2023 national curriculum tests

Key stage 1

English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes

Paper 1: spelling

Paper 2: questions



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1. Introduction

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for the development and delivery of national tests and assessments. STA is an executive agency of the Department for Education.

The 2023 tests assess the national curriculum. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the <u>test framework</u>¹ for English grammar, punctuation and spelling at key stage 1.

This key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test is not statutory. The key stage 1 tests can be marked internally within schools to inform teacher assessment. The evidence from the test can be used to help inform teacher assessment of writing.

A new test and new mark schemes are produced each year.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables are produced as part of the standards maintenance process. <u>Scaled score conversion tables</u>² for the 2023 tests will be published in June 2023.

The mark schemes should be used to mark pupils' responses. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process. It is important when marking to refer to the general marking principles, the additional guidance and the exemplars section to ensure marking is accurate and consistent.

2. Structure of the test

The key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test materials comprise:

- Paper 1: spelling (20 marks)
- Paper 2: questions (20 marks)

3. Content domain coverage

The 2023 test meets the specification in the test framework. Tables 1 and 2 set out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in Papers 1 and 2.

4. Internal moderation procedures

We recommend those who are involved in marking the key stage 1 tests undertake moderation activity to ensure marking is consistent across their school.

¹ www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-english-grammar-punctuation-and-spelling-test-framework

² www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-1

5. Paper 1: spelling

5.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 1: spelling

This information is provided in the mark schemes in Table 1.

5.2 General marking guidance for Paper 1: spelling

The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 1. Please read this carefully before applying the individual mark schemes.

- If a pupil makes more than one attempt, it must be clear which answer the pupil wishes to be marked.
- If a pupil makes two or more attempts and it is not clear which answer should be considered, the mark is not awarded.
- Pupils can answer in upper or lower case, or a mixture of the two. The exception
 to this is for days of the week, which must be written with an initial capital letter
 for the mark to be awarded.
- If a pupil has answered with the correct sequence of letters but has incorrectly inserted an apostrophe or a hyphen, the mark is not awarded.
- If a pupil has answered with the correct sequence of letters but these have been separated into clearly divided components, with or without a hyphen, the mark is not awarded.
- If a pupil uses a reversed letter, it must be unambiguous for the award of the mark. Markers may refer to the pupil's handwriting in the rest of the paper to decide whether or not the letter is ambiguous.
- Crossed-out answers that have not been replaced by a further attempt should not be awarded the mark.

5.3 Pupil version of Paper 1: spelling

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4
	11. We sat still for the school	12. Did you that noise?	13. Children with packed can eat outside.	14. The athletesaround the track.	15. My lives in Australia.	16. Will quickly packed hisaway.	17. Swimming lessons are on	18. I enjoy readingbooks.	19. Sam chose red wool to a hat.	20. We cleaned the boots last.	End of spelling test	Page 3 of 4
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Spelling	There was a big in the garden.	There are girls in the team.	She isher grandad to cook.	A bigcan destroy a sandcastle.	I wonderthe sea looks blue.	Thewore a helmet.	I amI am late.	I need to use glue on my model.	The leaves fell to the	We saw a in the garden.	10. The ate a banana.	Page 2 of 4

6. Mark schemes for Paper 1: spelling

Information relating to the content domain reference codes can be found in the key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework.

Table 1: Mark schemes and content domain references for Paper 1

Qu.	Spelling	М.	Primary content domain reference	Secondary content domain reference
1	five	1	S8 – vowel digraphs and trigraphs	S4 – the /v/ sound at the end of words
2	helping	1	S6 – adding the endings –ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed in the root word	
3	wave	1	S4 – the /v/ sound at the end of words	S8 – vowel digraphs and trigraphs
4	why	1	S22 – the /aɪ/ sound spelt –y at the end of words	S10 - new consonant spellings <i>ph</i> and <i>wh</i>
5	biker	1	S25 – adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before it	
6	sorry	1	S9 – words ending in –y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)	
7	stronger	1	S7 – adding – <i>er</i> and – <i>est</i> to adjectives where no change is needed in the root word	S8 – vowel digraphs and trigraphs
8	ground	1	S8 – vowel digraphs and trigraphs	
9	worm	1	S31 – the /3:/ sound spelt or after w	
10	monkey	1	S29 – the /i:/ sound spelt –ey	
11	photo	1	S10 - new consonant spellings ph and wh	
12	hear	1	S36 – homophones and near–homophones	S8 – vowel digraphs and trigraphs
13	lunches	1	S5 – adding –s and –es to words (plural of nouns and the third-person singular of verbs)	
14	raced	1	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y	S25 – adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it
15	uncle	1	S18 - the /// or /əl/ sound spelt -/e at the end of words	
16	stuff	1	S1 – the sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck	
17	Thursday	1	S13 – the days of the week	
18	fiction	1	S35 – words ending in –tion	
19	knit	1	S16 – the /n/ sound spelt kn– and (less often) gn– at the beginning of words	S36 – homophones and near–homophones
20	dirtiest	1	S24 – adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root word ending in –y with a consonant before it	S8 – vowel digraphs and trigraphs
To	otal marks	20		

7. Paper 2: questions

7.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 2: questions

Table 2 sets out the content domain coverage for Paper 2. Information relating to these codes can be found in the key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework.

Table 2: Content domain coverage for Paper 2

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
	Grammatical terms or word	Functions of sentences	Combining words,	Verb tenses and	Punctuation	Vocabulary
Qu.	classes		phrases and clauses	consistency		
1			1			
2					1	
3	1					
4					1	
5					1	
6		1				
7			1			
8					1	
9		1				
10	1					
11					1	
12					1	
13				1		
14					1	
15	1					
16	1					
17				1		
18						1
19			1			
20					1	

7.2 General marking guidance for Paper 2: questions

To ensure consistency of marking, the most frequent procedural queries are listed in Table 3, along with the action you should take. The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 2. Please read this carefully before applying the individual mark schemes.

Table 3: General marking principles for Paper 2

Question type	Accept	Do not accept
any unambiguous indication of the correct answer, for example: the box is crossed rather than ticked the correct answer is circled rather than ticked correct answers that replace a crossed-out attempt		answers in which more than the required number of boxes have been ticked
Circling of the answer	 any unambiguous indication of the correct answer, for example: the answer is underlined the answer is enclosed within a box 	 answers in which more than the required number of words have been circled answers in which the correct answer is circled, together with more than half of any surrounding words
Drawing lines to 'match' boxes	lines that do not touch the boxes, provided the intention is clear	multiple lines drawn to or from the same box (unless this is a question requirement)
Writing or inserting punctuation	correctly formed punctuation that is clear, unambiguous and recognisable as the required punctuation mark	punctuation that is ambiguous, for example, it is unclear whether the mark is a comma or full stop

Question type	Accept	Do not accept
Additional punctuation	answers that are punctuated correctly according to the mark scheme, even if additional punctuation has been attempted incorrectly Pupils may try to use inverted commas around spoken words. This is beyond the key stage 1 programme of study and should not be taken into account when considering whether the answer is correct according to the mark scheme.	answers that do not meet the mark scheme criteria
Spelling (in Paper 2 only)	incorrect spellings of the correct answer, unless specific mark scheme guidance is given to require a correct spelling	incorrect spellings of answers for which the mark scheme requires correct spelling For questions assessing contracted forms, verb forms, plurals, prefixes and suffixes, correct spelling is generally required.
Answers outside the expected space	 a correct answer given somewhere other than the answer space, provided it is not contradicted by another answer written elsewhere correct answers that are written in the 'blank' within a question, rather than in the expected space below it correct answers in which the pupil has written out a word or sentence that is already provided 	answers that are given outside the expected space and are contradicted by another answer written elsewhere
More than one answer given	multiple answers that are all correct according to the mark scheme	both correct and incorrect responses given

Question type	Accept	Do not accept
Handwriting	answers that are clear, unambiguous and recognisable, including letters that have been reversed, but which are still clearly identifiable to the marker	answers that are unclear or ambiguous
Capital letters	 capital letters that are clear and unambiguous Where letters do not have unique capital letter forms, the height of the capital letter will be the same as, or greater than, that of letters with ascenders. Markers may refer to the pupil's handwriting in the rest of the paper to distinguish between upper and lower case letters. 	answers in which capital letters are omitted or placed inappropriately in a sentence, or where an entire word is capitalised Where a pupil needs to write, rewrite or complete a sentence, the correct use of capital letters is required.
Crossed-out answers	correct answers that replace a crossed-out attempt	crossed-out answers

7.3 Explanation of the mark schemes for Paper 2: questions

Those marking the tests should familiarise themselves with the marking guidance in section 7.2 of this document before applying the mark schemes.

The practice questions are not marked as they are completed by the pupils together with the test administrator as an introduction to the test.

The mark schemes contain the following information for each question:

- the question number
- · the question from the test paper
- what is required to answer each question either a correct answer or examples of different types of creditworthy response
- how many marks are available for this question
- any additional guidance that may be relevant

8. Mark schemes for Paper 2: questions

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	Tick the word that completes the sentence.	1m
	You can join the red team the green team.	
	Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.	
	because	
	but □ or ✓	
	when	
2	Add the correct punctuation mark in the box below.	1m
	Award 1 mark for a question mark inserted in the box.	
	Are we going to the shops now ?	
	Additional guidance:	
	Award mark for writing <i>question mark</i> in or outside of the box.	
3	Tick the adjective in the sentence below.	1m
	Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.	
	Anna shut the heavy door in a hurry.	
4	Add two full stops in the correct places below.	1m
	Award 1 mark for a full stop after sister and a full stop after it.	
	Amir gave a picture to his sister. Zara really liked it.	
	Do not accept the insertion of additional punctuation.	
5	Tick one box to show where the comma should go in the sentence below.	1m
	Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.	
	We play with balls bats or hoops in the afternoon.	
	Additional guidance:	
	Award mark for inserting a comma in the correct place in the sentence.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark					
6	What type of sentence is below?	1m					
	A wild forest surrounded the castle.						
	Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.						
	a question						
	an exclamation						
	a statement 🗸						
	a command						
7	Circle one word in the sentence below that can be replaced with the word <u>if</u> .	1m					
	Award 1 mark for the correct word identified.						
	When it is cold, I wear a warm coat and a hat.						
8	Why does the underlined word start with a capital letter?						
	This afternoon, we will play games outside.						
	Award 1 mark for reference to sentences being demarcated by a capital letter, for example:						
	 sentences begin with capital letters because every sentence starts with a capital letter because that's how all sentences start 						
	or reference to the position of the word <i>This</i> , for example:						
	because it is the first word (in the sentence)						
	 because it's the start of the sentence it's the beginning of the sentence 						
	Additional guidance:						
	There are no spelling, punctuation or capitalisation requirements for this question.						
9	The sentences below have their punctuation marks covered.	1m					
-	Tick to show which two sentences are questions .						
	Award 1 mark for both correct boxes ticked.						
	What a hot day it is today When you go, put your coat on						
	Where did I put my bag						
	How excited I am						
	How did you guess where I was hiding						
	Additional guidance:						
	Award mark for inserting a question mark at the end of the correct sentences.						

Qu.	Requirement		Mark				
10	Circle the noun in the sentence below.		1m				
	Award 1 mark for the correct word identified	I.					
	The beautiful stars are shining brightly.						
11	Which sentence should end with an exclama	ation mark?	1m				
	Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.						
	What time does the match start						
	What a great goal he scored How are you getting there						
	How are you getting there How did he score from there						
	Additional guidance:						
40	Award mark for inserting an exclamation mark after What a great goal he scored With a second series and a second series and a second series are series as the second series and a second series are series as the second series are series are series as the second series are series						
12	Write one word, using an apostrophe , to show that the football belongs to Dom.						
	This is football.						
	Award 1 mark for using an apostrophe to mark singular possession.						
	Accept Do Not Accept						
	Dan's Dans						
	Dom's &'s Dom's S						
	Tom's dom's						
	Additional guidance:						
	Mark positively in relation to the size and at this age may have uneven handwriting	d position of the apostrophe as some pupils g. er. The other letters can be in upper or lower					

Qu.	Requirement				Mark		
13	Write the past tense of the word <u>borrow</u> on the line below.						
	I three books from	n the library.					
	Award 1 mark for the word borrow	ved written in lowe	r case.				
	Also accept other correct past ten or had been borrowing.	se forms inserted,	i.e. was borrowing	, had borrowed			
	Do not accept misspellings of the	verb.					
14	Add an apostrophe to the sentence	e below in the cor	rect place.		1m		
	Award 1 mark for inserting an apo	estrophe correctly	in <i>wasn't</i> .				
	Ria wasn't late today.						
	Additional guidance:						
	Mark positively in relation to the size and position of the apostrophe as some pupils at this age may have uneven handwriting.						
15	What type of word is underlined in	the sentence belo	w?		1m		
	Put the pens away <u>neatly.</u>						
	Award 1 mark for the correct box	ticked.					
	a noun a verb an adjective an adverb						
16	Circle the verbs in the sentence be	elow.			1m		
	Award 1 mark for the two correct	words identified.					
	Anna read) a funny poem and every	one aughed)					
17	Tick one box in each row to show if the sentence is in the past tense or the present tense.						
	Award 1 mark for all four correct.						
	Sentence	Past tense	Present tense				
	Alex was planting some seeds.	✓					
	Alex planted some seeds.	✓	-				
	Alex planting some seeds.		√				
	Alex plants some seeds.		<u> </u>				

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Qu.	Requirement				Mark				
18	Tick to show the correct plural ending for each underlined word.								
	Award 1 mark for all three correct.								
	Word	S	es						
	We put the <u>dish</u> on the table.		✓						
	We tied <u>ribbon</u> around the present.	✓							
	We took the <u>parcel</u> to the post office.	√							
19	Tick the sentence below that has a noun phrase . Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked. He was sleepy and tired. He wore a red jumper. He wanted to be kind. He was very excited.								
20	Add capital letters and a full stop to correct the sentence below. Award 1 mark for a capital letter for the and fridays and a full stop after fridays. The pool is shut on Fridays. Do not accept the insertion of additional punctuation.								



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