

Key Stage 2

English reading

Set A: Reading answer booklet

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Instructions

Questions and answers

You have **one hour** to complete this test. Read one text and answer all the questions about that text before moving on to the next text. There are three texts and three sets of test questions.

There are different types of question, which you need to answer in different ways.

Short answers

Some questions have a short answer line or answer box. You only need to write a word or a few words for your answer.

Several line answers

Some questions have a few answer lines. You need to write more words or a sentence or two for your answer.

Longer answers

Some questions have more answer lines. You need to write a longer, more detailed answer to give your opinion. You may write in full sentences.

Selected answers

Some questions require you to tick, draw lines to, or circle the correct answer.

The space provided shows you what type of answer is required. You must write your answer in the space provided.

Always read the instructions carefully so you know how to answer the question.

Marks

The numbers at the side of the page tell you the number of marks for each question.

This is a reading test, so you need to use the information in the texts to answer the questions.

When a question includes a paragraph or page reference, you should refer to that paragraph or page to help you with your answer.

Questions 1–13 are about *All the Wonderful Things* (pages 20–21)

- 1 Look at the first paragraph, beginning: *Peter whined and complained...*
What is the weather like on the walk home?

Tick **one**.

It is a hot sunny day.

☐

It is cold and icy.

☐

It is raining.

☐

There is a cool breeze.

☐

1 mark

- 2 *Peter thought George was a **spoilt** show-off.*

Which word is closest in meaning to *spoilt*?

Tick **one**.

indulged

☐

tempted

☐

disgraceful

☐

damaged

☐

1 mark

3 Why does Peter feel he is treated badly?

1 mark

4 When they arrive home, Peter sulks in his room.
What could be his motivation for doing this?

1 mark

5 What two obsessions does Mum remember Peter having in the past?

1 mark

6 *After a very subdued meal...*

What does 'a very subdued meal' mean?

1 mark

7 ...strewn across his bedroom floor.

What does the word 'strewn' tell you about the toys in Peter's room?

1 mark

8 How does Peter feel when Mohammed comes over to him?

1 mark

9 How do you think Peter's mother feels about his behaviour?

Use two examples from the text to justify your answer.

2 marks

10 *He considered the situation his new friend was in...*

What does 'considered the situation his new friend was in' mean in this sentence?

Tick **one**.

Peter was thinking about Mohammed being in his room.

☐

Peter was thinking about what toys Mohammed could give him.

☐

Peter was seeing someone else's point of view for once.

☐

Peter felt angry with Mohammed.

☐

1 mark

11 What do you think Peter will say to Mum next time he sees her?

Give a reason for your answer.

2 marks

12 Peter recognises that Mohammed has had a difficult and frightening time.

Who told Peter about Mohammed's situation?

1 mark

13

The final sentence states, 'Suddenly, Peter realised something ...'.

What do you think Peter might have realised and what do you think he might change?

2 marks

Questions 14–27 are about *Mad Fad Memorabilia* (pages 22–24)

- 14** When popular celebrities of the day such as Elvis Presley began to wear this style of trouser, the trend was quickly taken up by young people, who viewed them as a fashionable contrast to the straight-legged and more conservative trousers worn by the older generation.

Find and **copy two** words from the passage above which show that bellbottoms were well-liked:

1. _____
2. _____

1 mark

- 15** Which major event in history ultimately led to the development of the modern leisure suit?

1 mark

- 16** Look at the paragraph beginning: *From a simple hoop or ball...*

Find and **copy one** word or group of words from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to ‘advanced’.

1 mark

- 17** Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Bellbottomed trousers were originally designed for the army.		
Frisbees are usually 20–25 cm in diameter.		
Cabbage Patch Kids were invented in the 1890s.		
The Frisbee craze hit the United States in the 1950s.		

1 mark

18 Name two crazes and give **one** downside for each craze. Describe how these were dealt with.

1. Downside: _____

How it was dealt with: _____

2. Downside: _____

How it was dealt with: _____

2 marks

19 What two things did each Cabbage Patch Kid come with?

2 marks

20 Look at the paragraph beginning: *Originally the invention of 21-year-old Xavier Roberts...*

Find and **copy** the words which tell us that sales of Cabbage Patch Kids across the world grew enormously.

1 mark

21 Look at the section about **Frisbees**.

In what year did Franscioni and Morrison perfect the Frisbee?

1 mark

22 According to some stories, from which country did Frisbees originate?

1 mark

23 Frisbees became popular at a time when many people were fascinated with UFOs.

Give **one** word from the text which highlights how people felt about UFOs.

1 mark

24 Look at the section about **flagpole sitting**.

What was Kelly's record for staying on the pole?

1 mark

25 Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

	Fact	Opinion
Kelly's first attempt lasted 13 hours and 13 minutes.		
Alvin Kelly only did reckless things in his lifetime.		
20,000 people watched Kelly in Atlantic City.		
Flagpole sitting was the most unusual fad of the 20 th century.		

1 mark

26

Which of the following would be the most suitable summary of the whole text?

Tick **one**.

A brief history of crazes and fads through the decades.

☐

The life stories of those who invented the crazes.

☐

A list of crazes you should try.

☐

A story about someone who tried some crazes out.

☐

1 mark

27

Draw lines to match each section to its main content.

One has been done for you.

Toys

A description of one of the more unusual crazes from the past

Fashion

Details about some popular and successful playthings

Just Crazy!

An overview and introduction

Fads, Crazes and Trends over Time

The history and beginnings of fashions in clothing

1 mark

Questions 28–38 are about *‘Put the Spinners Down, Slime is Here!’*
(pages 25–27)

- 28** Look at the paragraph beginning: *Chloe Smith, an 11-year-old and newly-converted homemade slime addict...*

What potential academic benefit could there be to this craze?

1 mark

- 29** What makes the slime so appealing?

Give **two** reasons, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

3 marks

30

- a) "... you can sometimes get it too sticky, too stretchy or too crumbly," she explained.

What does this sentence tell us about Chloe's experiences of making slime?

1 mark

- b) She admits to spending a great deal of time and energy experimenting with ingredients to perfect her recipes but also acknowledges the mess she creates when she is concocting.

How might Chloe's slime-making cause problems?

1 mark

31

Look at the paragraph beginning: *Matilda Hilson, a high school pupil...*

What does this tell us about Matilda's character?

Explain **two** features of her character, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

3 marks

32 Find and copy two words or groups of words which show that Matilda Hilson is a good businesswoman.

1. _____

2. _____

1 mark

33 “But it soon started to take over the place,”

How did Amanda’s attitude to slime change?

Tick **one**.

At first she hated it, but then she played with some and loved it.

☐

At first, she was frightened of it but then she made herself try it.

☐

At first she loved the idea, but then it became an issue.

☐

At first she liked it, but now she loves it.

☐

1 mark

34 Which two things does Amanda Hilson say she must clean frequently and why?

2 marks

35 ...yet another obsessive kid-craze.

What does this description suggest about the craze?

1 mark

36 Lisa Hepplestone, a Leicester-based scientist, said the danger is over-exaggerated.

This tells us that slime is probably...

Tick **one**.

overrated.

☐

unexciting.

☐

safe to use.

☐

potentially explosive.

☐

1 mark

- 37** *Enjoying the wave-crest of yet another obsessive kid-craze, ready-made slime manufacturers will soon be scrambling to be the most prominent brand on toy shop shelves.*

Choose the best words to match the description above. Circle both of your choices.

Ready-made slime

buyers

makers

sellers

users

1 mark

are scrambling to be the

cheapest

**most
expensive**

**most
visible**

**most
disgusting**

1 mark

- 38** Tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Slime can be made from glue.		
Borax is also known as sodium borate.		
Adults are all opposed to slime.		
Slime can be personalised.		

1 mark