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Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes

Paper 1: questions

and Paper 2: spelling



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1. Introduction

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

The 2017 test assesses the 2014 national curriculum. The test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the test framework for English grammar, punctuation and spelling at key stage 2. The test frameworks are on the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-test-frameworks.

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

The key stage 2 tests will be marked by external markers.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standard-setting process. Scaled score conversion tables for the 2017 tests will be published at www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2 in July 2017. The standards confirmation meeting will take place in June 2017.

The mark schemes are provided to show markers and teachers how the tests are marked. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process.

2. Structure of the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test

The key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test materials comprise:

- Paper 1: questions (50 marks)
- Paper 2: spelling (20 marks).

3. Content domain coverage

The 2017 test meets the specification set out in the test framework. Tables 1 and 3 set out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

4. Paper 1: questions

4.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 1: questions

Table 1 sets out the content domain coverage for questions in Paper 1. Information relating to the codes in Table 1 can be found in the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework.

Table 1: Content domain coverage for questions in Paper 1

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7
Qu.	Grammatical terms / word classes	Functions of sentences	Combining words, phrases and clauses	Verb forms, tenses and consistency	Punctuation	Vocabulary	Standard English and formality
1		1					
2					1		
3					1		
4						1	
5				1			
6							1
7					1		
8					1		
9	1						
10					1		
11	1						
12					1		
13	1						
14					1		
15					1		
16	1						
17		1					
18	1						
19					1		
20	1						
21					1		
22							1

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7
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23			1				
24						1	
25					1		
26			1				
27		1					
28					1		
29					1		
30				1			
31		1					
32			1				
33	1						
34	1						
35	1						
36					1		
37	1						
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39					1		
40						1	
41						1	
42	1						
43					1		
44						1	
45	1						
46					1		
47				1			
48				1			
49			1				
50	1						

4.2 General guidance on marking Paper 1: questions

The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 1.

Table 2: General guidance on marking Paper 1

	Accept	Do not accept
Tick boxes and tables	 any unambiguous indication of the correct answer, e.g. the box is crossed rather than ticked the correct answer is circled rather than ticked. 	answers in which more than the required number of boxes have been ticked.
Circling or underlining of the answer	any unambiguous indication of the correct answer, such as the answer being enclosed within a box.	answers in which more than the required number of words have been encircled / underlined. answers in which the correct answer is encircled / underlined, together with any surrounding words.
Drawing lines to 'match' boxes	lines that do not touch the boxes, provided the intention is clear.	multiple lines drawn to / from the same box (unless this is a question requirement).
Labelling	clear labels, whether they use the full vocabulary required by the question or an unambiguous abbreviation, e.g.'V' for 'verb'.	ambiguity in labelling, e.g. the use of 'AD' or 'A' where a distinction is required between 'adjective' and 'adverb'.
Punctuation	correctly formed punctuation that is clear, unambiguous and recognisable as the required punctuation mark.	punctuation that is ambiguous, e.g. if it is unclear whether the mark is a comma or full stop. incorrectly formed punctuation marks, e.g. an inverted question mark.

	Accept	Do not accept
Sentences and capital letters	a sentence that has an initial capital letter and an appropriate punctuation mark indicating the end of the sentence. capital letters that are clear and unambiguous. Where letters do not have unique capital letter forms, the height of the capital letter will be equal to, or greater than, that of letters with ascenders.	answers in which capital letters are omitted or placed inappropriately in a sentence, or where an entire word is capitalised.
Spelling	incorrect spellings of the correct response if no specific mark scheme guidance is given.	incorrect spellings of answers for which the mark scheme requires correct spelling. Correct spelling is required for the award of the mark for the majority of questions in Paper 1, especially for questions assessing contracted forms, verb forms, plurals, prefixes and suffixes.
Answers outside the expected space	a correct answer given somewhere other than the answer space, provided it is not contradicted by another answer written elsewhere. correct answers that are written in the 'blank' within a question, rather than in the expected space below it. correct answers in which the pupil has written out a word or sentence that is already provided.	answers that are given outside the expected space and contradicted by another answer written elsewhere.
More than one answer given	multiple answers that are all correct according to the mark scheme.	responses where both the correct and incorrect answers are given.

	Accept	Do not accept
Handwriting	answers that are clear, unambiguous and recognisable, including letters that have been reversed, but which are still clearly identifiable to the marker.	answers that are unclear or ambiguous.
Crossed-out answers	correct answers that have not been crossed out.	crossed-out answers.
	correct answers that replace a crossed-out attempt.	

4.3 Explanation of the mark schemes for Paper 1: questions

Markers should familiarise themselves with the marking guidance in section 4.2 of this document before applying the mark schemes below.

The mark schemes contain the following information for each question:

- a question number
- the question from the test paper
- what is required to answer each question either a correct answer or examples of different types of creditworthy response
- how many marks are available for this question
- any additional guidance that may be relevant
- the content domain reference.

5. Mark schemes for Paper 1: questions

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1 G2.2	When are your cousins expected to arrive	1m
2 G5.11	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed semi-colon. Come and see me tomorrow; I will not have time to see you today.	1m
3 G5.1	We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party. ✓	1m
4 G6.2	to read incorrectly 🗸	1m
5 G4.1b	had collected 🗸	1m
6 G7.1	Award 1 mark for the correct words encircled. The last place I saw Jack and Gwen was / were in the playground. At the museum, there was / were many interesting exhibits. The bikes was / were lined up for the start of the race.	1m
7 G5.6b	In 1998, snowboarding became 🗸	1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
8 G5.5	Joe went upstairs, turned on his computer, ✓ took out his homework and started.	1m
9 G1.6	adverb 🗸	1m
10 G5.10	Tom needed to think carefully about his homework it looked very difficult.	1m
11 G1.8	determiners 🗸	1m
12 G5.12	The man grabbed his coat – it looked cold and windy outside.	1m
13 G1.3	The castle had a <u>round</u> tower.	1m
14 G5.9	The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.	1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
15 G5.1	He is trying to swim the English Channel. 🗸	1m
16 G1.4	 Award 1 mark for the correct insertion of an appropriate subordinating conjunction, e.g. Tracey decided to walk <u>because</u> it was a lovely day. Tracey decided to walk <u>since</u> it was a lovely day. Tracey decided to walk <u>as</u> it was a lovely day. 	1m
17 G2.4	What a spectacular sunset that is	1m
18 G1.2	We decided to book tickets for the football match.	1m
19 G5.9	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of commas. I enjoy sitting in my bedroom, even though it is quite small, and listening to music.	1m
20 G1.5	Award 1 mark for the correct pronoun inserted in each box. For his ninth birthday, James visited his grandparents and his grandparents took James to the cinema. they him	1m
21 G5.7	Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me?" ✓	1m

Qu.	Requirement			Mark
22 G7.3	Your presence is requested at the wedding of our daughter.			1m
23 G3.4	We change places when the be	ell rings.		1m
24 G6.1	il Ó			
GO.1	What looked like a worthless co	llection of rusty metal turned	out	
	to include ancient coins and val	uable jewellery.		
25 G5.8	Award 1 mark for a correctly co	ompleted table.		1m
G5.6	Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession	
	Where is Karen's pen?		✓	
	Joshua's hungry.	✓		
	Please get the dog's dinner.		✓	
	The cat's outside.	✓		
26 G3.1a	The boy who I met at the park is in my class.			1m
27 G2.1	You can copy the pattern from a book			1m
28	Award 1 mark for capital letters	s and full stops correctly inse	rted.	1m
G5.2	Declan has always been fascing many books about exotic create most and he would like to study	ures. <u>J</u> ellyfish interest him the)	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
29	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of commas.	1m
G5.6a	Jenna, a very gifted singer, won the talent competition that was held in her local theatre.	
30	Award 1 mark for the correct choice of tense for both verbs.	1m
G4.2	The visitors left after they <u>had finished / finished</u> their coffee.	
	Jo usually <u>wakes</u> up early on Saturday morning and goes swimming before breakfast.	
31 G2.3	Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct and accurately punctuated command that uses an imperative, e.g.	1m
	Take the bread out of the cupboard. Make a sandwich! First, butter the bread.	
32	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m
G3.1	When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and	
	S	
	we started a game of football.	
	M	
33	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m
G1.4	We like to eat popcorn when we go to the cinema.	
	Although my sister likes salted popcorn, I prefer sweet popcorn.	
	My brother doesn't like popcorn at all, so he buys sweets instead.	
34 G1.7	Award 1 mark for two correct sentences ticked.	1m
	She ran around the games field. The old man walked past the door.	
35 G1.9	Mary 🗸	1m
36	Award 1 mark for a comma and a dash correctly inserted.	1m
G5.6b G5.12	Before we leave school, our class wants to start a vegetable garden – the first in our school's history.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	
37 G1.5b	Award 1 mark for the correct word encircled. The mountain, which could be seen in the distance, had snow on top of it.		
G4.1a	Award 1 mark for all three correct. I played netball last weekend, but I only knew to play to know where the match was the day before. to be Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.	1m	
39 G5.9	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of brackets. The highest mountain in Great Britain is Ben Nevis (1,344 metres) in Scotland.		
40 G6.2 G6.1	Award 1 mark for the correct prefix. in		
41 G6.1	Award 1 mark for both synonyms encircled. The café serves delicious snacks and cakes until noon. After midday you can also order hot lunches, sandwiches or soup.		
42 G1.5a	Award 1 mark for the correct word encircled. The boy showed me around the school. He took me to the music room and pointed out which classroom was his		
43 G5.11	semi-colon 🗸	1m	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark		
44 G6.3	Award 1 mark for two correct words derived from the word thought, e.g.			
	Olisa was a very thoughtful / thoughtless girl.			
	The children looked thoughtfully / thoughtlessly at the poster on the wall.			
	Do not accept misspellings.			
45	Award 1 mark for the correct noun inserted.			
G1.1	My friends offered me lots of <u>encouragement</u> to meet my targets.			
	Do not accept misspellings of encouragement.			
46 G5.13	Award 1 mark for two correctly placed hyphens.	1m		
	The children have been busy cooking some healthy sugar-free snacks and learning some well-known traditional songs for visitors to enjoy.			
47 G4.4	Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active.			
	The detective discovered the vital clues.			
48	Award 1 mark for both correct.			
G4.1d	Jim <u>learns</u> French at school. He <u>plans</u> to ski in the Alps in the spring.			
	is learning is planning			
	Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.			
49 G3.2	Award 1 mark for an appropriate noun phrase of three or more words inserted into the sentence, e.g.	1m		
	The famous athlete was preparing for an important athletics competition. The well-known athlete was preparing for an important athletics competition. The man on the field was preparing for an important athletics competition. The school sports team was preparing for an important athletics competition.			
50	Award 1 mark for the correct word encircled.			
G1.6	Of all the toys in his large collection, Karl's little brother liked			
	the cuddly rabbit best.			

6. Paper 2: spelling

6.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 2: spelling

This information is provided in Table 3.

6.2 General guidance on marking Paper 2: spelling

The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 2. Please read this carefully before applying the individual mark schemes.

- If the pupil makes more than one attempt, it must be clear which answer the pupil wishes to be marked. If the pupil makes two or more attempts and it is not clear which is to be considered, the mark is not awarded.
- The pupil can answer in upper or lower case, or a mixture of the two. The exception to this is for days
 of the week, which must be written in lower-case letters with an initial capital letter for the award of
 the mark.
- If the pupil has answered with the correct sequence of letters but has incorrectly inserted an apostrophe or a hyphen, the mark is not awarded.
- If the pupil has answered with the correct sequence of letters but these have been separated into clearly divided components, with or without a hyphen, the mark is not awarded.

6.3 Pupil version of Paper 2: spelling

Spelling task	
1. Sam is to play football at playtime.	11. I don't mind if my apple has a on it.
2. Use a ruler to draw a line.	12. The children walked across the road.
3. Being dizzy is a strange	13. The of the storm was surprising.
4. Lauren was before her first swimming lesson.	14. The dog its owner.
5. The bird found a of bread.	15. There was a search for the missing P.E. bag.
6. It is that it will rain tomorrow.	16. The longest reigning is Queen Elizabeth II.
7. An author visited our school.	17. Oliver was when his friend lost his trainers.
8. Sap is a sticky that comes from trees.	18. Angus was from Scotland.
9. John is having an on his foot.	19. The drum is part of the family.
10. Aamid faced his challenge on the zip wire.	20. The prickly jumper was made from a material.
	END OF TEST
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7. Mark schemes for Paper 2: spelling

Information relating to the content domain reference codes in Table 3 can be found in the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework.

Table 3: Mark schemes and content domain references for Paper 2

Qu.	Spelling	Mark	Content domain reference
1	likely	1	S43 the suffix –ly
2	straight	1	S60 words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
3	sensation	1	S42 the suffix –ation
4	nervous	1	S46 the suffix -ous
5	crumb	1	S60 words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
6	probable	1	S56 words ending in <i>-able</i> and <i>-ible</i> words ending in <i>-ably</i> and <i>-ibly</i>
7	inspiring	1	S38 adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
8	substance	1	S55 words ending in –ant, –ance, –ancy, –ent, –ence, –ency
9	operation	1	S47 endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian
10	toughest	1	S59 words containing the letter string ough
11	bruise	1	S60 words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
12	sensibly	1	S56 words ending in <i>-able</i> and <i>-ible</i> words ending in <i>-ably</i> and <i>-ibly</i>
13	violence	1	S55 words ending in –ant, –ance, –ancy, –ent, –ence, –ency
14	disobeyed	1	S38 adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
15	thorough	1	S40 the /n/ sound spelt ou
16	monarch	1	S48 words with the /k/ sound spelt ch
17	sympathetic	1	S39 the /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words
18	originally	1	S43 the suffix –ly
19	percussion	1	S47 endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian
20	coarse	1	S61 homophones and near homophones (Years 3 and 4) homophones and other words that are often confused (Years 5 and 6)
	Total 20		

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