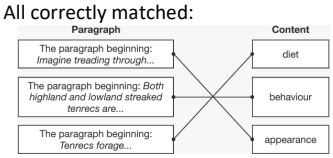
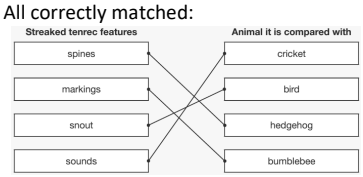
2024 Key Stage 2 Reading Mark Scheme - All on One A4 Sheet

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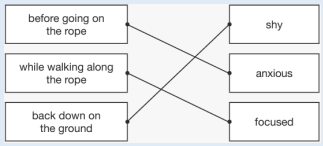
AA: Also accept DNA: Do not accept AP: Acceptable Point Each question is worth **1 mark** unless otherwise stated in **bold**.

Section 1: Streaky and Squeaky

Q.	Answer
1	**Option 1**: there are lots of unusual animals on the island.
2	encountered
3	reference to living in family groups AA reference to communicating with each other AA reference to zoos needing to keep streaked tenrecs in pairs or groups DNA reference only to the quotation, *Both highland and lowland streaked tenrecs are very social animals*
4	Either of the following: 1. beetle larvae being soft / not too hard 2. streaked tenrecs only being able to eat soft food / other foods hurting them AA reference to streaked tenrecs having fragile jaws
5	All correctly matched: 
6a	reference to (fore)paws / feet
6b	reference to spines
7	reference to when streaked tenrecs become separated / lost
8	All correctly matched: 
9	Any **two** of the following (**up to 2 marks**): 1. deforestation / the destruction of streaked tenrecs' habitat 2. streaked tenrec numbers being in decline 3. streaked tenrecs having less food (to hunt) AA reference to streaked tenrecs being prey for larger animals AA reference only to the absence of streaked tenrecs disrupting the whole food chain
10	Either of the following: 1. streaked tenrecs hunting prey / becoming prey 2. streaked tenrecs being important to the food -chain AA reference only to streaked tenrecs being unique to the rainforest (in Madagascar)
11	Either of the following: 1. streaked tenrecs' short lifespan 2. the requirement for streaked tenrecs to be kept in groups or pairs
12	reference to breeding streaked tenrecs / building a population of streaked tenrecs AA reference to raising awareness of streaked tenrecs DNA reference only to keeping streaked tenrecs in groups or pairs DNA reference only to zoos keeping streaked tenrecs
13	**1 mark for four** or **2 marks for all five** correct

	True	False
There are many different types of tenrec.	✓	
Highland tenrecs have white streaks.	✓	
Tenrecs communicate by stamping their forepaws on the ground.		✓
Tenrecs live for a long time.		✓
Lowland streaked tenrecs like to live alone.		✓

Section 2: The Girl who Walked on Air

Q.	Answer
14	Either of the following: 1. Louie trusting Ned to be straight with her 2. Ned's expert knowledge DNA reference only to Ned being Louie's friend
15	Any of the following: 1. Ned not knowing Louie has experience / Ned thinking Louie is inexperienced 2. tightrope walking being dangerous (for Louie to attempt) 3. tightrope walking being for experts / being difficult DNA reference only to Ned's disbelief
16	Any of the following: 1. kicking off her clogs 2. tying back her hair 3. getting helped up AA reference to practising / learning the skill
17	reference to the quotation, *snoring away in his cosy bed*
18	reference to the quotation, *I'd been practising every morning for as long as I could remember* AA reference to Louie keeping a scrapbook DNA reference only to Louie's hero being Blondin / a famous tightrope walker
19	Louie balanced on her stomach on the rope. 2 Louie stood up straight and looked forward. 4 Louie looked down towards Ned. 3 Louie pushed off Ned's hands. 1
20	**Option 2:** She was confident that she would be safe. **AND Option 4:** She wanted Ned to be able to see her properly.
21	Any **two** of the following (**up to 2 marks**): 1. Louie requiring help to get up onto the rope 2. the need for slow / careful movement 3. Ned's concern that Louie could fall 4. the need for concentration / focus 5. the need for balance AA reference to the tightrope being high in the air
22	Any **two** of the following (**up to 2 marks**): 1. the quotation, *making more of a show* 2. the quotation, *It felt good to be watched. It made me think harder about how I moved* 3. the quotation, *flourishing my wrists* 4. the quotation, *stretch out each leg in turn* 5. the quotation, *I started walking again* AA general references to Louie performing tricks / movements
23	**Option 4:** excited
24	**Option 2:** Louie said it in her head.
25	Any of the following: 1. Louie wanting more people to watch / cheer her 2. the quotation, The flames were there inside me 3. Louie's confidence on the tightrope 4. Louie going back along the rope again 5. Louie grinning at Ned 6. Louie being pleased by Ned's reaction 7. Louie not wanting to come down DNA reference only to the quotation, *Back on the ground, I felt suddenly shy*
26	Any **three** of the following (**up to 3 marks**): 1. the quotation, *You ain't getting up on that?* 2. the quotation, *It isn't safe, Louie / You can't just get up on the rope and…* 3. the quotation, *It's a proper skill / It takes years of practice* 4. the quotation, *Shouldn't I stay here? / Just in case you fall?* 5. the quotation, *Ned breathed in sharp* DNA reference to the quotation, *You better come down* DNA reference to the quotation, *He thought it was all one big prank*
27	

Section 3: The Leopard

Q.	Answer
28	Any **two** of the following (**up to 2 marks**): 1. pebbles rattling down the hill 2. the monkeys' grunting and chattering increasing 3. the monkeys warning of danger
29	reference to the leopard realising Ruskin was there DNA reference to the leopard hearing / smelling / seeing Ruskin DNA reference to the leopard hearing / smelling / seeing Ruskin
30	Either of the following: 1. disappeared (into the shadows) 2. camouflaged / faded (into the shadows) AA reference to (the writer) no longer being able to see the leopard
31	reference to hunting (deer)
32	**Option 3:** reference to hunting (deer)
33	Either of the following: 1. uneasy 2. disturbed
34	reference to **both** of the following: 1. paw prints / leopard prints 2. the (deer's) carcass DNA reference only to a deer
35	reference to the scent / odour (of a cat / leopard)
36	**1 mark** for **three** correct or **2 marks** for **all four** correct:

	True	False
Exporting skins was not allowed.	✓	
The leopard could be heard from outside the cave.		✓
The hunters used their weapons carefully.		✓
The pine martens were scared of Ruskin.	✓	

37		Ruskin knew	Ruskin imagined
	There was no movement inside the cave.	✓	
	The leopard was hiding inside the cave.		✓
	The leopard recognised Ruskin.		✓

1 mark for **all three** correct

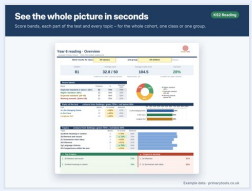
38	**Option 4:** dare to explore
39	**3 marks** for **two APs**, at least **one with evidence,** **2 marks** for **either two APs**, or **one AP with evidence,** **1 mark** for **one AP:** 1. he is protective / respectful (towards nature / conservation) 2. he is non-violent (towards animals) 3. he is ethical / law-abiding / not mercenary 4. he is brave 5. he is solitary 6. he is reflective

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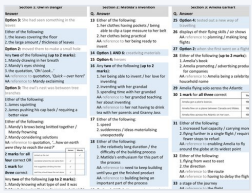
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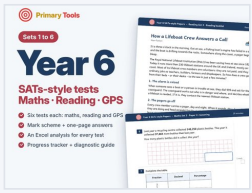
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