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## Introduction

As in previous years, the external marking agency, under contract to QCDA, will mark the test papers. The markers will follow the mark schemes in this booklet, which are provided here to inform teachers.

This booklet includes the mark schemes for the assessment of reading, writing and spelling. For ease of reference, the test questions have been reproduced in the mark schemes. Level threshold tables will be posted on the QCDA website, http://testsandexams.qcda.gov.uk, on 5 July 2011.

Reading	50
Writing	50
Longer task (including handwriting)	31
Shorter task	12
Spelling	7
Total	100

The marks in the tests are allocated as follows:

The mark schemes were devised after trialling the tests with pupils and contain examples of some frequently occurring correct answers given in the trials. The mark schemes indicate the criteria on which judgements should be made. In areas of uncertainty however, markers should exercise professional judgement based on the training they have received.

The same sets of assessment focuses for reading and writing provide information about the particular processes or skills the pupil needs in order to answer the questions. This information is provided in order to explain the structure of each mark scheme as well as the way in which it will be used by external markers. The assessment focuses are drawn from the national curriculum and are directly related to the National Strategies Primary Framework and the Assessing Pupils' Progress framework.

The 2011 key stage 2 English tests and mark schemes were produced by the key stage 2 English team at the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) on behalf of QCDA.

## The reading test

The range of marks available for each question is given under the mark box at the side of the page in the *Reading Answer Booklet*.

Incorrect or unacceptable answers are given a mark of 0. No half marks are awarded.

There are several different answer formats:

- short answers
   These may be only a word or phrase, and 1 mark may be awarded for each correct response.
- several line answers
  These may be phrases or a sentence or two, and up to 2 marks may be awarded.
- Ionger answers These require a more detailed explanation of the pupil's opinion, and up to 3 marks may be awarded.
- other answers
   Some responses do not involve writing and the requirements are explained in the question.

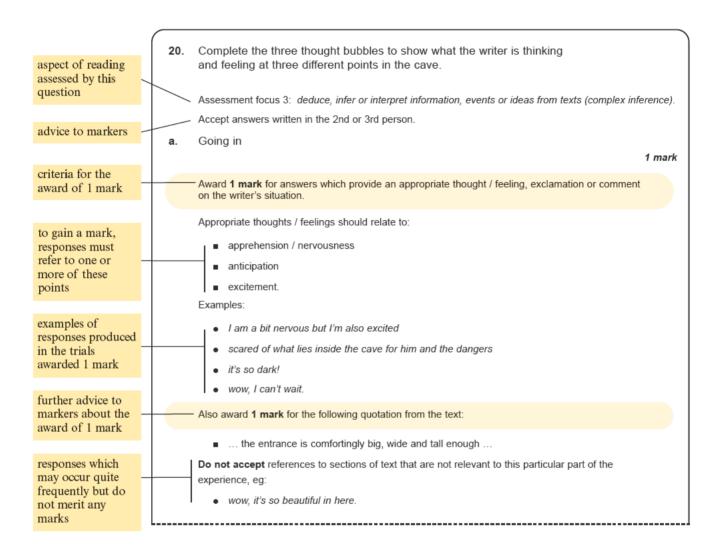
The mark scheme was devised after trialling the tests with pupils and contains examples (*these are shown in italics*) of some frequently occurring correct answers given in the trials. Many pupils will, however, have different ways of wording an acceptable answer. In assessing each answer, markers must focus on the content of what has been written and not on the quality of the writing, expression or grammatical construction, etc.

#### Assessment focuses for reading

The aspects of reading to be assessed are pupils' ability to:

- 1. use a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning
- 2. understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text
- 3. deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts
- 4. identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level
- 5. explain and comment on writers' uses of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level
- 6. identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader
- 7. relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions.

#### How the reading mark scheme is set out



Focus	AF2	AF3	AF4	AF5	AF6	AF7
	Understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text	Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts	Identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level	Explain and comment on writers' uses of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level	Identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader	Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions
Sectio	n 1: Information					
Q1	1					
Q2	1					
Q3		1				
Q4					1	
Q5					1	
Q6			1			
Q7					1	
Q8	1					
Sectio	n 2: An interview w	ith Lisa Clark				
Q9			1			
Q10	1					
Q11				1		
Q12		2				
Q13					2	
Q14		2				
Sectio	n 3: Caving wha	t lies beneath?	1	1		
Q15	1					
Q16a				1		
Q16b						
Q16c						
Q16d						
Q16e					1	
Q16f				1		
Q17	1					
Q18		1				
Q19		1				
Q20a		1				
Q20b		1				
Q20c		1				
Q21		3				
Q22		3				
-	n 4: The advertisen					
Q23	1					
Q24a						
Q24b						
Q25	-				2	
Q26			1			
-	n 5: The whole boo	klet	· ·	1		
Q27		2				
Q27 Q28a		<i>L</i>		1		
Q28a Q28b				1		
Q280 Q29a				1	2	
Q29a Q29b					2	
		10	2			0
Total	12	18	3	5	12	0

Assessment focus 1 underlies the reading of and response to the text and questions in the test, and is not explicitly separately assessed at key stage 2. Not all focuses will be appropriate to, or appear in, any one test at any given level.

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## Section 1: Information

1.	Use the Contents to show what is on differ One has been done for you.	
	Assessment focus 2: <i>understand, describe, seled</i> use quotation and referenc	<b>1 mark</b> ct or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and e to text.
	Award 1 mark for all three matched correctly.	
	text	pages
	the introduction	6-7
	an interview	4
	a personal experience of caving	5
	important facts	8-10

2. Find and copy the phrase on page 4 that shows that Daveley Dale caves are very popular.

1 mark

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

Award **1 mark** for any quotation from the following sentence that includes the word 'thousands'. The quotation may be of any length.

Every year thousands of people come here to make a once-in-a-lifetime journey, underground.

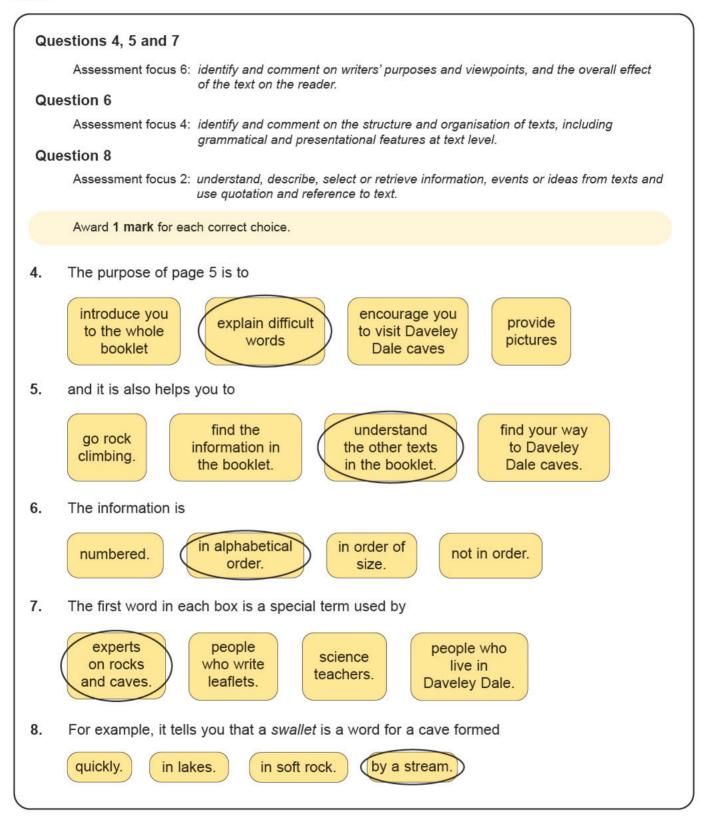
Do not penalise minor copying errors.

3. Why is Daveley Dale a good place for young people to learn caving? *1 mark*Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (simple inference).

Award 1 mark for references to (qualified) instructors or to a safe environment, eg:

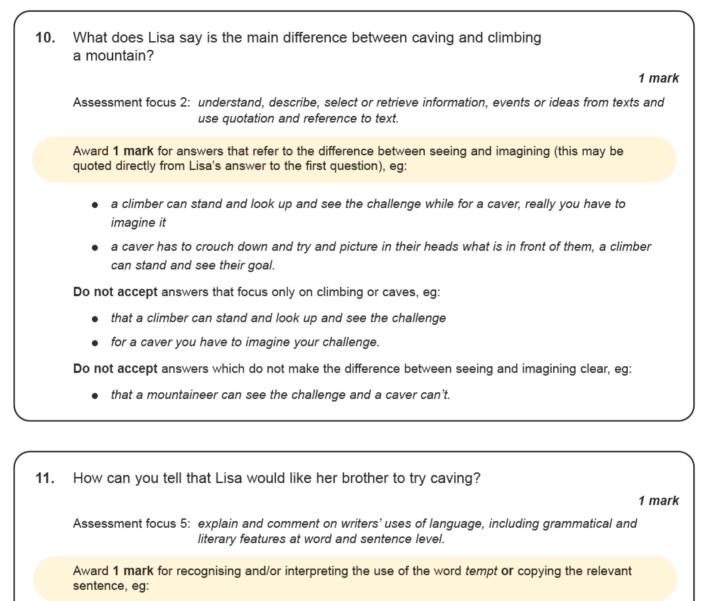
there is an expert to guide them
it's safe

• led by qualified instructors in a safe environment.



### Section 2: An interview with Lisa Clark

Page 6		
9.	In which order did the interviewer organise the interview? Insert numbers in the boxes to show the order. The first one has been done for you.	
	Assessment focus 4: identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level.	1 mark
	Award 1 mark for all four stages correctly numbered.	
	worst moment 4 early childhood memory 2	
	first caving experience 3	
	best moment 5	
	what inspires Lisa to go caving 1	



- she says 'I haven't been able to tempt him'
- she says that she tries to persuade him
- she is trying to get him underground
- she says she can't get him to go underground which suggests that she wants him to.

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Lisa always goes caving with other people.
 Give two reasons from the text why she does this.

#### up to 2 marks

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (simple inference).

Award 1 mark for each valid point made from the categories below, up to a maximum of 2 marks:

- reassurance of another voice (in the darkness), eg:
  - so you can hear a familiar voice
- reliance on others / explicit advantages of teamwork if in danger, eg:
  - something might go wrong and if someone needs help you can help each other when in danger
- identification of a specific danger that is mentioned in the text, eg:
  - in case there are flash floods.

**Do not accept** reference to reassurance without reference to hearing another voice or to teamwork without stating advantages, eg:

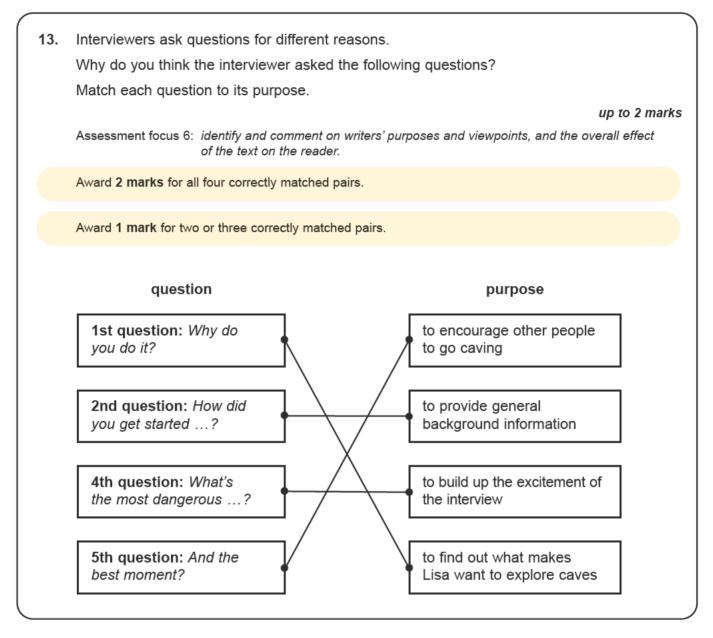
- so she is reassured
- for reassurance
- teamwork / teamwork is good / critical.

Do not accept answers which could relate to any non-hazardous activity, eg:

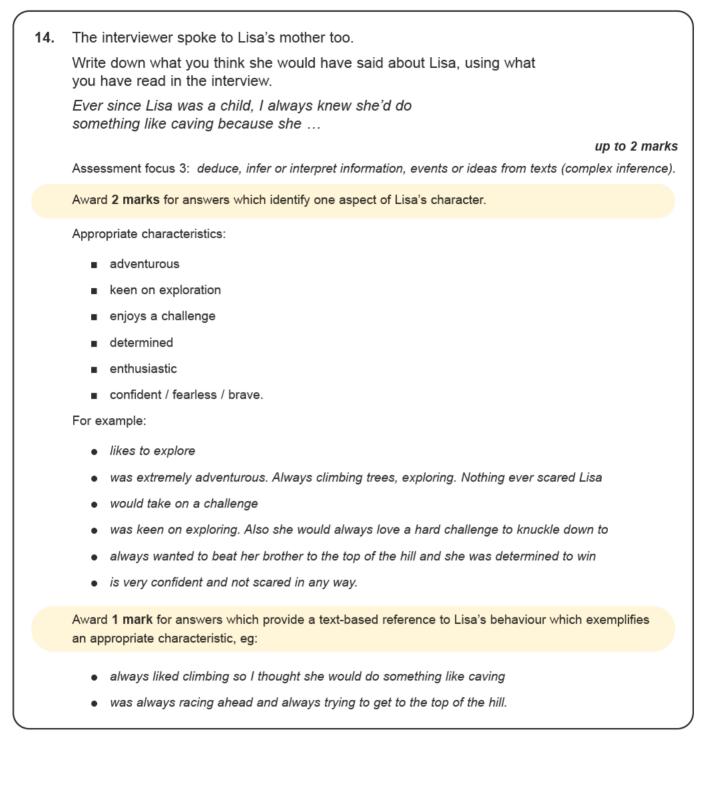
- to keep her company / for safety / getting lost / to encourage her
- you can help each other.

Do not accept a quotation from the text without explanation, eg:

• you really do have to work together.



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### Section 3: Caving ... what lies beneath?

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15. The article is about a caving trip. What is the name of the cave? *1 mark* Assessment focus 2: *understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.*Award 1 mark for:

Giant's Hole.

16a. Underline the sentence that shows that the writer feels very small in the cave.

Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers' uses of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

Award 1 mark for:

■ I am a tiny scrap of meat filling in a colossal rock sandwich.

Also award 1 mark for underlining a significant part of the sentence, eg:

I am a tiny scrap (of meat filling).

**16b.** The writer is lying on his back, looking upwards. What does he say that he can see?

1 mark

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

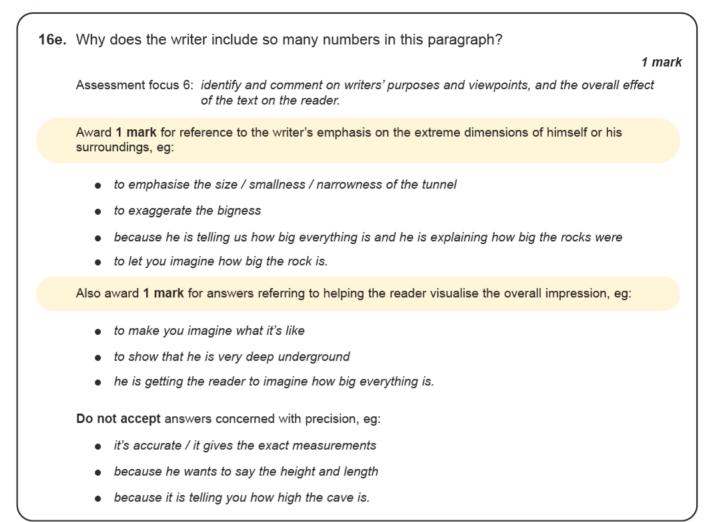
Award 1 mark for references to rock, eg:

- rock / limestone
- another sheet of rock.

Do not accept:

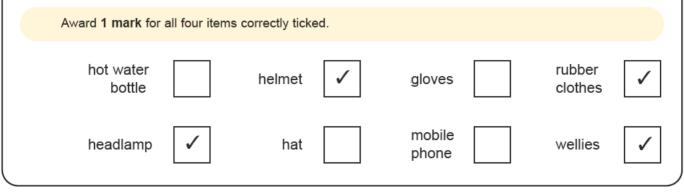
• wet rocks / sheet of wet rock.

	16c.	Find and copy one word that shows that the rock is big.					
		Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.					
		Award <b>1 mark</b> for any of the following:					
■ colossal (rock)							
	<ul> <li>thousands (upon thousands)</li> </ul>						
	■ (thousands of) tons						
		sheet (of rock).					
		Do not accept:					
		thousands upon thousands of tons of rock.					
16d.		Find and copy one word that shows he is not completely certain that the rock is firm.					
		Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.					
		Award 1 mark for:					
		■ fairly.					
		Do not accept:					
		■ fairly solid.					



### 16f. Imagine this What is the effect of starting with these words? 1 mark Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers' uses of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level. Award 1 mark for reference to his attempt to involve the reader in visualising the scene or empathising with the writer, eg: to get the reader to try and see what he's describing to make you picture what it's like to make the reader think they are there it's making you imagine what it's like to be him it gets you to imagine how scary it is. Do not accept undeveloped responses which may refer to and attempt to explain the term 'imagine', eg: getting us to imagine what he's done to get you to think about it to get the reader to feel. Do not accept more general answers, eg: to make it more exciting to make you read on . giving us more detail. 17. What equipment was needed for this caving trip? Tick four items.

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.



1 mark

18. Why does the writer try to keep his voice: deep and calm?

#### 1 mark

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).

Award **1 mark** for answers relating to the author demonstrating his control of fear, for the benefit of others (may be implicit), eg:

- to show he's not scared
- so that Duncan won't know he's scared
- so nobody knows he is worried
- so his friends would stay calm
- so other cavers don't think he is in danger
- so he sounds in control.

Do not accept references to rock fall, eg:

- because if he shouts loudly the rock will crumble
- so that he doesn't cause lots of rock to fall.

Do not accept references to the author needing to keep himself calm, eg:

- so that he doesn't panic
- if he didn't he might panic and slip
- because he is scared.

19. Look at the text underneath the picture on page 9.

What has happened to make the writer stop panicking?

#### 1 mark

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (simple inference).

Award **1** mark for answers referring to the fact that they are no longer stuck in the crevice / they appear to be out of trouble / safe or that Duncan has moved, eg:

- he says he can nearly stand up
- the person who was stuck got out
- Duncan started to move.

Do not accept general answers, eg:

they have become safe.

Do not accept references to the loop, eg:

they have gone on a loop.

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20.	Complete the three thought bubbles to show what the writer is thinking and feeling at three different points in the cave.	
	Assessment focus 3: <i>deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (compl</i> Accept answers written in the 2nd or 3rd person.	ex inference).
20a	. Going in	
200		1 mark
	Award <b>1 mark</b> for answers which provide an appropriate thought / feeling, exclamation or con on the writer's situation.	iment
	Appropriate thoughts / feelings should relate to:	
	<ul> <li>apprehension / nervousness</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>anticipation</li> </ul>	
	■ excitement.	
	Examples:	
	<ul> <li>I am a bit nervous but I'm also excited</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>scared of what lies inside the cave for him and the dangers</li> </ul>	
	• it's so dark!	
	<ul> <li>wow, I can't wait.</li> </ul>	
	Also award <b>1 mark</b> for the following quotation from the text:	
	… the entrance is comfortingly big, wide and tall enough …	
	Do not accept references to sections of text that are not relevant to this particular part of the experience, eg:	
	• wow, it's so beautiful in here.	
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Award <b>1 mark</b> for answers which provide an appropriate thought / feeling, exclamation or comment on the writer's situation. Appropriate thoughts / feelings should relate to:	
Appropriate thoughts / feelings should relate to:	
<ul> <li>fear</li> <li>threat</li> <li>danger</li> <li>regret / concern.</li> </ul> Examples: <ul> <li>help, I'm scared</li> <li>ahh help! I'm stuck. I may never get out</li> <li>why did I do this?</li> </ul>	
Also award <b>1 mark</b> for either of the following quotations from the text:	
<ul> <li>I am a tiny scrap of meat</li> <li> we are in a strange, hostile environment we could die here.</li> <li>Do not accept references to the dark.</li> <li>Do not accept references to sections of text that are not relevant to this particular part of the experience, eg: <ul> <li>I'm having a great time!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>danger</li> <li>regret / concern.</li> <li>Examples:</li> <li>help, I'm scared</li> <li>ahh help! I'm stuck. I may never get out</li> <li>why did I do this?</li> <li>I'm squashed, I can do it, come on.</li> </ul> Also award 1 mark for either of the following quotations from the text: <ul> <li>I am a tiny scrap of meat</li> <li> we are in a strange, hostile environment we could die here.</li> </ul> Do not accept references to the dark. Do not accept references to sections of text that are not relevant to this particular part of the section.

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20c.	Getting out	 1 mark
	Award <b>1 mark</b> for answers which provide an appropriate thought / feeling, exclamation or comment on the writer's situation.	
	Appropriate thoughts / feelings should relate to:    relief  exhilaration  delight  achievement  reflection on experience.  Examples:  finally, we are out  phew, I'm alive. I'm fine. There's nothing wrong and I made it through happy and thinking it wasn't that bad at all, except when I was stuck.	
	Also award <b>1 mark</b> for either of the following quotations from the text:	
	<ul> <li> all four of us beginners were babbling</li> <li>We'd done plenty for one day, thanks.</li> </ul> Do not accept references to sections of text that are not relevant to this particular part of the	
	<ul> <li>experience, eg:</li> <li>he might be taking somebody out of there</li> <li>I want to get out of the cave.</li> </ul>	

**21.** Explain what makes the writer feel scared. Use what you have read in the whole article.

Think about:

- what the writer is doing
- what he thinks might happen.

#### up to 3 marks

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).

Possible points include fear of any of the following which may or may not result in injury or death:

- being lost
- narrowness of tunnels / claustrophobia / suffocation
- fear of being trapped (for a long time)
- possibility of rock fall
- the dark
- being a novice / fear of the unknown
- his smallness compared to vastness of rock / cave complex
- absence of an instructor.

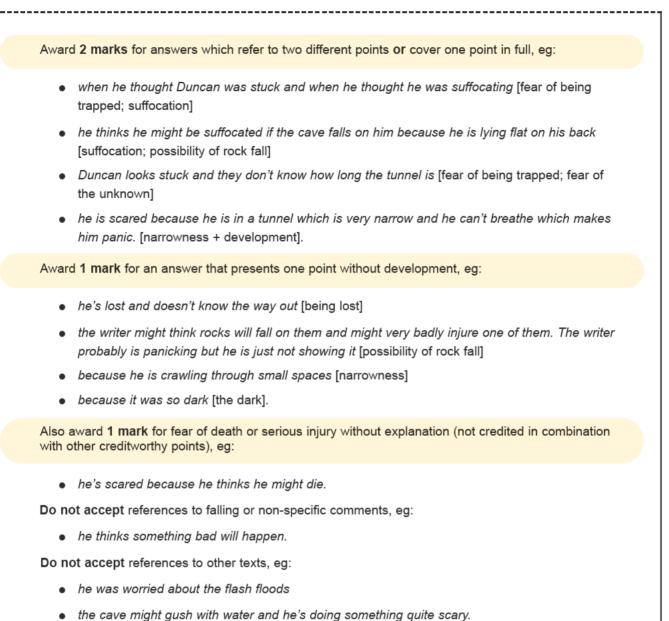
Award **3 marks** for answers which refer to three of the possible points **or** which refer to two points and develop at least one, eg:

- he thinks that he might get stuck and trapped. He is in a place he knows nothing about and he feels small [fear of being trapped; fear of the unknown; his smallness]
- firstly, Duncan hasn t moved in a long time. Secondly, he thinks he's going to suffocate in the tunnel and never see light again. Finally, he thought they were lost and the water was trickling in and was going to drown them [fear of being trapped; suffocation; being lost]
- when Andy the instructor left them alone and directed them Stephen thought that they had gone the wrong way which made him panic. When Stephen could not hear Duncan it made him worried as he didn't know what had happened to him [absence of an instructor; being lost; fear of the unknown]
- what made the writer feel scared was that he felt like he was suffocating and that the tunnels were getting smaller as they went on. He is very scared that the cave could collapse on him. [suffocation + development; possibility of rock fall].

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22. Look at the text on page 10, starting from *And I was struck by the beauty* ... to the end of the article.

Explain the writer's thoughts and feelings.

#### up to 3 marks

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).

Award 1 mark for reference to each of the key points listed below, up to a maximum of 3 marks.

A further mark may be awarded for:

supplementing one of the key points with text-based development.

key point	text-based development
<ul> <li>recognition of the beauty underground (but do not accept simple reference to beauty, as this is given in the question stem)</li> <li>or</li> <li>detail of the beauty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>detail of the beauty he observed (when associated with recognition of beauty underground)</li> <li>he hadn't previously noticed this because he was scared</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>feeling of relief (because he was safe)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>after being underground for some time</li> <li>detail of the danger he had been in</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>feeling of achievement / exhilaration because of what he had done / change in feeling from previously being scared / memorable experience</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>he'd been challenged (and succeeded)</li> <li>delight at being in the open air / being safe again</li> <li>after being underground for some time</li> <li>reflection on the (memorable) experience</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>expectation that he would return</li> </ul>	he says 'those treats could wait'

Examples of 3 mark answers:

- *he thought Wow I am so pleased I struggled to reach an amazing sight like this! He feels overwhelmed, excited and would love to do it again!* [recognition of the beauty underground; feeling of achievement; expectation that he would return]
- this is amazing, this is fantastic. I can't believe I made it here, it seems like everything is covered in candle wax [recognition of the beauty underground + text-based development; feeling of achievement]
- because he was relieved that the scary part was over he started to realise the beauty and wonder of the cave and he felt much better [feeling of relief + text-based development; recognition of beauty underground].

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Examples of 2 mark answers:

• *he was amazed by the beauty of the caves and when he emerged he was exhilarated* [recognition of the beauty underground; exhilaration]

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- he was amazed at the beauty of the caves. The fronds were as big as his hands and they were made of coral [recognition of the beauty underground + text-based development]
- Wow this place is amazing and beautiful. I'm really enjoying this. I ought to do this again sometime. [recognition of the beauty underground; expectation that he would return].

Examples of 1 mark answers:

- surprised in a good way, happy and inspired to do more caving [expectation that he would return]
- by the end he thought about what he had achieved and he was happy with himself [feeling of achievement]
- I am going to be OK because I am with Andy and thank goodness, I thought I might never get out [feeling of relief].

Do not accept direct quotation from this section of text without any explanation or expansion.

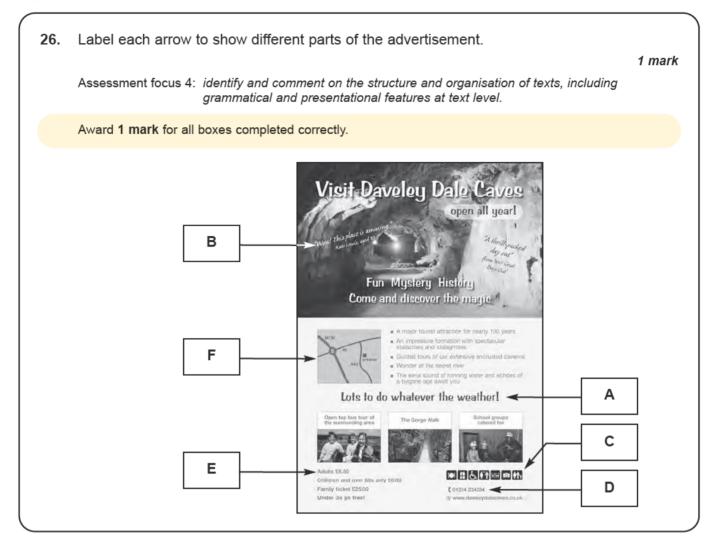
### Section 4: The advertisement

23.	How much does a	family ticket cost?	)
		1 mark	
	Assessment focus 2:	understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.	
	Award 1 mark for:		
	∎ £25		

24.	Page 11 was written to make everyone interested in visiting Daveley Dale.				
	Find and copy one part following people.	rt of the advertisement that attracts the			
	a. people interested	in rocks	1 mark		
	b. teachers		1 mark		
Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.					
	people interested in rocks	Award <b>1 mark</b> for any of: (spectacular) stalactites and/or stalagmites encrusted caverns impressive formation			
	teachers	Award 1 mark for either: school groups (catered for) guided tours			
Do not penalise minor copying errors.					

25.	The advertisement is designed to attract people to Daveley Dale. Why does it include quotations from visitors?			
	<i>up to 2 marks</i> Assessment focus 6: <i>identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect</i> of the text on the reader.			
	Award <b>2 marks</b> for answers which explain that the quotations function as a recommendation from other people, eg:			
	<ul> <li>so you know what people who have been there think of it</li> <li>so they can tell you how good it is</li> <li>to tell you people think it's good</li> <li>to show you which age groups enjoyed it.</li> </ul>			
	Award <b>1 mark</b> for reference to the quotations encouraging <b>more</b> people to visit or to being convincing or giving a positive general impression, eg:			
	<ul> <li>to attract more people</li> <li>to show how enjoyable / fun / good it is</li> <li>to make it sound really good.</li> </ul>			
	Do not accept responses which are based closely on the question, eg:			

• to persuade you to visit / to attract people to come.

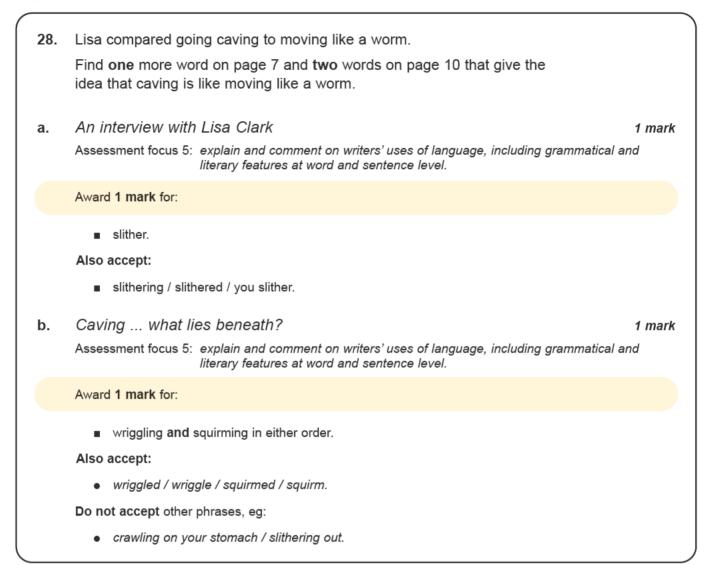


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### Section 5: The whole booklet

27.	Sentences have been left out of each of the texts you have read.					
	Draw lines to match each sentence to the text you think it came from.					
	up to 2 marks					
	Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).					
	Award 2 marks for all four matched correctly.					
	Award <b>1 mark</b> for two or three matched correctly.					
	It will be the best day					
	of your holiday!					
	Creeping forward is					
	agony.					
	What will be your next					
	challenge? Article by Stephen Bleach					
	Crampon: Hook used					
	for climbing and caving.					

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#### 29a. Which text do you think might encourage someone to visit a cave?

Tick one.

Explain your choice.

up to 2 marks

Assessment focus 6: *identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.* 

Award **2 marks** for reference to an appropriate and positive feature of a text that is specific to that text only, eg:

- it tells you how fun and dangerous it can be at the same time not like the article that is just danger (interview)
- it talks about going to places that no one has been to before (interview)
- it gives information about the geology and what you could see (article)
- *it tells you everything you can do and when it's open and the prices, because you want to feel the excitement like the quotations did* (advertisement)
- it says a girl aged 10 really liked it, I'm 11 (advertisement)
- it has positive language, nothing negative, and it makes you want to be there (advertisement)
- it says it costs £25 for a family and that is cheap for a whole day out (advertisement).

Award **1 mark** for reference to an appropriate and positive feature of a text that could apply to more than one text, eg:

- it's very beautiful / awe-inspiring (all texts)
- it sounds very exciting / worthwhile (all texts)
- it explains the physical challenge (article / interview)
- because it gives you the information about caves (all texts)
- because it says what fun it is (interview / advertisement).

**Do not accept** answers which simply refer to the persuasive purpose of the advertisement **or** simply refer to the cost stated in the advertisement without further explanation **or** which paraphrase the question.

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29b. Which text do you think might put someone off visiting a cave?

Tick one.

Explain your choice.

up to 2 marks

Assessment focus 6: *identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.* 

Award 2 marks for reference to an appropriate feature of a text that is specific to that text only, eg:

- because the fast flood comes and you could drown (interview)
- it shows it can be dangerous underground. They got stuck in the cave (article)
- it makes them scared, they are very scared (article)
- it would be crowded with lots of people and because it is quite expensive (advertisement).

Award 1 mark for reference to an appropriate feature of a text that could apply to more than one text, eg:

- it shows it can be uncomfortable / wet / cramped (interview / article)
- where it tells us the bad parts (interview / article)
- it shows it can be dangerous (interview / article).

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# The writing test

There are two mark schemes, one for the longer task *Record Breaker* (pages 40–43); the other for the shorter task *Charity Choice* (pages 58–59).

#### Assessment focuses for writing

The aspects of writing to be assessed are pupils' ability to:

- 1. write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts
- 2. produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose
- 3. organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events
- 4. construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs
- 5. vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect
- 6. write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences
- 7. select appropriate and effective vocabulary (this is not assessed separately, but contributes to text structure and organisation and composition and effect)
- 8. use correct spelling (assessed through the spelling test).

#### The mark scheme strands

For the purpose of marking the writing, related assessment focuses have been drawn together into three strands:

- sentence structure and punctuation
- text structure and organisation
- composition and effect.

For the longer task, the strands are organised as follows:

	Assessment focuses
<ul> <li>sentence structure and punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect</li> <li>write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>text structure and organisation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events</li> <li>construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>composition and effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts</li> <li>produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose.</li> </ul>

Handwriting is assessed in the longer task. The marking criteria are shown in section F on page 43.

For the shorter task, the strands are organised as follows:

	Assessment focuses
<ul> <li>sentence structure, punctuation and text organisation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect</li> <li>write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences</li> <li>construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>composition and effect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts</li> <li>produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose.</li> </ul>

The criteria encourage positive recognition of achievement in writing. Pupils do not necessarily develop uniformly across these categories, and the strands allow separate judgements to be made about the relative strengths and weaknesses of a pupil's work.

#### **Marking procedures**

The criteria for each strand identify typical characteristics of pupils' work in different bands. When marking, it is helpful first to identify which bands are most relevant to the writing and then refine the judgement to a mark within a band. Criteria from lower bands that are also applicable to higher bands should be seen as relevant to higher band descriptors. For example, the criterion *Sentences are mostly grammatically sound* appears in Band A3. However, grammatical soundness should also be taken to be an underlying feature of performance at Band A4 and Band A5, even though it is not explicitly stated at these bands.

Where organisational devices are used to structure a piece of writing (eg *firstly, secondly, finally; furthermore; consequently*), credit should be given for evidence of effective and appropriate use. However, indiscriminate use of such devices (ie where the devices are not integrated meaningfully into the writing) should not be regarded as a positive feature of performance.

The annotations on the example scripts show how to look for features in the writing, and the summary boxes show how to weigh these features to reach a mark.

Where the writing clearly does not meet the criteria for Band 1, a mark of 0 should be awarded.

Pupils will be expected to follow the prompt very carefully, especially in content and form. Pupils whose writing is unrelated to the prompt will not be credited with any marks for composition and effect. Those pupils who do not maintain the form throughout the piece, for example a non-fiction piece becoming narrative, will not have access to the full range of marks for composition and effect.

#### Marking the writing

A set of annotated scripts, written by year 6 pupils during the English pre-tests, is presented here to support judgements of the writing. Scripts are reproduced without corrections to spelling.

### The longer task: Record Breaker

The prompt requires pupils to imagine that three local children have broken world records, and the task is to write a report for the local newspaper about one such record-breaking event. Ideas for content are given in the form of basic information about the three children's records; however, the prompt makes it clear that the final choice is left to the writer's imagination. Support for the development of content and the organisation of the newspaper report is supplied on the planning page; the pupil answer pages suggest newspaper presentation with a headline and image of a trophy. Better performances are distinguished by effective adaptation of content and structure to engage the newspaper's readership and generate interest in the situation surrounding the record-breaking event.



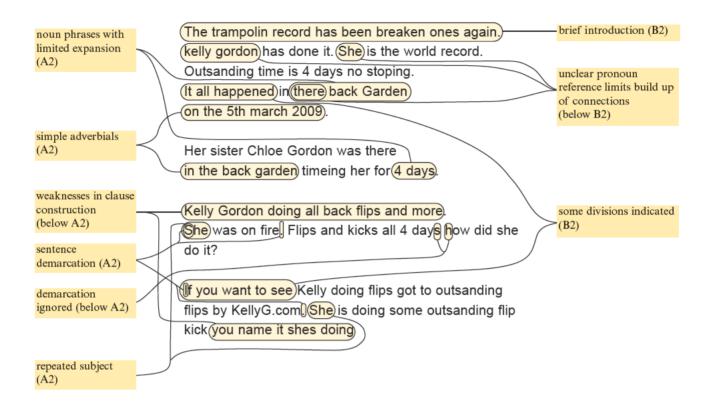
### Mark scheme for the longer task: Record Breaker

SECTION A	SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND PUNCTUATION Assessment focuses: vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences
Band A1	<ul> <li>Clauses usually grammatically accurate. Some simple sentences, often brief, starting with a subject + verb (<i>Sam went</i>). Clauses mostly joined with <i>and</i>, <i>but</i>, <i>then</i>, <i>so</i>.</li> <li>Sentences sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops.</li> </ul>
	1 mark
Band A2	<ul> <li>Subjects and verbs often simple and frequently repeated (<i>he</i>, <i>it</i>, <i>goes</i>, <i>plays</i>). Simple connectives <i>and</i>, <i>but</i>, <i>then</i>, <i>so</i>, <i>when</i> link clauses. Some sentence variation created, eg simple adverbials (<i>at the sports centre</i>, <i>Today</i>). Noun phrases mostly simple (<i>the judges</i>) with some limited expansion (<i>a young boy</i>).</li> <li>Full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks mostly accurate; commas used in lists.</li> </ul>
	2-3 marks
Band A3	<ul> <li>Sentences are mostly grammatically sound. Some variety in subordinating connectives: because, if (because he wanted it for ages). Adverbials (when it was raining), modal verbs (could, would) and expanded noun phrases (the community centre in the middle of town) add variety. Tense choice generally appropriate. Some variation of subjects (Her friends, the money). Some adverbs, eg to indicate writer's attitude towards the situation (Luckily, happily).</li> <li>Most sentences correctly demarcated; some commas mark phrases or clauses. If used, inverted commas</li> </ul>
	demarcate the beginning and end of direct speech, correctly on most occasions.
	4–5 marks
Band A4	• Simple and complex sentences with some variety of connectives, eg <i>while</i> , <i>although</i> , <i>until</i> . Expansion of phrases and clauses adds detail ( <i>the people who were waiting on the beach</i> ). Range of verb forms develops meaning and maintains appropriate tense choice ( <i>had been able to</i> ). Additional words and phrases contribute to shades of meaning, eg adverbs ( <i>particularly</i> ).
	• Range of punctuation used, almost always correctly, eg brackets, dashes, colons. Full punctuation of
	direct speech, if used. 6-7 marks
Band A5	<ul> <li>Length and focus of sentences varied to express subtleties in meaning and to focus on key ideas, eg passive (will be rewarded). Sentences may include controlled use of several subordinate clauses (playing with the team that's sure to win the next championship) sometimes for economy of expression. Word order to create emphasis (As interesting as this is).</li> <li>Range of punctuation, with little omission, to give clarity.</li> </ul>
	• Kange of punctuation, with little omission, to give clarity. 8 marks

SECTION B	TEXT STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION
	Assessment focuses: organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events
	construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs
Band B1	• Ideas grouped into sequences of sentences; may follow a simple chronology. Use of third person may not be consistent. Beginning or end may be marked by simple narrative phrases ( <i>One day</i> ).
	• Simple connectives used ( <i>and</i> , <i>and then</i> ). Some connection between sentences, eg pronouns referring to the same person or thing.
	1 mark
Band B2	• Text structure overall is simple: some events organised into a basic sequence; brief introduction or ending. Some divisions between events indicated ( <i>Next</i> , <i>On Saturday</i> ).
	• Connections are built up by reference to events or people ( <i>Ben / he</i> ). Other relationships within and between sentences may be used, eg contrast ( <i>but they cost a lot of money</i> ).
	2–3 marks
Band B3	• The newspaper report is organised: paragraphs or sections are logically sequenced, although transitions may be awkward. Shifts in time and place help shape the text and guide the reader, eg by introducing a new section ( <i>His next record will be</i> ).
	• Within paragraphs or sections, content may be developed around a main sentence. Paragraphs or sections organised to expand a particular event or topic, eg comments from friends. Connections within paragraphs or sections maintained, eg through ongoing references ( <i>Sarah / her sister</i> ).
	4–5 marks
Band B4	• Overall organisation of the newspaper report is supported by paragraphs or sections which enable coherent development and control of content across the text. Relationships between paragraphs or sections give structure to the whole text, eg links make structure between topics clear.
	• Within paragraphs or sections, main ideas are developed with relevant detail or examples, eg a paragraph gives detail about a significant event. Reference to people / events / settings sometimes varied to avoid repetition ( <i>the 8 year old / the youngster</i> ).
	6–7 marks
Band B5	• Sequencing of paragraphs or sections contributes to overall effectiveness. The structure of the newspaper report is controlled across the text. Chronology may be interrupted for effect, eg inclusion of comments, or quotations from the record breaker or record breaker's family. Individual paragraphs or sections are varied in length and structure.
	• Each paragraph or section has a clear focus, and content is organised. Connection between ideas developed, eg by reference or contrast within the paragraph ( <i>Although everyone told her to stop</i> ). <b>8 marks</b>

SECTION C	COMPOSITION AND EFFECT Assessment focuses: write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose
Band C1	• A simple recount based on the prompt; conventional narrative form may be evident.
	• Some detail included to interest the reader (11 years old).
	1–2 marks
Band C2	<ul> <li>Form is a simple report; coverage may be unbalanced. Some detail or description of events; some explanation (took place in Manchester). May contain elements / features of a spoken news report.</li> <li>Writing shows evidence of viewpoint: the account suggests some attitude, eg positive reaction to the record breaker (the class were happy, it was great).</li> <li>Word choice often general (other boys) with some detail (five hours and 45 minutes). Level of</li> </ul>
	formality may be inconsistent.
	3–5 marks
Band C3	<ul> <li>The form of a newspaper report is maintained: balance between report of events and comments. Content developed to engage reader, eg through quotations or reported comments about the record breaker ("We always knew she was a brilliant swimmer!").</li> <li>Viewpoint is established and maintained, eg the record breaker depicted as unusually talented (shocked at how long she did it for).</li> <li>Some straightforward stylistic features used to support purpose, eg informative word choice (certificate, measured), description of feelings (proud, thrilled).</li> <li>6–8 marks</li> </ul>
Band C4	<ul> <li>Content adapted, eg important events told through the record breaker's own words (<i>when the buzzer went my heart was thumping</i>), appeals to the newspaper's readers (<i>Be sure to pick up the next issue</i>).</li> <li>Viewpoint is established and controlled, eg the reporter appears well informed (<i>represent England</i>, <i>Ali's mother Julie</i>).</li> <li>Some stylistic features add emphasis and interest, eg precise language (<i>beaten the previous record by five</i>), emotive vocabulary for effect (<i>staggering, applause thundered</i>).</li> <li>9–11 marks</li> </ul>
Band C5	<ul> <li>Choice and placing of content is informed by purpose, eg writer prioritises significant comments and information.</li> <li>Viewpoint well controlled, eg reporter's portrayal of events encourages reader to interpret the news events in a particular way (<i>One disgruntled resident said</i>).</li> <li>A repres of stulictic features, or complex provements stule physicing (<i>Ichu'a D ed. father of three d</i>).</li> </ul>
	• A range of stylistic features, eg concise newspaper style phrasing (John's Dad, father of three, a lifetime player himself from Pinner), patterning, figurative language.
	12 marks

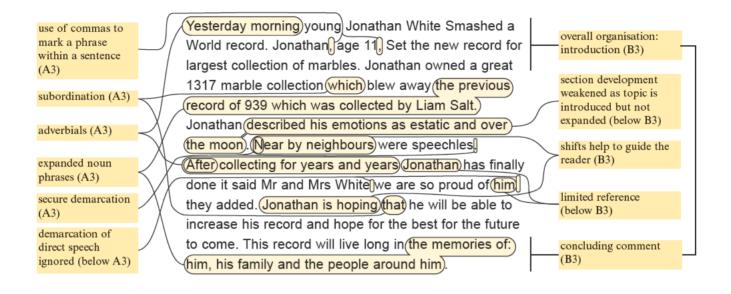
SECTION F	HANDWRITING
	All pupils need to develop a serviceable handwriting style which is legible, clear and encourages the reader to engage with what has been written.
	This assessment of handwriting is based on pupils' ability to write legibly and fluently in a sustained piece of writing.
	Judgements will be made on the basis of the legibility and clarity of the handwriting throughout the longer task, supported by a closer look at the size and position of words and letters.
Band F1	The handwriting is legible and shows some features of regularity in size and spacing. However, overall the script is disjointed and uneven.
	1 mark
Band F2	Overall, the handwriting is regular with some flow and movement. Letters and words are usually appropriate in size and position but there is some variation.
	2 marks
Band F3	The handwriting is consistent and fluent with letters and words appropriately placed. The handwriting maintains a personal style to engage the reader.
	3 marks



SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION Summary Mainly simple sentences, with some limited variation provided by adverbials, and some expanded noun phrases	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>A simple report of Kelly's record breaking achievement; occasional description of events (<i>4 days no stoping, timeing her</i>) (C2).</li> <li>Some evidence of the writer's attitude towards Kelly (<i>back flips and more</i>) (C2).</li> <li>Some vocabulary for interest (<i>back flips, on fire</i>) weakened by repetition (<i>Outsanding, flips</i>) (C2).</li> </ul>	TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION Summary The overall text structure is straightforward with evidence of a simple opening and some divisions, indicating
suggest award in Band A2. There is some evidence of correct sentence demarcation; however, inaccuracies elsewhere in demarcation and clause construction keep the mark to the lower in the band.	Summary This straightforward report, about a girl breaking a trampolining record, relies on mainly simple language choices; inclusion of some detail and the writer's viewpoint provide further evidence for Band C2. More use of detail to interest and a reduction in the repetition of content would be necessary for the award of a higher mark in the band.	award in Band B2. However, the simplicity of references and ambiguity in pronoun use limit the award to the lower mark in the band.
Band A2 – 2 marks	Band C2 – 3 marks	Band B2 – 2 marks

sentence demarcation (A2)
This breathtaking event)was took Place at the one and only London Park. It was a sunny wendnesday evening
noun phrases with limited expansion (A2)       and everybody from every street came to watch the 500m London bike race 2010!
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repeated subject (A2) Doing 10 mins per 100m the crowed was shocked with sentences (B2)
excitment!!! A shocking attempt made by one of the other racers tried to knock young sam over, luckly (sam)was going too fast for him!
simple noun phrases (A2) (Sam eventuly met the finish line) the crowed was amazed for (Sam) had bet the record for doing 500m in
just 50 min! I cant believe I bet the world record for 500m in 50 min! (Sam) replied looking very tired. Whilst
comma in a list (A2)       carrying the shiny golden trophy home (the crowd)         looked gobsmacked! (What an amazing, breathtaking)       attempt at ending (B2)         (race)!       (B2)

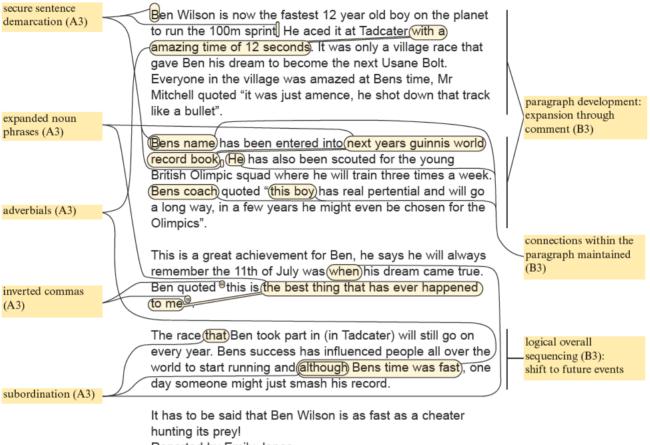
SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION Summary The use of noun phrases with some expansion together with simple adverbials suggests award in Band A2. Although there is overuse of exclamation marks, the presence of a comma in a list and mostly accurate sentence demarcation justifies the higher mark in the band.	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>The report includes some description (<i>sam was going too fast</i>) and explanation (<i>could never catch up</i>) of how the record was broken (C2).</li> <li>Viewpoint is evident through comments on reactions to Sam's achievement (<i>the crowed was amazed</i>) (C2).</li> <li>Some detail is given (<i>shocked, tired, shiny, golden trophy</i>). Some language choices are formal (<i>compediters</i>) and some are less formal (<i>gobsmacked</i>) (C2).</li> </ul>	TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION         Summary         Evidence of references within and between sentences builds connection in the text and indicates award in Band B2. The higher
	Summary In this simple report about a bike race, the inclusion of detail and some careful word choice help to provide some development of the events leading up to Sam's world record. These features, supported by evidence of a point of view, are sufficient to merit the highest mark in Band C2. Greater consistency of style would be necessary for an award in the next band.	mark is confirmed by features of simple overall structure, including an introduction and divisions within the event sequence.
Band A2 – 3 marks	Band C2 – 5 marks	Band B2 – 3 marks



SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION Summary	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Several aspects of Jonathan's record breaking collection are presented in newspaper form, with some detail (<i>great 1317</i>) (C3); content development is restricted in some places (below C3).</li> </ul>	TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION Summary
The use of expanded noun phrases, subordination and adverbials suggests an award in Band A3. Evidence of mostly secure	<ul> <li>An attitude of admiration towards the record breaker is maintained (<i>speechles, so proud</i>) (C3).</li> <li>Some vocabulary choices support newspaper form and create interest (<i>Smashed, blew away, estatic</i>) (C3).</li> </ul>	Overall organisation of ideas with an introduction, grouping of content and a conclusion suggests award in Band B3. However, limited use
sentence demarcation and correct comma usage confirm Band A3; inclusion of inverted commas to demarcate the direct speech would be necessary for the higher mark in the band.	Summary This account of a marble collecting record, though brief, maintains the form of a newspaper report, holds a consistent point of view and includes some carefully chosen vocabulary. Despite limited development of content, there is just enough evidence, overall, to merit award of the lowest mark in Band C3.	of reference and some missed opportunities to expand relevant topics within sections keep the mark to the lower in the band.
Band A3 – 4 marks	Band C3 – 6 marks	Band B3 – 4 marks

#### TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

AS FAST AS A CHEATER

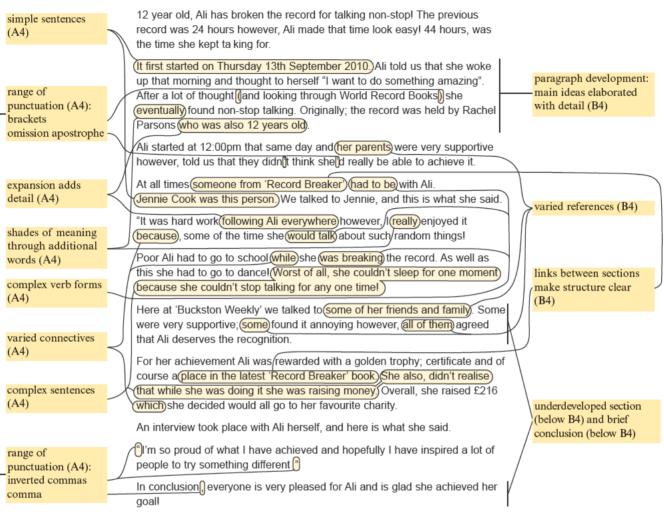


Reported by Emily Jones

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION Summary Sentence structure is developed by the use of subordination, adverbials and expanded noun phrases, suggesting award in Band A3. Although	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Newspaper form maintained through the balance of reporting (only a village race that gave Ben his dream) and quotation (this boy has real pertential and will go a long way) and the use of the headline in the report (as fast as a cheater) (C3).</li> <li>Viewpoint is maintained: Ben is portrayed as exceptionally talented (the next Usane Bolt) (C3).</li> <li>The level of formality is consistent (scouted, influenced) and word choice is informative (British Olimpic squad, 11th of July). Some</li> </ul>	TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION         Summary         Within sections, there is evidence of topic development and expansion through the use of comments, quotations and ongoing
the use of commas to mark divisions is not secure, mostly accurate sentence demarcation and inverted commas to indicate speech justify the higher mark in the band.	In this developed newspaper report, detailed information and comments establish a positive impression towards Ben and his record breaking achievement, leading to award in Band C3. The use of style supports the informative purpose, justifying the highest mark in the band.	references, indicating award in Band B3. The overall organisation of the text, shown through logical sequencing, confirms the higher mark.
Band A3 – 5 marks	Band C3 – 8 marks	Band B3 – 5 marks

#### TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

An amazing record has been broken!



Reported by Lucy Turner

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION Summary	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Adaptation of newspaper form (<i>Here at 'Buckston Weekly'</i>) together with appeal to reader (<i>told us</i>) and relevant comment (<i>she would talk about such random things!</i>) (C4).</li> </ul>	TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION Summary
Sentence variation, in the form of simple and complex sentences, additional words, expansion and complex verb forms suggests	<ul> <li>The viewpoint of the writer is well informed (<i>The previous record was, Originally; the record was held by</i>) (C4).</li> <li>Some emotive language (<i>Poor Ali, inspired</i>) (C4); other word choice is repetitive (<i>achievement, achieved, very supportive</i>).</li> </ul>	The use of varied references and the links between sections to structure the text suggest award in Band B4. Despite the development
award in Band A4. Although there are some inaccuracies, a range of punctuation is used correctly which confirms the award of the higher mark in the band.	Summary This piece provides a thorough and informative report of Ali's record breaking achievement of non-stop talking. The presentation of relevant first-hand comments from different sources supports the approach and engages the reader, justifying award in Band C4. Less repetitive use of vocabulary would be necessary for the highest mark in the band.	of main ideas within some paragraphs, weaknesses in the development of other paragraphs limit the mark to the lower in the band.
Band A4 – 7 marks	Band C4 – 10 marks	Band B4 – 6 marks

range of punctuation (A5): dash commas to mark phrases omission apostrophes	sterday, Guiness World Records made a Local 10 year old a record breaker. e record, Continuous Trampolining, stood at 2 days, 3 hours and 23 minutes a terific feat achived by 2004 Hurdles olympic gold medal winner, Iva nningstreak was 18 years of age at the time of her record breaking bouncing ree. organ Jump the local child who beat the record was still trampolining when r reporter got there. Beads of sweat trickling down his forhead, he looked ore determined than anyone that our reporter had ever seen before. He was a ember of his village (Balahanna) trampolining and athletics club (but, parently, had never bounced non-stop for anywhere near as long), although had the local record at 2 hours and 32 minutes.	contrast within —paragraph supports focus ( <b>B</b> 5)
focus of sentence varied for emphasis (A5) range of punctuation	ir other reporter James Cooper, travelled to Winton, the home of the ex- cord holder, Iva Winningstreak, to find her glaring at the TV Screen. Now 21, e thinks she could beat this "little lucky kid" easily. On the TV she was glaring was live footage from Morgan's house. JU ve searched all of the channels on / <digi.box>, she told our/guy at her house angrily, "But I still cannot find y channels which don't have that irritating kid on it except for <channel 1=""> and hannel 2&gt;. I didn't get a response to my record anything like that!" hen our reporter kindly explained that it was because he was so young, Iva ned red and glared at him, so he hurriedly thanked her for her time and ited swiftly.</channel></digi.box>	chronology interrupted for effect (B5): inclusion of Iva's reaction
possessive hou	eanwhile, back at Morgan s house. In his backyard to be exact, 4 days, 22 urs and 7 minutes in his record breaking bounce, he exhaustedly threw in the vel to meet a huge round of applause. While Medics made sure he wasn't ffering from dehydration (he had been eating energy food and drinking <a< td=""><td>varied paragraph length and structure (B5)</td></a<>	varied paragraph length and structure (B5)
controlled use of	orts drink-(), We interviewed his mother. She told us that it had all started ien he wouldn't come in for supper and he had refused to stop bouncing. hen he explained to his mum that he was going for the World record, she in't believe him and told him not to be silly, but after 8 hours bouncing without even breaking sweat, she started to believe him.	
dec	e would have interviewed him, but after almost 5 days with no sleep, we cided to let him rest in peace.	structure controlled across text (B5): return to Morgan's story
emphasis (A5) nev inc	me. He was flabbergasted by this 'Trampolining Triumph' and told our wspaper that: "What this young man did in the past few days was an cred ble feat of endurance. The fact that this was achived by a ten year old is yond belief, but true!"	
(A5): short sentence for effect Ne rea	there you are then: The impossible proved poss ble by a ten year old. Il anybody beat him?? Ext week, keep reading for the NTAUS (National trampolining association) action to this epic Record as well as interviewing Morgan Jump. Remember, s story is exclusive to us!	paragraph focus (B5): reference to next issue
SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION Summary	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Adaptation to chosen newspaper readership includes exaggeration for effect (<i>flabbergasted</i>, <i>impossible proved possible</i>, <i>epic Record</i>), characterisation (<i>I still cannot find any channels which don't have that irritating kid on it except for (channel 1</i>)) and address to reader (<i>keep</i>)</li> </ul>	TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION Summary
Variation in focus of sentences and word order, and the controlled use of several subordinate clauses, give evidence for award in Band A5. Accurate use of a range of punctuation helps to clarify meaning and confirms the award of	<ul> <li>reading, exclusive to us) (C5).</li> <li>The portrayal of Iva's jealousy (glaring, angrily, turned red) emphasises the positive image of Morgan (determined, refused to stop bouncing) (C5).</li> <li>Stylistic features support adaptation of newspaper form: colloquial phrases (threw in the towel, rest in peace), casual language (she told our guy), patterning (record breaking bouncing spree) (C5).</li> </ul>	Control of overall text structure, shown by interruption of events for effect, indicates award in Band B5. This feature, combined with the placing of ideas for contrast and clear paragraph focus, secures the award of the
the top mark.	Summary In this successful and entertaining newspaper report about a trampolining record, the writer adapts the newspaper form and style to appeal to a chosen readership. The control of viewpoint encourages the reader to interpret the characters in a particular way. These features, in combination, provide ample evidence for the highest mark (Band C5).	highest mark.
Band A5 – 8 marks	Band C5 – 12 marks	Band B5 – 8 marks

#### Handwriting examples

#### Example awarded 1 mark

The handwriting is legible and shows some features of regularity in size and spacing. However, overall the script is disjointed and uneven.

The world record for the longost time Without BROKEN! baining has been been Silent for a year Norgan and SX Months. He Started when he was ten and it all the way to his birthday, 7 th of July 200 Hewas happy nave P benten Sormers winner but he was Surjos bur got "I. Somais at disqualified. The only way he comunicated was through a note pad and pen, even in School! This is What he said during the interier: I Was glod I won the world record "the negs" trophey 15 I mace this up Muill break the world record for Most world record trophay's. I don't really about the Sampe 1 Just corre that 1 acrievel Care Something biq

#### Example awarded 1 mark

The handwriting is legible and shows some features of regularity in size and spacing. However, overall the script is disjointed and uneven.

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#### Example awarded 2 marks

Overall, the handwriting is regular with some flow and movement. Letters and words are usually appropriate in size and position but there is some variation.

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#### Example awarded 2 marks

Overall, the handwriting is regular with some flow and movement. Letters and words are usually appropriate in size and position but there is some variation.

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#### Example awarded 3 marks

The handwriting is consistent and fluent with letters and words appropriately placed. The handwriting maintains a personal style to engage the reader.

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#### Example awarded 3 marks

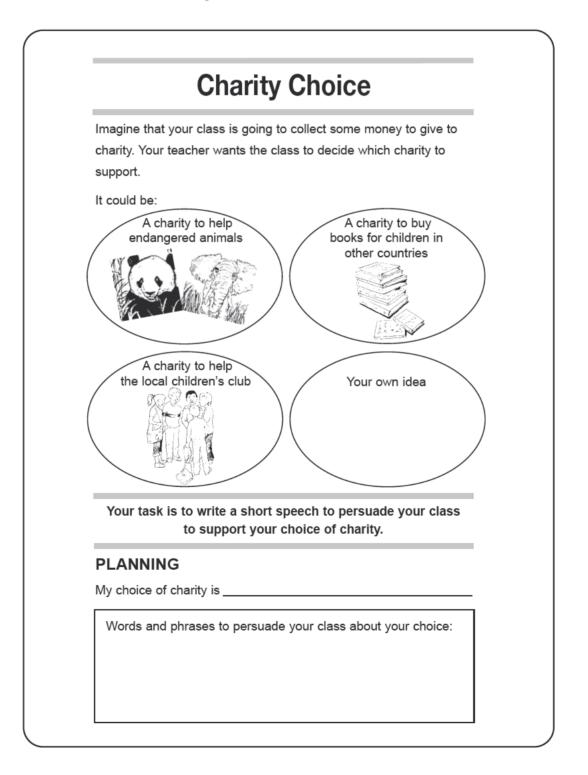
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### The shorter task: Charity Choice

In this prompt, pupils are asked to imagine that their teacher has asked them to help decide on a class charity. The task is to write a speech with the purpose of persuading classmates to support their choice. Three illustrated charity options are presented, but it is clear that pupils are free to decide on their own selection. The planning space helps with decision making and encourages the writer to think about how to persuade their class. Better performances are distinguished by the use of carefully constructed sentences, precise vocabulary and a convincing viewpoint within a style of address that effectively persuades the classmates to share the concerns and convictions of the speech-maker.



### Mark scheme for the shorter task: Charity Choice

SECTION D	SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION AND TEXT ORGANISATION Assessment focuses: vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs
Band D1	<ul> <li>Clauses usually grammatically accurate, mostly joined with <i>and</i>, <i>then</i>, <i>so</i>. Some simple sentences, often a brief sequence starting with subject + verb (<i>We need</i>). Some connections between sentences, eg pronouns (<i>The animals   they</i>).</li> <li>Sentences sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops.</li> </ul>
	1 mark
Band D2	<ul> <li>Simple connectives and, but, or, so, when link clauses. Subjects and verbs frequently repeated (It is). Noun phrases mostly simple (the forest) with simple expansion (the new buildings). Some sentences expanded with simple adverbials (now, at school). Connections between sentences built up (no more of them).</li> <li>Full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks mostly accurate; commas used in lists.</li> </ul>
	2 marks
Band D3	• Sentences are mostly grammatically sound. Some subordination, eg because, if (if we give our money). Adverbials (when we decide) and expanded noun phrases (the first charity on the scene) vary construction of sentences. Varied modals (could, might, would). Tense choice is generally consistent and appropriate. Some variation in subjects (the panda, bamboo, their babies). Ideas developed within sections. Connections between ideas maintained through ongoing reference (another example).
	• Most sentences correctly demarcated; some commas mark phrases or clauses.
	3 marks
Band D4	• Simple and complex sentences with varied connectives, eg <i>which</i> , <i>until</i> , <i>although</i> (a mosquito net which costs about £15). Expanded phrases and clauses express ideas economically (who don't have access to books or a proper education). Main ideas supported by organisation of sentences and/or sections of text (I hope this has made you think).
	• Range of punctuation used, almost always correctly, eg brackets, dashes, colons.
	4 marks

SECTION E	COMPOSITION AND EFFECT
	Assessment focuses: write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts
	produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose
Band E1	• A short series of observations or comments about the selected charity, or a list of its attributes.
	• Detail sometimes included, eg simple description (no food to eat).
	1 mark
Band E2	• An informative account; content may include brief coverage of several aspects ( <i>cutting down trees</i> , <i>better jobs</i> ). Some features may be listed and/or repetitive. Some simple appeal ( <i>please help</i> ).
	• Writing shows evidence of viewpoint, eg evaluative comment ( <i>really good</i> ).
	• Some vocabulary describes selected charity ( <i>active</i> , <i>special</i> ) although other references are general ( <i>some money</i> , <i>their things</i> ).
	2–3 marks
Band E3	• Coverage is balanced, eg includes several aspects relating to the charity with development / examples
Dund Eo	( <i>pencils for children who want to draw</i> ). Detail supports informative and/or persuasive purpose ( <i>honey bees, collecting small bits of cloth</i> ).
	• Viewpoint established and maintained, eg the writer's positive attitude to selected charity is evident ( <i>help them live a normal life</i> ).
	• Some straightforward stylistic features used to support purpose, eg description ( <i>speeding cars, dirty and muddy</i> ).
	4–5 marks
Band E4	• Adaptation for reader, eg direct appeal (you could save; you know how they feel). Thorough coverage.
	• Viewpoint established and controlled, eg suggests writer's knowledge of and confidence in selected charity ( <i>not many are mating, provide a clean water supply</i> ).
	• Some stylistic features add emphasis and interest, eg emotive appeal ( <i>vandalising</i> , <i>dehydrated</i> ), informative vocabulary ( <i>remote</i> , <i>predators</i> ) and rhetorical questions.
	6–7 marks
Band E5	• Reader and purpose inform choice and placing of content, eg phrase for persuasive impact placed for final appeal ( <i>What would it be like with no club?</i> ).
	• Viewpoint well controlled and convincing, eg selection of detail to encourage reader to support the chosen charity ( <i>One species of tiger has only 36 left in the world</i> ).
	• A range of stylistic features, eg patterning ( <i>millions died, thousands injured, a few survivors</i> ), word play, alliteration.
	8 marks

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My name is sarah and would like to donate money
(D2) to charity My choice of charity is endangered animals simple pronoun references build
A animals are just like human(they) should be loved and connections (D2)
simple connectives cared for when I get the money I will be saveing the
(D2)
elphant's and red panda's we want anmals to stay fit commas used in list (D2)
noun phrases with and heltly not old and dieing so join in the charity and
simple expansion help rase inuf to help (the endengered speches). Thank
(D2) you for listening to my speech
(D2)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION Summary Simple connectives,	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Speech gives brief coverage of the animal charity with limited development (<i>saveing the live of the animals</i>) and listing (E2).</li> <li>Some evaluative comment is evident (<i>just like human, should be loved and cared for</i>) (E2).</li> </ul>
together with simple noun phrases and the occasional use of	• Word choice mostly general ( <i>inuf</i> ), with some simple description ( <i>fit and heltly</i> ) (E2).
expansion indicate award in Band D2. Some accurate sentence demarcation, evidence of commas used in a list and connection within the text support the mark.	Summary This simple speech about a charity for endangered animals includes the writer's positive viewpoint, indicating award in Band E2. Greater evidence of descriptive word choice and slightly more development of content would be necessary for award of the higher mark in the band.
Band D2 – 2 marks	Band E2 – 2 marks

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simple noun phrases	I think that our class) should raise money for sports for	
(D2)	the nation. Because the money that we raise, can	accurate sentence
	help Other people and our school!	demarcation (D2)
noun phrases with	Sports for the nation gets people of all ages to	
simple expansion (D2)	become more active and healthy	
(D2)	everywhere around England) whith sports equipment)	connection built up
simple adverbial	and tips to help you keep active	between sentences (D2)
(D2)	so(that)'s why I think our class should sponser sports	
	for the nation. To keep England healthy and active!	

SENTENCE STRUCTURE,	COMPOSITION & EFFECT
PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION	• Limited coverage with occasional development of content ( <i>tips to help you keep active</i> ); includes simple appeal ( <i>that's why</i> ) (E2).
Summary	• Writer's viewpoint apparent ( <i>can help Other people and our school</i> ) (E2).
Use of noun phrases, some with expansion, and a simple adverbial suggest award in Band D2. Connections between	• Some word choice is general ( <i>money</i> , <i>people</i> ) (E2); some attempts to use formal language ( <i>provide</i> , <i>equipment</i> , <i>sponser</i> ) (above E2).
sentences and evidence of	Summary
mostly accurate sentence demarcation confirm award in the band.	In this straightforward speech about a sports charity, the writer offers a brief description of the charity's good work. Together with some careful word choices, this gives sufficient evidence for the higher mark in Band E2.
Band D2 – 2 marks	Band E2 – 3 marks

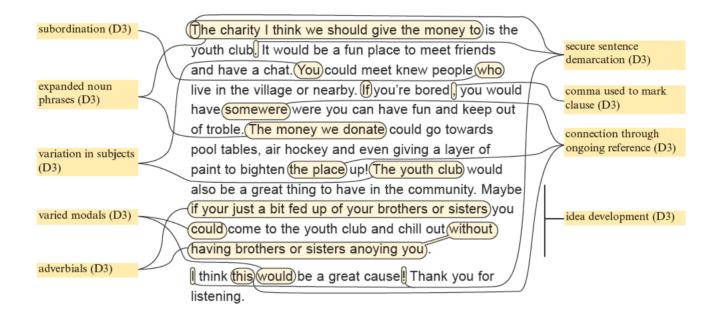
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SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Development includes explanation (<i>The reason I chose</i>) and detail used for persuasive purpose (<i>warm house, just £1</i>) (E3).</li> </ul>
Summary Sentence variety, in the form of subordination, expanded noun phrases, adverbials and varied modals, gives evidence for	<ul> <li>Positive point of view established (<i>like to make a change</i>) (E3); focus of charity unclear (<i>books, blanket</i>) (below E3).</li> <li>Repetition supports persuasion (<i>nothing, abosolutly nothing, who have nothing</i>); pronouns for address to class (<i>we, our</i>) (E3).</li> </ul>
Band D3. The mark is confirmed by the maintenance of connection and development within sections of the text, together with mostly accurate sentence demarcation.	Summary This charity appeal seeks to persuade the class through content to interest. The use of some straightforward stylistic features is suited to the form of a speech. A more consistent focus on the charity's purpose, to maintain viewpoint, would be necessary for the higher mark in the band.
Band D3 – 3 marks	Band E3 – 4 marks

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SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION Summary	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Points to persuade the classmates about the personal benefits resulting from supporting the charity are presented (<i>meet knew people, have fun</i>) and developed (<i>fed up of your brothers or sisters</i>) (E3).</li> </ul>
Use of subordination, expanded noun phrases and adverbials, together with varied subjects and modal verbs indicates award in Band D3.	<ul> <li>The writer's enthusiasm for the youth club is maintained (<i>a fum place, great cause</i>) (E3).</li> <li>Conversational language choices support persuasive purpose (<i>a chat, a bit fed up, chill out</i>) (E3).</li> </ul>
Secure demarcation, with the use of a comma to mark a clause, and some development of ideas and references linking through the text confirm the mark.	Summary Coverage of the advantages gained by selecting the youth club charity offers persuasion and results in a balanced speech. These features, together with a sustained viewpoint and informal word choices to interest the class, justify the award of the higher mark in Band E3.
Band D3 – 3 marks	Band E3 – 5 marks

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	en thinking about a certain charity to	
(D4) raise money for.(All	hough many charitys are easily good	organisation supports
	nat the charity that we should put our	emphasis on main idea (D4)
(money towards is C	Cancer Research!	(124)
expansion for Many people are di	agnosed with cancer every month	
economical and so far, no-one	has found a cure for it. Cancer	range of punctuation
effects families grea	atly and causes grief and hardship.	(D4):
But, with our help,	these families can live happily	commas to mark a
without fear of love	<mark>d ones dying</mark> ).	omission apostrophe
short, simple statement for effect We can save thous	ands of lives!) (But (if) we don <sup>®</sup> t help	commas to mark a
		capital letters for name
more people will di	e and families will grieve even more.	of charity
	them; make their lives happy and	
(D4) joyous!		
(D4) (This is why I think y	we should put our money towards)	
> -	arity, Qancer Research. Please,	
	account and contemplate them.	
Thankyou!		

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION Summary	<ul> <li>COMPOSITION &amp; EFFECT</li> <li>Content is adapted by selection of a theme for developed coverage (effects families greatly, families can live happily). Direct appeal to classmates emphasises the consequences of their decision (with our help, if we don't help) (E4).</li> </ul>
Evidence of varied connectives, economical expression and complex sentences, together with a simple sentence for effect suggest award in Band	<ul> <li>The writer is knowledgeable (no-one has found a cure for it); admiration for the charity (outstanding) is evident (E4).</li> <li>Stylistic choices for emotive appeal (grief and hardship, joyous); vocabulary supports confident address (easily good enough, I believe, contemplate) (E4).</li> </ul>
D4. The range of punctuation marks used to clarify meaning, and organisation of ideas in the text confirm the award of the top mark.	Summary The content of this charity speech is adapted by the writer's selection of a particular theme, informative explanation and clear expression of strongly-held feelings. These features combine to persuasive effect, giving the impression of purposeful spoken delivery and meriting the higher mark in Band E4.
Band D4 – 4 marks	Band E4 – 7 marks

varied connectives

expanded phrases

for economical

expression (D4)

(D4)

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Hello 6D,

My name is Barinder and I would like to persuade you into supporting the endangered animals charity with the money that we hope to raise. There are many reasons for my choice and I am going to tell you about them today.

My first valid reason is that us humans are the reason that many endangered animals are so scarce. For us to get paper, wood and other tree based products, many trees have to be cut down. (However), those

huge plants aren it just trees, they re the natural home of animals. By supporting this charity we can give back thousands of trees and other much needed (habitats) for endangered animals.

My second and last reason is that if beautiful animals such as elephants and pandas carried on being endangered with no help, they might well become extinct! Don't you want your children and

grandchildren to witness natures beauty? If you do, supporting this charity bring each and every one of us into a brighter future.

So I hope you all agree with me that supporting this charity, benifits the long history of the animals and their future too. Also it helps us too, so that these truly beautiful but endangered creatures can be seen long after we die. So supporting endangered animals from extinction, supports the whole world. text organisation: section develops a main idea (D4)

range of punctuation (D4): omission apostrophes commas to mark divisions exclamation mark question mark

complex sentences (D4)

#### SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

#### Summary

Award in Band D4 is indicated by the presence of complex sentences, varied connectives, expanded phrases for economy and the grouping of ideas in the text. The mark is confirmed by evidence of a range of correctly used punctuation.

Band D4 – 4 marks

#### COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Question placed for persuasive impact after reasoned argument (*Don't you want your children and grandchildren to witness natures beauty?*); final appeal forms connection with question (*long after we die*) (E5).
- Viewpoint convinces by suggesting writer's sense of urgency about the problem (*so scarce, might well become extinct*) (E5).
- Phrases used through the text emphasise stylistically the scale and importance of the issue (*huge plants, thousands of trees, long history,* whole world) (E5).

#### Summary

In this effective speech, the writer's rationale for wishing to support an endangered animal charity is persuasively displayed through a combination of informed explanation and direct emotional appeal to involve the class. With a style that conveys the writer's personal strength of feeling, the piece justifies the award of the top mark, Band E5.

Band E5 - 8 marks

# The spelling test

The following conventions should be followed when marking spelling:

- if more than one attempt is made, it must be clear which version the pupil wishes to be marked
- spellings can be written in upper or lower case, or a mixture of the two
- if a word has been written with the correct sequence of letters but these have been separated into clearly divided components, with or without a dash, the mark is not awarded
- if a word has been written with the correct sequence of letters but an apostophe or hyphen has been inserted, the mark is not awarded.

The words omitted from the pupils' spelling test are those printed in bold in the version below.

Boomerangs	The <u>dimensions</u> of boomerangs depend
	on where they come from and their <u>function</u>
	Most boomerangs seen today are <u>typically</u> for
Boomerangs are amazing! What seems to be a	tourists or used in contests. An international
simple bit of wood can be thrown away from	<u>competition</u> is held every other year.
you and then come right back and land in your hand.	The technique for throwing a boomerang has five parts:
A boomerang is actually a wooden tool used for many	The grip: theeasiest way to grip the boomerang
different <b>purposes</b> The Australian Aboriginal	is between your thumb and first finger.
people have used boomerangs for many thousands of years:	The throw: always throw your boomerang overarm. When
as weapons for hunting and against <u>enemies</u> in	thrown <b>correctly</b> , it will fly in a circle.
battle, as musical instruments and as toys.	The throwing angle: the boomerang should be nearly
Some <u>tribal</u> boomerangs are inscribed or	vertical when thrown. Holding the
painted with designs which are <u>significant</u> to	boomerang flat will cause it to fly in dangerous
their owners.	swoops and dives.
	Make an adjustment for wind:
1	the breeze will help to bring it back with
10 gr	greater precision
10 Mar	The catch: use both of your hands in a
	clapping motion.
	Only to catch the boomerang while it
	is slowly hovering towards you and is below shoulder height.

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	1.	simple	11.	competition
	2.	purposes	12.	easiest
	3.	enemies	13.	correctly
	4.	instruments	14.	vertical
	5.	tribal	15.	swoops
	6.	significant	16.	adjustment
	7.	dimensions	17.	breeze
	8.	function	18.	precision
	9.	typically	19.	clapping
l	10.	tourists	20.	attempt

### Quick reference mark scheme for the spelling test

#### Scoring spelling

Markers will record the total number of words spelt correctly, out of 20, in the box on the cover of the shorter writing task and spelling test booklet.

The conversion of the spelling test mark, from out of 20 words to out of 7 marks, will be done automatically when the total score out of 20 is entered into the online mark system.

If the spelling test is being marked without the use of the online mark system the spelling mark, out of 20, has to be converted to a mark out of 7, using the conversion table below.

Number of correct words	Spelling test mark		
0	0		
1–3	1		
4-6	2		
7–9	3		
10–12	4		
13–15	5		
16–18	6		
19–20	7		



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