

About this pack

This pack provides you with practice papers to help support children with the Key Stage 1 Reading test. The pack consists of this introductory booklet (including mark schemes) and three sample tests covering a wide range of content taken from the Key Stage 1 programme of study.

Using the practice papers

The practice papers in this pack can be used as you would any other practice materials. The children will need to be familiar with specific test-focused skills, such as reading carefully, leaving questions until the end if they seem too difficult, working at a suitable pace and checking through their work.

About the tests

Each Reading test has two papers:

- **Paper 1:** the reading text is mixed with questions in a single booklet. Children have about 30 minutes to read the text and answer the questions.
- **Paper 2:** there is a reading booklet containing a range of texts and a separate question booklet. Children have about 40 minutes to read all the texts and answer the questions. Children should refer back to the reading booklet for their answers.

Neither paper should be strictly timed. You should ensure that every child has enough time to demonstrate what he or she understands, knows and can do, without prolonging the test inappropriately. Use your judgement to decide when, or if, children need breaks during the assessment, and whether to stop the test early if appropriate.

The marks available for each question are shown in the answer booklet next to each question and are also shown next to each answer in the mark scheme. Incorrect answers do not get a mark and no half marks should be given.

There are three different types of answer.

- **Selected answers:** children may be required to choose an option from a list, draw lines to match answers, or tick a correct answer. Usually 1 mark will be awarded.
- **Short answers:** children will need to write a phrase from the text or use information from it. Usually 1 mark will be awarded.
- **Several line answers:** children will need to write a sentence or two. Usually 1–2 marks will be awarded.
- **Longer answers:** children will usually need to write more than one sentence using information from the text. Up to 2 marks will be awarded.

For Paper 1, a selection of 'useful words' are also provided on page 3. Discuss these words with your child before they start the test and make sure they understand them.