.</p> <p>You may explain or rephrase a question provided you do not give away subject-specific information. For example, if a question asks to 'insert a pair of commas,' 'insert' may be explained but not 'commas'.</p> <p>You must not give alternative explanations: e.g. explain 'commands' as 'instructions' or name punctuation.</p> <p>The notes for readers in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test gives examples of how to read particular types of question in Paper 2: questions.</p> <p>The examples below illustrate how to deal with some common situations.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> I don't understand the question.  <b>A.</b> Read the question again and underline key words that tell you what to do.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> What does 'comma' mean?  <b>A.</b> I can't tell you, but think hard and try to remember. We can talk about it after the test.</p> <p>If any context or words related to a question are unfamiliar to a pupil, you may show them related objects or pictures, or describe the related context.</p>
<p><b>Before the test begins</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review the list of pupils with any particular individual needs: e.g. pupils who may need a scribe, a reader or a transcript made at the end of the test. Ensure that you know how to administer any access arrangements correctly.</li> <li>● Check that there are enough administrators to maintain supervision and support for the test. You should consider the possibility of at least 1 test administrator needing to leave the room with a pupil.</li> <li>● Read the notes for readers in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.</li> <li>● Ensure that you understand how to deal with issues during the tests.</li> </ul>

<p><b>How to deal with issues during the test</b></p>	<p>It is impossible to plan for every scenario. Whatever action you take, pupil safety must always be your first consideration.</p> <p>In the following circumstances, you will need to stop the test either for an individual pupil or for the whole cohort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● test papers are incorrectly collated or the print is illegible</li> <li>● an incorrect test has been administered</li> <li>● a fire alarm goes off</li> <li>● a pupil is unwell</li> <li>● a pupil needs to leave the test room during the tests</li> <li>● a pupil is caught cheating.</li> </ul> <p>If you need to stop the test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● make a note of the time</li> <li>● make sure pupils are kept under test conditions and that they are supervised</li> <li>● if they have to leave the room, ensure they don't talk about the test</li> <li>● speak to your test co-ordinator or a senior member of staff for advice on what to do next.</li> </ul> <p>You should brief your headteacher on how the incident was dealt with, once the test is over.</p>
<p><b>What to do at the start of the test</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check that seating is appropriately spaced and that no pupil can see another pupil's test paper.</li> <li>● Ensure that each pupil has a copy of Paper 2: questions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What to say at the start of the test</b></p>	<p>It is important to brief pupils fully at the start of each test. You should use these instructions to introduce Paper 2: questions.</p> <p><b>The wording of these instructions can be adapted, provided the meaning is retained.</b></p> <p>You should use words and phrases familiar to the pupils, and you may repeat them as many times as necessary to ensure that the pupils understand what to do.</p> <p>Explain to the pupils that this is the key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 2: questions. Explain that the test will take around 20 minutes, but is not strictly timed.</p> <p>Tell the pupils that they should have Paper 2: questions test paper in front of them.</p> <p>Tell the pupils to write their names on the front of their answer booklet.</p> <p>Tell the pupils that they will need a blue / black pen or dark pencil and rubber (optional) for this test.</p> <p>Explain to the pupils that, if they want to change an answer, they should rub it out or put a line through the response they don't want to be marked.</p> <p>Ask the pupils to open their answer booklets at page 3.</p> <p>Explain that there are two practice questions and that you will do the practice questions together with them.</p>

<p><b>What to say at the start of the test</b> (continued)</p>	<p><b>Practice question a</b></p> <p>Read the question to the pupils.</p> <p><i>Tick the word that completes the sentence.</i></p> <p>Then read the sentence.</p> <p><i>We were ___(blank)___ on our projects.</i></p> <p><i>Tick one.</i></p> <p>Then read the words out individually. Don't read them as part of the sentence.</p> <p><i>worked</i></p> <p><i>works</i></p> <p><i>working</i></p> <p><i>work</i></p> <p>Give pupils the opportunity to answer the question in their booklet. If any pupil is not sure what to do, explain what they need to do to answer the question.</p> <p><b>Practice question b</b></p> <p>Read the question to the pupils.</p> <p><i>Write one word on the line below to complete the sentence in the past tense.</i></p> <p>Then read the sentence.</p> <p><i>I ___(blank)___ to Scotland during the school holidays.</i></p> <p>Give pupils the opportunity to answer the question in their booklet.</p> <p>Explain to the pupils that there will also be other types of question. If the pupils are unsure how to answer tell them that they should ask.</p> <p>Explain to the pupils that when the test starts they should try to answer the questions by themselves.</p> <p>Tell the pupils to try to answer all of the questions. Explain that if they can't answer a question, they should move on to the next one and come back to it later.</p> <p>Tell the pupils to read each question carefully so that they know what it is asking.</p> <p>Explain that, if they want to change an answer, they should rub it out or put a line through the response they don't want to be marked.</p> <p>Remind the pupils to check their work carefully.</p> <p>Explain that, if they have any questions during the test, they should put their hand up and wait for someone to come over to them, but that you can't help them answer any of the test questions.</p> <p>Tell the pupils that they must not talk to each other.</p> <p>Ask the pupils if they have any questions they want to ask you now.</p> <p>Start the test.</p>
<p><b>What to do at the end of the test</b></p>	<p>If any pupil needs a transcript, complete it with the pupil at the end of the test under test conditions. Particular care should be taken to ensure accurate transcriptions are made and the pupil's answers, including spelling, are not corrected or amended.</p>
<p><b>Marking the tests</b></p>	<p>Use the key stage 1 sample test mark schemes to mark the test, following both the general guidance and any specific guidance for each question.</p>

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