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Key stage 1

English reading test mark schemes

Paper 1: reading prompt and answer booklet Paper 2: reading answer booklet



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1. Introduction

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

The 2018 tests assess the current national curriculum, which was updated in 2014. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the <u>test framework</u>¹ for English reading at key stage 1. It assesses the aspects of comprehension that lend themselves to a paper test.

A new test and new mark schemes will be produced each year.

The key stage 1 tests will be marked internally within schools to inform teacher assessment.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standards maintenance process. <u>Scaled score conversion tables</u>² for the 2018 tests will be published in June 2018.

The mark schemes are provided to use when marking 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 reading test comprises:

- Paper 1 a combined booklet that integrates the reading texts and answer booklet (lower demand), which carries 20 marks
- Paper 2 a reading booklet with a separate answer booklet (higher demand), which carries 20 marks.

¹ www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-english-reading-test-framework

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

3. Content domain coverage

The 2018 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.

Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. These secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.

Table 1: Content domain coverage for Paper 1

	1 a	1b	1c	1d	1e
	Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.	Identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.	Make inferences from the text.	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.
Qu.		Sectio	on 1: Little Cousin	Clare	
1				1	
2		1			
3		1			
4		1			
5	1				
6				1	
7				1	
8		1			
9		1			
		Section 2: Lu	nchbox: The Story	of Your Food	
10		1			
11		1			
12		1			
13	1				
14		1			
15		1			
16	1				
17		1			
18	1				
19		1			
20			1		

Table 2: Content domain coverage for Paper 2

	1 a	1b	1c	1d	1e
	Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.	Identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.	Make inferences from the text.	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.
Qu.		Section 1: G	ames From Aroun	d the World	
1		1			
2		1			
3				1	
4		1			
5a		1			
5b		1			
6		1			
7		2			
		Secti	on 2: Cobweb Mo	rning	
8		1			
9a		1			
9b				1	
10				1	
		See	ction 3: A New Ho	me	
11		1			
12	1				
13				1	
14		2			
15		1			
16			1		

4. Explanation of the mark schemes

Those marking the tests should familiarise themselves with the marking guidance in section 4.1 of this document before applying the mark schemes.

The number of marks available is indicated below the marking circle on the test paper. All questions in Paper 1 are worth 1 mark and questions in Paper 2 are worth either 1 or 2 marks. Incorrect or unacceptable answers are given a mark of 0. No half marks are awarded.

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
- the number of marks available for each question
- what is required to answer each question including correct answer(s) and examples of different types of creditworthy response
- any additional guidance that may be relevant, including unacceptable responses, where appropriate
- the content domain reference and, if applicable, the secondary content domain reference.



The diagram below exemplifies the content of the mark schemes:

4.1 Applying the mark schemes

The table below explains the key features of the key stage 1 English reading test mark schemes:

Mark scheme	Explanation
 Square bullets 	Square bullets indicate acceptable points that can be credited in a pupil's response. They must be treated as marking principles, not as the exact response a pupil needs to give.
Round bullets	Round bullets indicate examples of frequently occurring responses given by pupils during trialling. There are many ways for pupils to express an acceptable answer, therefore those marking the test must focus on the content of what has been written and not on the quality, expression or grammatical construction of the response.
Use of brackets in acceptable points	In acceptable points, brackets may be used to provide additional information that is relevant to the required response, but is not required for the award of the mark.
Do not accept	Do not accept indicates commonly occurring but incorrect answers that should not be credited.
Possible ambiguity	Where pupils are asked to write their own response and they have written both a correct and an incorrect response, the incorrect response should not negate the correct response provided the correct answer is clear.
'Find and copy' questions	For 'find and copy' questions, introductions such as 'the answer is ()' / 'it is ()' and plausible misspellings are permitted.
Use of brackets in 'find and copy'	For 'find and copy' questions, the correct answer is indicated by the word(s) outside the brackets. The word(s) inside the brackets indicate any additional word(s) allowable for the award of the mark.
Minor copying errors / plausible misspellings	Minor copying errors and plausible misspellings are permitted in responses to all questions.
Tick boxes and tables	Accept any clear indication of the correct response, including crosses, underlining and circling answers.
Drawing lines to 'match' boxes	Accept lines that do not touch the boxes, providing the intention is clear.

5. 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.

6. Mark schemes for Paper 1: reading prompt and answer booklet

Section 1: Little Cousin Clare

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	Why did Bryn get out his toys?	1m
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	He was deciding which one to play with.	
	He wanted to hide them from Clare.	
	He wanted to tidy them away.	
	He was getting them ready for Clare.	
		, 1
2	What did Dad say looks much better now?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such	
	as characters, events, titles and information. Secondary content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to Bryn's (bed)room, e.g.	
	• room	
	his room Drun's bodroom	
	 Bryn's bedroom bedroom. 	
	Also accept "Your room looks much better now."	
	Do not accept "I'm glad to see you're tidying up, Bryn," said Dad. "Your room looks much better now."	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
3	Which two topics did Bryn sort his books into?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to both of the following:	
	 animals, e.g. animal books. trucks, e.g. truck books. 	
	Do not accept reference to the titles of the books in the illustration, e.g.	
	 big trucks small trucks giraffes. 	
4	Who drives the tractor on the farm?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	Bryn Bryn's dad Clare Bryn's mum 🖌	
5	tried to peep around her legs	1m
	What does this tell you about Bryn?	

Content domain: 1a – draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts. Secondary content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.

Award 1 mark for:	
He did not want to see his cousin.	
He was angry about the visit.	
He was nervous about meeting Clare.	\checkmark
He did not like his cousin Clare.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
6	Why was Bryn surprised when he met his cousin?	1m
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	
	Bryn expecting Clare to be older / bigger / his age, e.g.	
	 he was expecting a bigger Clare because she's small and he's grown up he thought she'd be a big girl because he thought she was not a baby because he thought it would be older she was tiny. 	
	 Clare being a baby, e.g. 	
	a babybecause she's only a baby.	
	 Bryn realising he wouldn't be able to play with Clare, e.g. 	
	 because he wanted to play with her he was going to give her the truck Bryn was surprised because she wasn't old enough to play. 	
	Do not accept reference to Bryn not having seen her before.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
7	Why did Bryn put his toys away?	1m
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for any reference to either of the following acceptable points:	
	Bryn realising Clare was too young / small (to play with them), e.g.	
	 she was too small to play with them because Clare couldn't play with them because he didn't know that Clare was a baby. 	
	 Bryn realising that Clare couldn't play with his toys / she would need other toys instead / the toys were unsuitable (as she was a baby / too young), e.g. 	
	 because it was a baby and babies can't play with toys because he doesn't think Clare will play with them he put his toys away because Clare can't play with them. 	
	Also accept reference to Bryn's realisation that he has made a mistake.	
	Do not accept reference to Bryn not feeling bad that Clare couldn't play with the toys.	
	Do not accept reference to Bryn being tidy.	
8	What did Bryn decide to give Clare to play with?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for any reference to a bear, e.g.	
	 big blue bear teddy bear 	

• teddy.

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
9	Think about the whole story .				1m
	Put ticks in the table to show which	of these a	are true a	nd which are false .	
	 Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information. Secondary content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text. Award 1 mark for all three boxes correctly ticked. 				
	Sentence	True	False		
	Bryn liked to play with trucks.				
	Bryn's mother worked on a farm.	1			
	Bryn lived in a village.		1		
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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
10	What do the seeds grow into?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to (tall, waving) wheat.	
	Also accept (fat, ripe) grain(s).	

11	The miller grinds the grains to make them into	1m			
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.				
	Award 1 mark for:				
	seeds. wheat. flour. dough.				

12	What takes the flour to the bakery?	1m
	The	
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	farmer miller trucks combine harvester	

13	Write two words that tell you what the dough feels like.	1m
	Content domain: 1a – draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts. Secondary content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for both of the following:	
	■ soft	
	squashy.	
	Also accept plausible misspellings, e.g.	
	• squishy	
	sqwashee.	

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
14	Where are the fresh loaves of bread sent to?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to the shop(s).	
15	When are the apples ready to be picked?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	spring 🦲 autumn 🖌	
	summer winter	
16	Find and copy one word that makes the apples sound tasty.	1m
	Content domain: 1a – draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.	
	Award 1 mark for sweet (fruit).	
	Also accept ripe (fruit).	
17	Where do the sorters work?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to the juice factory.	
	Also accept (apple) factory.	
18	Find and copy one word that means the same as 'rotten'.	1m
	Content domain: 1a – draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.	
	Award 1 mark for either of the following acceptable points:	
	spoilt (apples)bad (apples).	

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
19	What does the apple press do?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	cleans the apple juice	
	squeezes out the juice 🗸	
	gets rid of all the germs	
	washes the apples	

20	Look at the section about apple juice .		1m
	Number the sentences below from 1 to	4 to show the order they happen.	
	Content domain: 1c - identify and expl	ain the sequence of events in texts.	
	Award 1 mark for all three boxes numb	ered correctly:	
	The machines cut down the apples.	2	
	The apples are washed and cleaned.	3	
	The fruit grows from apple buds.	1	
	The juice is poured into cartons.	4	

7. Mark schemes for Paper 2: reading answer booklet

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	Children around the world	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	do not like playing games.	
	only play one game.	
	play many games.	
	must have very expensive games.	
2	Find and copy two things that could be hidden in <i>Pilolo</i> .	1m
2	 Find and copy two things that could be hidden in <i>Pilolo</i>. Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information. 	1m
2	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such	1m
2	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	1m
2	 Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information. Award 1 mark for any two of the following: sticks stones 	1m
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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
3	Look at the Statues section.	1m
	Why is Statues a good name for this game?	
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following acceptable points:	
	 players having to stay very still / freeze / not move (including references to 'moving' players being eliminated from the game), e.g. 	
	 because you have to stay still like a statue because everyone has to freeze they freeze when one child shouts 'statue' because you freeze like one because you have to stop. 	
	pretending to be a statue, e.g.	
	• because you have to act like a statue.	
	Also accept references to saying 'statue', e.g.	
	because the child shouts statue	
	 because players walk around waiting for someone to shout 'statue'. 	
	Do not accept references to helping practise your balance.	
	Do not accept references to the party game musical statues.	

4	What do the words Oonch Neech mean?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to both up and down, e.g.	
	 up down it means up and down. 	
	• It means up and down.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
5 a	One player does something different from the other players in all five games.	1m
	What are they doing differently in	
	a) Pilolo?	
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information. Secondary content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to one player hiding the objects / setting up the game, e.g.	
	they hide small things	
	 one child hides the objects hiding things. 	
	Do not accept hiding.	
5b	One player does something different from the other players in all five games.	1m
	What are they doing differently in	
	b) Kangaroo Skippyroo?	
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information. Secondary content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following acceptable points:	
	 the actions of the player in the middle of the circle / being the (sleeping) kangaroo, e.g. 	
	 one of the players guesses who touched them one child pretends to be a sleeping kangaroo one person is in the middle. 	
	one player touching the 'kangaroo's' shoulder, e.g.	
	 someone has to tap the kangaroo they have to touch the kangaroo without them guessing who it is one child touches the kangaroo's shoulder. 	
	Do not accept guessing without any further explanation.	

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
6	Draw four lines to match these gar Content domain: 1b – identify / ex as characters, events, titles and inf Secondary content domain: 1d – m Award 1 mark for all four lines bein	plain key formation hake infer	aspects ences fro	of fiction and non-fiction texts, such m the text.	1m
	Oonch Neech Pilolo	energy speed			
	Statues Pass the Parcel	luck	e		
7	Put ticks in the table to show which Content domain: 1b – identify / ex- as characters, events, titles and inf Award 1 mark for three boxes corr correctly ticked.	plain key formation	aspects .	of fiction and non-fiction texts, such	Up to 2m
	Sentence	True	False		
	In <i>Pilolo</i> , players try to find hidden items.	1			
	In <i>Statues</i> , one child shouts, 'freeze'.		1		
	In <i>Oonch Neech</i> , players must stand very still.		1		
	<i>Kangaroo Skippyroo</i> is a game all about luck.		1		

Section 2: Cobweb Morning

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
8	The children saw the cobwebs in	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	a park.	
	a street.	
	a garden.	
	a playground. 🖌	

9a	What did the children usually learn on a Monday morning?	1m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	
	■ spellings	
	■ maths	
	■ (silent) reading.	

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
9b	What did the children learn about this Monday morning when they went outside?	1m
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points:	
	seeing the invisible, e.g.	
	 they could easily see the cobwebs in the frost 	
	 on a frosty morning you can see the cobwebs they learned that when it was cold cobwebs show better 	
	 cobwebs are everywhere but you can't always see them. 	
	learning about cobwebs (in the frost), e.g.	
	they learned about cobwebs hiding	
	the cobwebs were everywhere the cobwebs	
	 the cobwebs. learning about / appreciating spiders, e.g. 	
	 learning about / appreciating spiders, e.g. spiders work hard 	
	 spiders work hard spiders are good at hiding 	
	they learned about spiders.	
	learning about nature / the outside, e.g.	
	to capture the outside	
	 she wanted them to know more about nature. 	
	Also accept reference to learning to write poetry / create patterns, e.g.	
	 they made patterns and poems. 	
	Do not accept references to spellings, maths or (silent) reading.	
10	The poem explains how cold weather	1m
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Secondary content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction	
	texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	damages cobwebs.	
	changes how cobwebs look.	
	makes cobwebs stronger.	

helps spiders to make webs.

Section 3: A New Home

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
11	What other creatures lived by the pond?	1m
	Write two answers.	
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for both of the following:	
	frogsinsects.	
	Also accept bugs instead of insects.	

12	One day, huge, rumbling, grumbling machines crawled towards the pond.	1m
	What does this sentence tell you about the machines?	
	Content domain: 1a – draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	They moved quickly.	
	They were noisy.	
	They were small.	
	They were silent.	

13	Why did the ducks leave their home?	1m
	Content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	It was too small.	
	It was destroyed.	
	They wanted to live in the sea.	
	They wanted to explore.	

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
14	The ducks did not like the sea. Why not?	Up to
	Write two reasons.	2m
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following acceptable points, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	the waves being frightening, e.g.	
	 because the waves were scary because of the waves.	
	the water being salty, e.g.	
	 it was too salty. 	
	there not being any food for the ducks to eat, e.g.	
	 they couldn't find any food. 	
	the seagulls were frightening / grumpy / chased them away, e.g.	
	 the seagulls chased them because there were grumpy seagulls.	
15	Why did someone put the ducks in a box?	1m

15	why did someone put the ducks in a box:	
	Content domain: 1b – identify / explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information. Secondary content domain: 1d – make inferences from the text.	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	to take them to a new home	
	to protect them from seagulls	
	to live in the box	
	to take them back to their old pond	

Section 3: A New Home

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
16	Number the following from 1 to 5 to show the order things happen in the story.	1m
	The first one has been done for you.	
	Content domain: 1c – identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.	
	Award 1 mark for all four boxes numbered correctly:	
	Machines destroyed the pond.	
	The ducks lived happily in the pond. 1	
	The ducks were set free on a lake. 5	
	The ducks were rescued by a helper. 4	
	The ducks hid in some thick reeds. 3	

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