2025 national curriculum tests



# English grammar, punctuation and spelling

## Paper 1: questions

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### Instructions

### **Questions and answers**

There are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. The space for your answer shows you what type of answer is needed. Write your answer in the space provided. Do not write over any barcodes.

### Multiple-choice answers

For some questions, you do not need to do any writing. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer each question.

### Short answers

Some questions are followed by a line or a box. This shows that you need to write a word, a few words or a sentence.

### Marks

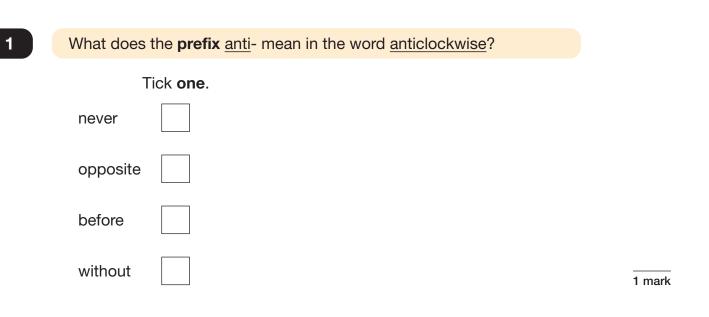
The number under each line at the side of the page tells you the number of marks available for each question.

You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop.

Work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you finish before the end, go back and check your work.

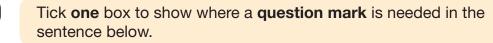
You have 45 minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.



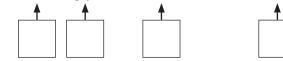


2	Circle the word that is a <b>synonym</b> of the word <u>bumpy</u> .				
	uneven	sore	smooth	low	1 mark





" Have you finished eating your lunch " asked Hannah



1 mark



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Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is a **statement** or a **command**.

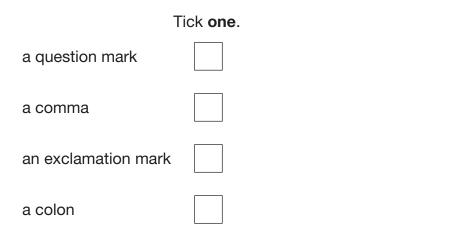
Sentence	Statement	Command
Watch where you're going.		
We watched the game together.		
My watch stopped working.		
Do not watch too much television.		



We lifted up the log and found worms woodlice snails and slugs. 1 mark

Which punctuation mark could be used at the end of the sentence below?

I can't wait to look after the school rabbit for the weekend



1 mark



Circle the correct **verb form** in each underlined pair to complete the sentences below using **Standard English**.

We was / were going on a school trip to a concert.

The musicians did / done a sound check before the show.

1 mark

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Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

We have been learning about the Vikings they were a

fascinating civilisation.



Tick all the sentences that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **all** the correct responses.

How good it would be if Jay could come	
Is Jay going to come on Tuesday	
Jay asked if we could meet him on Tuesday	
Do you know if Jay is coming on Tuesday	1 mark

Insert a pair of **brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Our class visited a castle the oldest in the country to help us with our history project.

1 mark



Circle the most **formal** option in each underlined pair below to complete the passage.

The basketball club was  $\underline{\mathsf{set}}$  up /  $\underline{\mathsf{established}}$  by a group of friends last year.

They invited / got people who were interested in the game to join.

Now they play / compete in their local league.

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Which sentence starts with an adverbial?	
	Tick <b>one</b> .
She is feeling tired, so Kal is going to her room	
After dinner, Kal is going to her room.	
Arun told me that Kal is going to her room.	
I wonder when Kal is going to her room.	



Which sentence is the most <b>formal</b> ?	
т	ïck <b>one</b> .
I can't wait for the game tomorrow!	
Kick-off is at 2pm.	
The coach has yet to announce the team.	
I really hope I'll be playing!	

What punctuation could be used instead of **brackets** in the sentence below?

Tokyo (the capital of Japan) is one of the largest cities in the world.



1 mark



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### Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

We saw various animals on our evening walk badgers, foxes,

mice and an owl.

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1 mark

### 16 Circle the three **adjectives** in the passage below.

The crumbling castle stood high on the rocky hill. The views over the countryside were glorious.



Which sentence is punctuated correctly?	
т	ick <b>one</b> .
Swimming, which strengthens muscles in the arms, and legs is great exercise.	
Swimming, which strengthens muscles in the arms and legs, is great exercise.	
Swimming which strengthens muscles, in the arms and legs, is great exercise.	
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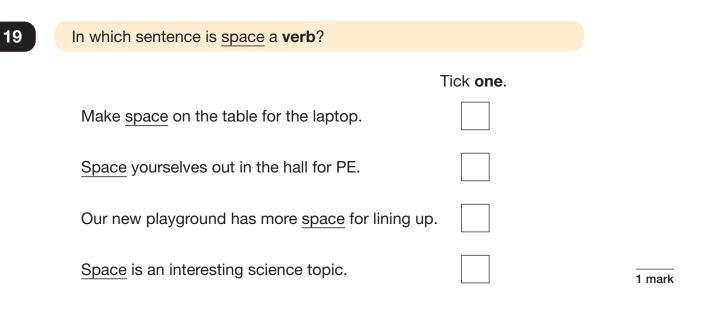
Use the information in the box to complete the sentence below with
a <b>relative clause</b> .
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

My uncle,	<b>↑</b>	, is going to	1 mark
	My uncle lives on a farm.		

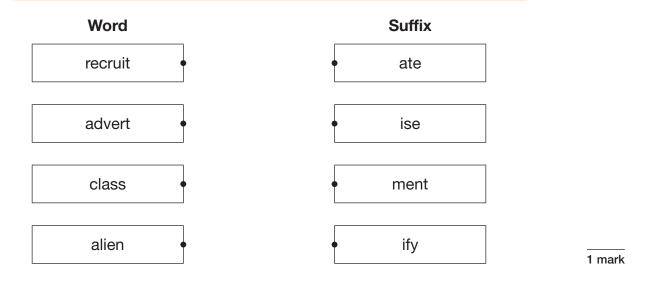
plant potatoes.

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Draw a line to match each word to a **suffix** to create another word.





### Why is there an **apostrophe** in the sentence below?

### Who's been eating my ice cream?

Т	ïck <b>one</b> .
to show that who's is the contracted form of 'who is'	
to show singular possession	
to show that who's is the contracted form of 'who has'	
to show plural possession	1 mark



### Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

I must repair my backpack the zip is broken and I need it for our camping trip.

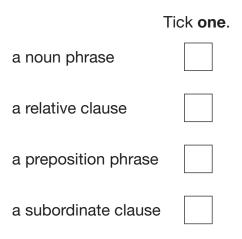
1 mark

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What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

In 1961, the first manned spaceflight took place <u>although a dog called</u> Laika had travelled into space four years earlier.



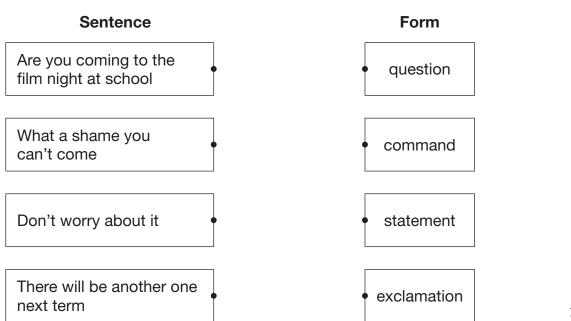


### Tick one box in each row to show if the underlined clause is a **main clause** or a **subordinate clause**.

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
I walked to school with Hazel <u>as</u> we live on the same road.		
Hazel uses a wheelchair so we went up the ramp.		
Before we entered the classroom, we greeted our friends.		

1 mark

### Draw a line to match each sentence to its form.



1 mark



Which sentence has a modal verb?

	Т	ïck <b>one</b> .	
Please h	help me find the blue pencils.		
What ar	e we having for lunch?		
Alex had	d been yawning all day.		
l must b	e at school early tomorrow.		1 mark

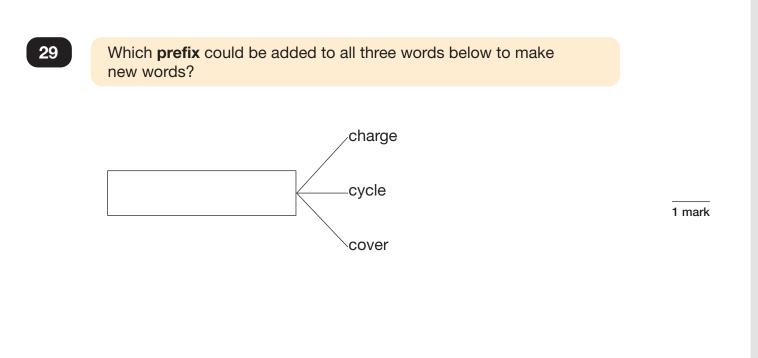
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Explain why the word  $\underline{\text{they}}$  makes the meaning of the sentence unclear.

When Kate and Ravi met the other tennis players, they were excited.





Insert a **hyphen** in the correct place in the sentence below.

At the museum, we enjoyed dressing up in the old fashioned costumes and fancy hats.

1 mark



### Insert inverted commas in the correct places in the passage below.

I think it is over here ! shouted Reena , pointing at the map .

Follow me !

1 mark

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Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is a **verb**, a **noun** or an **adjective**.

Sentence	Verb	Noun	Adjective
He <u>folds</u> the letter carefully.			
The <u>folded</u> letter was put in the envelope.			
The letter had <u>folds</u> in it.			



second sentence.	
1. Did you call Raheem?	
2. Did you call, Raheem?	

1 mark

### 34 Underline the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

After her dance class, Jamila has a strawberry milkshake, which she buys from the local cafe.



### Circle the **preposition** in each sentence below.

Stef trained hard before the hockey tournament.

Concentrating intensely, Emma hit the ball into the net.

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Circle the **subject** of the sentence below.

After the heavy rain, Mum decided not to water the garden. 1 mark



Rewrite the sentene Remember to punc			
Someone stole the	treasure.		
Complete the pass the boxes.	age below with the	e <b>simple past</b> of	the verbs in
the boxes.			
I	_ my violin to scho	ol. l	it last week.
to bring	_ my violin to scho	ol. I to forget	
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<b>↑</b>		to forget	
to bring Circle the three not	uns in the sentence	to forget	
to bring	uns in the sentence	to forget	



### Which word class is the underlined word in the sentence below?

On sunny days, Ben often plays outside before dinner.

#### Tick one.

an adverb	
a conjunction	
an adjective	
a determiner	

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1 mark

Write a **noun phrase** containing at least three words to complete the sentence below. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

\_\_\_\_ opened the door. 1 mark



Insert full stops and capital letters in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

This year, we have been on a number of school trips my favourite was to the Science Museum because we saw some incredible experiments however, Elise preferred our visit to Colchester Castle

1 mark

Rewrite the sentence below in the active. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The local park is maintained by the council.

1 mark



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### Circle the **possessive pronoun** in each sentence below.

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Dad told me that Mum's favourite sport is cycling and his is cricket.

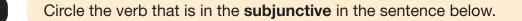
Tennis is Karen's favourite sport and mine is football.

1 mark

### 45 Circle all the **conjunctions** in the passage below.

Since Billy has started swimming lessons, he has been going to the pool every Saturday and sometimes on Wednesdays too, if his dad has time to take him.





If I were to help, I would start by clearing the tables.

47 Circle the three **determiners** in the sentence below.

There are some biscuits in this tin but there are not any chocolate ones.

1 mark

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Complete the sentence below using the **past progressive** form of the verb in the box.

While we		to our friend, his phone started ringing.	1 mark
_	<b>^</b>		
	to talk		



### Circle the **adverb** in the sentence below.

Although Jane was a speedy runner, she was almost beaten in the race.

1 mark

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Complete the sentence below with the **past perfect** form of the verb in the box.

The teacher told the class that he _ give them any homework.	<b>↑</b>	not to	
	to decide		





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