

2026 national curriculum tests

Key stage 1

English reading

Paper 2: reading answer booklet

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Questions 1–9 are about *Jack's New Boat*
(pages 4–5)

(page 4)

1 What was Uncle Jim's job?



1 mark

(page 4)

2 Where did Jack get his boat?

Tick **one**.

Uncle Jim bought it at a shop.

Jack found it on the beach.

Uncle Jim made it for him.

Jack brought it from home.



1 mark

(page 4)

3

Until at last... it stopped!

What *stopped*?



1 mark

(page 4)

4

But the little boat drifted farther and farther out to sea.

The word *drifted* means...

Tick **one**.

floated away.

raced past.

sank down.

turned around.



1 mark

(page 5)

5

Why did Uncle Jim tell Jack they needed to stop looking for the boat until the next morning?



1 mark

(page 5)

6

How did Uncle Jim make Jack feel better?



1 mark

(page 5)

7

Jack ran to look.

Why did Jack run?



1 mark

8

Think about the **whole** story.

(pages 4–5)

What might Jack have learned from his stay with Uncle Jim?

Tick **one**.

to be hard working

to be generous

to be patient

to be grateful



1 mark

9 Think about the **whole** story.

Number the following from 1 to 4 to show the order things happen in the story.

The boat disappeared beneath a wave.

Uncle Jim said they could fix Jack's boat.

Uncle Jim told Jack that a storm was coming.

Jack took his boat to the beach.



1 mark

Questions 10–18 are about *Bamboo*
(pages 6–7)

(page 6)

10 What are bamboo stems called?



1 mark

(page 6)

11 Look at *What is bamboo?* on page 6.

Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
Bamboo only grows in one country.		
Bamboo can grow very tall.		
Bamboo stems are hard and straight.		
Bamboo can be used in different ways.		



2 marks

(page 6)

12 Look at *What is bamboo?* on page 6.

Find and **copy one** word that means the same as 'cut'.



1 mark

(page 6)

13 What colour are bamboo leaves in winter?



1 mark

(page 6)

14 Look at *The bamboo plant* on page 6.

This doesn't happen very often, so they are rarely seen.

This means that bamboo flowers...

Tick **one**.

smell beautiful.

are only seen in winter.

are not seen a lot.

grow slowly.



1 mark

(page 6)

15 Bamboo is a good material for making furniture.

Write **two** reasons why.

1. _____

2. _____



2 marks

(page 7)

16 A stir-fry is one meal you can cook with bamboo.

Write **one** other meal.



1 mark

(page 7)

17 Why do people need to be careful when cooking bamboo?



1 mark

(page 7)

18 Look at *Bamboo for wearing* on page 7.

Why might people choose clothes that are made from bamboo?

Write **one** reason.



1 mark

End of test



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