



YEAR 4 ENGLISH REVISION

The Exam Paper Will Consist of:

Reading Comprehension – Part 1 (45-50 Minutes)

Reading Comprehension – Part 2 (38 Minutes)

This is a test of comprehension skills – to see if pupils have understood the text they have read. Pupils might be asked to read a range of texts and answer different types of questions. For example: questions worth one mark might ask pupils to fill in a table; match words or phrases; circle the correct answer; write true or false etc. Longer answers worth two marks will have a number of lines and pupils should try to include 2 pieces of information, make 2 points or show that they have interpreted some information from the text. Quoting from the text is often expected to get the marks. As time is restricted pupils do not need to answer in full sentences. Spelling and grammar are not assessed.

Pupils should:

- Look carefully at the marks on offer for each question as well as space provided to guide them.

Teachers will:

- give them time to read the text before starting the questions (part 1 = 10 mins, part 2 = 8 mins).
- remind them of how much time they have used as they progress. (Part 1 they will spend 30 minutes answering the questions, part 2 25 mins.)

Writing Paper 1 - (40 Minutes)

Writing Paper 2 - (25 Minutes)

This examination will be based upon and marked as a SATs style writing activity. They could be asked to write in any style eg a story, a letter, a description, a diary, a report, instructions, a persuasive leaflet.

SATs marking looks at four broad criteria:

- Sentence Structure – sentences are clear, tenses correct. A variety of connectives have been used, and sentences have been started in a variety of ways. The subject of the sentences varies – it isn't always, "He ...," "James." Adjectives and adverbs are used.
- Punctuation- A range is used.

- Composition & Effect - for example, writing on the task; correct style and form; choice of vocabulary and appreciation of audience.
- Handwriting

Pupils should spend:

- 7 - 10 minutes planning (shorter task 5 mins max)
- 30 minutes to write an answer (shorter task 17-20 minutes)
- 2-3 minutes checking their work, especially the beginning and ending of their work.

Spelling paper:

- This is the only part of the English exam where spelling is marked.
- Pupils will have to write down 20 spellings in context. Pupils will be given a passage with missing words. The teacher will read the passage aloud while the pupils listen to it. They will then read the missing words and give the pupils time to write them in the spaces provided.

Equipment needed

Sharp pencils and 2 pens if you usually use pen.

Topics:

Descriptive Writing

Diary Writing

Persuasive Writing

Report Writing

Story Writing

References:

Class examples

Short stories they have read

Exam Style Questions.

Practise writing a piece in the style of all types of writing mentioned above.

Practise reading comprehension style questions.