

**2024 national curriculum tests**

# **Key stage 2**

## **English grammar, punctuation and spelling mark scheme amendments**

**Amendments to the mark schemes for  
modified large print (MLP) and braille**



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## Introduction: modified large print

This guidance is for markers who have been allocated MLP scripts of the 2024 key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The standard version of the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes should be used in conjunction with the additional guidance in this document. Markers should refer to the standard mark schemes when marking MLP test papers unless an alternative is given in this guidance.

## Amendments to the mark scheme

Amendments to mark schemes are only provided where the content of the standard mark schemes is altered.

Amendments to the mark schemes are not provided where the only change has been to further divide the question into subsections or where the layout of the question is different.

Mark schemes have been amended in some respects for the following questions:

Paper 1	Questions 8, 17, 23
Paper 2	There are no amendments to the mark schemes for the spelling component: the standard mark schemes can be applied for all spellings.

## General guidance to be applied throughout the MLP papers

- Be sympathetic to the fact that the handwriting of pupils with visual impairment may be of inconsistent size and formation. They may also have difficulty circling or ticking their answers. Award marks where there is a clear and unambiguous indication of the correct answer.
- If pupils have missed any answer lines or spaces within the text, their answers may be elsewhere on the page. Any unambiguous indication of the correct answer should be credited, working within the parameters of the mark schemes.
- Markers should contact their supervisors if they have any problems applying the mark scheme to MLP scripts, or with specific responses. All supervisors have contact details of specialists who will provide advice.

## Mark scheme amendments

Q	Requirement
8	<p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for all <b>three</b> correct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A That red cycle helmet is <u>mine</u>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B I wear it when I ride the new bike <u>which</u> my uncle gave me.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A My bike goes much faster than <u>yours</u>.</p>
17	<p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for all <b>four</b> correct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A “You haven’t done a bad job!” she told us.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B “You ain’t done a bad job!” she told us.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A “You’ve done an excellent job!” she told us.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B “You done an excellent job!” she told us.</p>
23	<p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for all <b>three</b> correct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A rough, smooth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B courageous, brave</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A vivid, dull</p>

## Introduction: braille

This guidance details the amendments made to the standard mark scheme for questions which have been adapted or replaced in the braille version of the 2024 key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling national curriculum test.

The standard version of the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling mark schemes should be used in conjunction with the additional guidance in this document. Markers should refer to the standard mark schemes when marking the braille test papers unless an alternative is given in this guidance.

## Amendments to the mark scheme

Amendments to mark schemes are only provided where the content of the standard mark schemes is altered.

Amendments to the mark schemes are not provided where the only change has been to further divide the question into subsections or where the layout of the question is different.

Mark schemes have been amended in some respects for the following questions:

Paper 1	Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 43, 45, 48, 49, 50
Paper 2	There are no amendments to the mark schemes for the spelling component: the standard mark schemes can be applied for all spellings.

## General guidance to be applied throughout the braille papers

- You should make every effort to understand what the pupil has written in an answer, without reading into the answer anything that the pupil did not intend.
- Some pupils with visual impairment find it difficult to get their answers across clearly. It may take you longer to read their answers. Apply the mark schemes, but be sympathetic to their difficulties. Any unambiguous indication of the correct answer should be credited.
- Throughout the test, where question responses are labelled with letters, or letters and numbers, pupils may write the letter, or letter and number, of their chosen answer rather than writing out their answer in full, for example, B, D, 1C, 2A.
- Some braille questions are worded differently to the standard version, but the differences are sufficiently small that you should still be able to apply the standard mark scheme. For example, pupils may write the answer rather than circle the answer.

## Marking the braille test scripts

Braille scripts will normally be marked by specialist braille markers who will be provided with the physical copy to be marked. Markers should contact their supervisors if they have any problems applying the mark schemes to braille scripts, or with specific responses.

## Mark scheme amendments

Q	Requirement
1	A
2	C
3	heavily;
4	A
5	D
6	A
8	A P B R C P
9	C
10	D
11	C
12	film –
13	C
14	(both former world champions)
15	riders
16	B

Q	Requirement
17	A S B N C S D N
18	“What did you think of that goal? I thought it was incredible!” exclaimed Elle.
19	C
20	A
21	D
22	competition: Samir,
23	A A B S C A
24	C
25	, the Venus flytrap,  <i>Also accept</i> plants, the Venus flytrap,
26	D
30	could
31	athletes pride medals judges
32	Nadim
34	C
35	build-up
36	but
37	B

Q	Requirement
38	1 C 2 A 3 B
41	B
43	A
45	After inside
48	D
49	before the match
50	grand imposing



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