



# Key Stage 1 SATs

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# Aims:

- Explanation of what Key Stage 1 SATs are.
- Give you an understanding of what they look like.
- Recommend how you can help your child at home.

# What are SATs?

- At the end of Year 2, all children in England take part in national assessments in the following subjects.
- \*English – Reading
- \*Mathematics – Arithmetic & Reasoning

# What are SATs? – Continued

- Key Stage 1 SATs take place nationally in the month of May.
- These are marked by their class teacher.
- Assessments are low key to ensure children are not worried or anxious about taking them.

# Reading Paper

The reading test for Year 2 pupils is made up of two separate papers:

- Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts, with questions.
- Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages and children will write their answers in a separate booklet

These should take around 30 minutes, but children are able to work at their own pace if they need longer.

**The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry**, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test.

# Reading Paper 1 Example Page:

## How the hedgehog got its name

Hedgehogs were not always called hedgehogs. Hundreds of years ago, the name of a hedgehog was an **urchin**. It was given a new name because of two things:

1. It likes to live under leaves in bushes and hedges.
2. It makes funny grunts and snuffle sounds, just like a pig or hog.



1 What did people call hedgehogs a long time ago?

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1 mark

2 What sort of places does a hedgehog live in?

Tick (✓) **one**.

- |                     |                          |                  |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| in ponds and rivers | <input type="checkbox"/> | in hidden places | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| in open spaces      | <input type="checkbox"/> | high up in trees | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1 mark

3 Grunts and snuffles are...

Tick (✓) **one**.

- |                |                          |                   |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| animal food.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | types of plants.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| animal noises. | <input type="checkbox"/> | types of animals. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1 mark

# Reading Paper 2 Example Page:

Fox didn't care if the man was handsome, but he pricked up his ears at the word 'fisherman', for where there are fishermen, there are fish. And a tasty fish would just suit Fox. His nose twitched. A delightful fishy smell was coming out of the man's leather boots.

This is an old Native American story about a man called Heron Feather and the time he met a fox.

Heron Feather is a Native American warrior. Warriors were sometimes known as 'braves'.

## The Fox and the Boastful Brave

One fine day, a hungry fox was walking down the road. His tummy was rumbling so loudly that he almost didn't hear the sound of someone coming. Just in time, he heard someone singing. Fox dashed off the path and hid behind a bush.

Over the top of the hill, he saw a tall feather. Fox crouched down and prepared to pounce on the bird. Imagine his surprise when he saw that the 'bird' was riding a horse! The feather was stuck in the headdress of a handsome young man who was riding along the path, singing as he went, "No one is handsomer than Heron Feather. No one is a better fisherman than Heron Feather. And I should know, for I am he."



Questions 7–15 are about *The Fox and the Boastful Brave* (pages 6–8)

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- 7 Just in time, he heard someone singing. Fox dashed off the path and hid behind a bush.

Find and copy one word that shows that Fox moved quickly.

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1 mark

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- 8 What did Fox think was coming over the hill?

Tick one.

a horse

a man

a bird

a fish



1 mark

# Maths Paper :

The Key Stage 1 maths test is made up of two papers:

- Paper 1: arithmetic, taking around 15 minutes.
- Paper 2: mathematical fluency, problem-solving and reasoning, taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary. There are a variety of question types: multiple choice, matching, true / false etc.



# Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Example Page:

The image shows a sample page from a Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) exam. The page is tilted and contains four questions, each with a blue vertical bar on the left containing the question number. The questions are:

- Question 9:  $6 \times 10 =$  [ ]
- Question 10:  $100 - 10 =$  [ ]
- Question 19:  $67 + 33 =$  [ ]
- Question 20:  $59 - 15 =$  [ ]

Below each question is a grid for working. A vertical blue bar is on the right side of the grid for each question. In the bottom right corner of the grid for question 19, there is a small circle containing the text "1 mark".

# Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) Example Page:

8 Shade  $\frac{3}{4}$  of this shape.



9 Put a tick below the four



15



A classroom has 6 tables.

Each table has 5 children sitting at it.

Complete the number sentence to show how many children there are **altogether**.

$$\square \times \square = \square \text{ children}$$

1 mark

# How can you help at home?

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best.
- Help your child with reading, listen to them read and focus on bringing out a 'love of reading'. Also reading stories to your child allows them to develop language, listening skills and comprehension. Encourage making predictions of what might happen next.
- Help your child with maths, play times table games. Encourage them to help with cooking, weighing and measuring ingredients. Work out what time it is together. Provide opportunities for your child to pay for things in a shop, to work out how much things cost and how much change will be needed.

# Useful Websites:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/advice-and-guidance#start>
- <https://nrich.maths.org/maths-at-home>
- <https://mathszone.co.uk/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

# Useful Websites:

The official 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 KS1 SATs papers are available for free download from [www.theschoolrun.com](http://www.theschoolrun.com) :

- [KS1 English SATs 2016](#)
- [KS1 Maths SATs 2016](#)
- [KS1 English SATs 2017](#)
- [KS1 Maths SATs 2017](#)
- [KS1 English SATs 2018](#)
- [KS1 Maths SATs 2018](#)
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