

English Paper 1

Warm-up level · 15 questions · 20 minutes · + optional writing task

For children in Year 2 preparing for 7+ entry

FREE SAMPLE PAPER

Name _____

Date _____

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Instructions

- Read the story carefully. You can look back at it as often as you like.
- Each question has four answers: A, B, C and D. Only one is right.
- Draw a circle around the letter of your answer.
- If you change your mind, cross it out neatly and circle your new answer.
- When you have finished, you can try the writing task at the end (10 minutes).

For parents

This paper is about half the length of a typical 7+ English paper. Your child reads a short story, then answers 10 reading questions and 5 spelling, punctuation and grammar questions in 20 minutes. Many schools read the story aloud to children, so you can read it together first if you like. The 10-minute writing task at the end is optional and marked separately.



**Read the story**

You can look back at it while you answer

The Puddle Boat

It had rained all night. When Isla looked out of the kitchen window on Saturday morning, the garden was shining, and the biggest puddle she had ever seen lay across the path like a little lake.

"I'm going to build a boat," she announced.

Grandad looked up from his newspaper. "What will you make it from?"

Isla searched the recycling box. She found an empty juice carton, a lolly stick and a scrap of red paper. She asked Grandad to cut the carton in half for her. Then she pushed the lolly stick into the middle for a mast and taped on the paper to make a sail. On the side, in her neatest writing, she wrote its name: Brave Betty.

Outside, the air smelt fresh and the grass squelched under her wellies. Isla crouched at the edge of the puddle and gently set Brave Betty on the water. For a moment the boat wobbled. Then a breeze caught the sail and it glided away across the puddle.

"She floats!" Isla cried, clapping her hands.

But the breeze grew stronger. Brave Betty sailed faster and faster, heading straight for the drain at the far end of the path. Isla's heart thumped. She splashed round the puddle as quickly as she could, but she was too far away.

Just then, Biscuit the dog bounded out of the back door. He raced past Isla, skidded through the water and stopped right in front of the drain. Brave Betty bumped gently against his muddy paw.

Isla scooped up her boat and hugged Biscuit, even though he was dripping wet. "You saved her!" she laughed.

Grandad appeared at the door holding an old towel. "I think," he said with a smile, "that dog needs a medal - and a bath."



Reading

Questions 1–10

1 When did Isla see the big puddle?

A On Saturday morning

B On Friday night

C On Sunday afternoon

D After school

2 What did Isla use to make the mast?

A a straw

B a pencil

C a lolly stick

D a twig

3 What was the boat called?

A Red Rover

B Brave Betty

C Biscuit

D Little Lake

4 The puddle lay across the path 'like a little lake'. This tells us the puddle was ...

A very deep

B very cold

C very big

D very dirty

5 Which word tells us the grass was very wet?

A fresh

B squelched

C crouched

D gently



6 What made the boat move across the puddle?

☐ A Isla pushed it

☐ B Biscuit pushed it

☐ C Grandad blew it

☐ D the breeze

7 'Isla's heart thumped.' How was Isla feeling?

☐ A worried

☐ B bored

☐ C sleepy

☐ D cross

8 Why couldn't Isla catch the boat herself?

☐ A She fell over

☐ B Grandad called her

☐ C Her wellies were stuck

☐ D She was too far away

9 Which of these happened first?

☐ A Biscuit ran out of the door

☐ B Isla wrote the boat's name

☐ C The boat wobbled

☐ D Grandad brought a towel

10 Why does Grandad say Biscuit needs 'a medal - and a bath'?

☐ A Biscuit won a race

☐ B Biscuit was brave but very muddy

☐ C Biscuit was naughty

☐ D Biscuit was cold

**Spelling**

Questions 11–13

11 Which word is spelt correctly?

☐ A friend☐ B frend☐ C freind☐ D frient

12 Which word is spelt correctly?

☐ A becos☐ B becuase☐ C because☐ D becouse

13 Which word is spelt correctly?

☐ A larfed☐ B laught☐ C laffed☐ D laughed**Punctuation and grammar**

Questions 14–15

14 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

☐ A the dog ran outside.☐ B The dog ran outside☐ C The dog ran outside.☐ D the Dog ran outside.

15 Which word best fills the gap?
Isla was happy _____ her boat floated.

☐ A because☐ B but☐ C or☐ D so

End of the questions. Check your answers, then try the writing task.

For grown-ups: Score / 15

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About 10 minutes

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