

# READING

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## Instructions

In this booklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways.

Here are some practice questions. The instructions tell you what you need to do.

## Practice questions

Look at the sentences below. Each one has a word missing. Tick the box next to the word that **best** fits the gap. You **do not** need to write the word in the gap.

- a** Playing outside is lots of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
fan  funny  fin  fur  fun
- 
- b** I like \_\_\_\_\_ because I love snow.  
winner  winder  winter  window  windy

**STOP**

Please wait until you are told to start work on page 4.  
You should then work through pages 4 and 5 until you are asked to stop.

You have 10 minutes to do this part of the test.

## Sentence completion

Look at the sentences below. Each one has a word missing.  
Tick the box next to the word that **best** fits the gap.  
You **do not** need to write the word in the gap.

1 Jane likes to \_\_\_\_\_ stories.  
writing  paper  words  books  read

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2 I only eat sweets on \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
specimen  specialist  special  specify  species

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3 I gave my friend a lovely \_\_\_\_\_ .  
predict  present  prefer  pretend  prepare

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4 Gwen will not arrive until \_\_\_\_\_ .  
hour  time  clock  watch  later

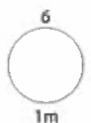
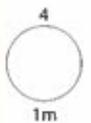
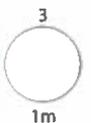
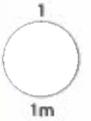
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5 I was being \_\_\_\_\_ when I collected the books.  
handful  heating  helpful  hearing  hardly

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6 The postman smiled as he \_\_\_\_\_ my package.  
delivered  divert  divided  dived  delete

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7 The shop is now \_\_\_\_\_ my favourite sweets.

selling  sale  sold  sells  sell

7  
1m

8 I like the rain because you can walk \_\_\_\_\_ puddles.

though  tough  through  thought  throw

8  
1m

9 I \_\_\_\_\_ my grandad last weekend.

look  see  seen  saw  looked

9  
1m

10 The doctor gave me some medicine for my \_\_\_\_\_ .

coast  couch  could  cough  count

10  
1m

**STOP**

Please wait until you are told to start work on page 6.

## Practice questions

In this booklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways.

Here are some practice questions which show you the types of question you will see in the test. The instructions tell you what you need to do.

Start by reading the text in the box below.

Bethan pushed open the door of the pet shop and went inside with her mum and grandad. They saw a lovely yellow bird singing in its cage. In the middle of the shop there was a tank of spotted fish diving through long, swaying plants. Grandad watched a furry hamster running in a wheel but there was only one animal Bethan wanted to see. She went straight over to the black rabbit crunching on a carrot. She had come to take him home at last.

**a** Where did Bethan go?

Tick **one**.

to the zoo

to the park

to the pet shop

to the farm

**b** Who did Bethan go with?

Tick **two**.

her mum

her dad

her sister

her brother

her grandad

Hint: Check how many you have to tick.

**c** Find and copy one word that shows how the fish moved.

\_\_\_\_\_

Hint: You must look back in the text to find this.

**d** Draw three lines to match each description to the correct animal.

spotted

bird

black

hamster

furry

fish

yellow

rabbit

Hint: One line has been drawn for you.

**e** Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
Grandad watched the hamster.		
The rabbit was eating a carrot.		
Bethan did not know which animal she wanted.		

**STOP** Please wait until you are told to start work on page 8. You should then work through the booklet until you are told to stop.

Now read all of the **boxed text** on pages 8–13.  
Then turn back to this page to start answering the questions.

## A day in the life of a Welsh farmer

**My name's Rob and I am a farmer in St Clears in West Wales. I have worked here for 15 years. This is a page from my diary showing a typical day on my farm.**

**5am:** It's Saturday morning and the alarm is beeping. There's no rest at the weekend because every day is a working day on the farm. We've got 50 cows and a few new calves have been born over the past few weeks, so I've been busier than usual checking they're all okay.

**5.30am:** When I arrive at the barn, Alana the farmhand (someone who helps out on the farm) has already started moving the cows to the milking shed. The animals are milked at the same time every day because they don't like things to change. I get the food ready for the cows – we give them hay and grains when it's too cold for them to eat the grass in the fields.



**1** Which day was the diary written about?

Tick **one**.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



2 What is a *farmhand*?

Tick **one**.

a hand which is dirty or muddy

the type of milk sold at market

the hand on the farmyard clock

a person who works on a farm

2  
1m

3 Why are the cows milked at 5.30am every day?

Tick **one**.

Rob needs milk for his breakfast.

That is the only time that Alana can help.

Rob needs time afterwards to prepare for the market.

The animals like things to stay the same.

3  
1m

4 Find and copy three types of food that the cows eat.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4  
1m

*please turn over*

**7am:** We also keep goats and look after them in the same way as the cows. Alana milks the goats too.

**10.30am:** Alana and I have a short break. My wife, Jane, has a break too and she tells us about her morning looking after our new geese. Some of the local children have helped her to build a pond and the geese seem to love their new home.



**11am:** I get started on everyday jobs, like fixing some of the fences.

**12 noon:** Jane, Alana and I sit down for lunch and talk about our plans for the farmers' market next week. We will be really busy preparing for it, but it's worth it because the market is always a big event and we all enjoy it.

**5** What did Rob, the farmer, write about looking after the goats?

Tick **one**.

They need the same care as the geese.

He sometimes milks them at 5.30am.

He checks on them in the evening.

They need the same care as the cows.

5  
1m

**6** ... *the geese seem to love their new home.*

What does this tell you?

Tick **one**.

The geese chased the local children into the pond.

Rob did not want to keep the geese any more.

The geese did not want to live on the pond.

Rob thought the geese liked living on the pond.

6  
1m

7 Rob will be very busy next week.

Why?

Tick **one**.

Alana cannot help him next week.

He has to prepare for the farmers' market.

The children are at school and cannot help.

He needs to repair the pond for the geese.

7  
  
1m

8 Find and copy one word that shows that the farmers' market had been held before.

\_\_\_\_\_

8  
  
1m

*please turn over*

**2pm:** The local children aren't at school today and love helping out, especially when they get a tractor ride in return. (They have a funny way of showing up to help when messy jobs like changing the straw have already been done!) They help me get the food ready for the afternoon feeding.



**9** What did the children enjoy most at the farm?

Tick **one**.

changing the straw

collecting the eggs

riding on the tractor

mending the fences

**10** What job did the children help out with in the afternoon?

Tick **one**.

cleaning out the pond

getting ready for the market

preparing the animal food

milking the cows

9  
1m

10  
1m

ding and milking time  
 a close eye on the  
 they hand-feed the new



t thing at night I nip  
 eck on the new calves  
 make sure they're safe  
 en, finally, it's bed time!  
 n clock for another early  
 OW ...

know Rob cares about his animals?

Tick **one**.

y preparing for the market.

on the calves late at night.

ows.

ntly bought geese.

the whole diary.

nes to show who did each job on the farm.

looked after the geese

milked the goats

hand-fed the calves

ren

mixed the morning feed

**Please wait until you are told to start work on page 16.**

11  
  
 1m

12  
  
 1m

TOTAL  
  
 4m

**Please wait until you are told to start work on page 16.**

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Now read all of the **boxed text** on pages 16–22.  
Then turn back to this page to start answering the questions.

## The Chinese Moon Festival

China is a much bigger country than Wales and is many thousands of miles away.



People in China enjoy a festival called the Moon Festival. It is celebrated in the autumn when there is a full moon – this is when the Moon looks the roundest and brightest. Families celebrate by spending time together. They often go to a hilltop to look at the Moon and enjoy a picnic.

1 What does the map show?

Tick **two**.

- where Wales and China are
- the shape of the Moon
- how to get from Wales to China
- the size of China compared to Wales
- where the Moon appears first



2 Find and copy two words that are used to describe a full moon.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Put ticks to show which statements are true and which are false.

	True	False
China is much bigger than Wales.		
China is less than one thousand miles away from Wales.		
The Moon Festival is celebrated in the spring.		
Families celebrate the Moon Festival together.		
Some people go to see the Moon from the top of a hill.		



*please turn over*



**Here is a story that explains why people celebrate the Moon Festival.**

In China, a long, long time ago, there were ten suns in the sky. The heat of these suns made all the plants shrivel up and die. The Emperor of China asked his best archer to shoot down nine of the suns and leave only one sun in the sky.



**4** Why was it a problem to have lots of suns?

Tick **one**.

The Emperor could not see the Moon.

It was too hot for the plants.

The archer could not shoot them all.

It was upsetting the lady in the Moon.



The archer shot down nine suns and everyone was very thankful. The Emperor was so pleased that he gave the archer a pill (tablet) that would make him live forever. However, the archer did not want to live forever unless his wife could live forever too, so he hid the pill in a secret place.

**5** The archer did not take the pill.

Why not?

Tick **one**.

The pill had to be taken on a full moon.

The pill was a present for his wife.

He did not like the taste of it.

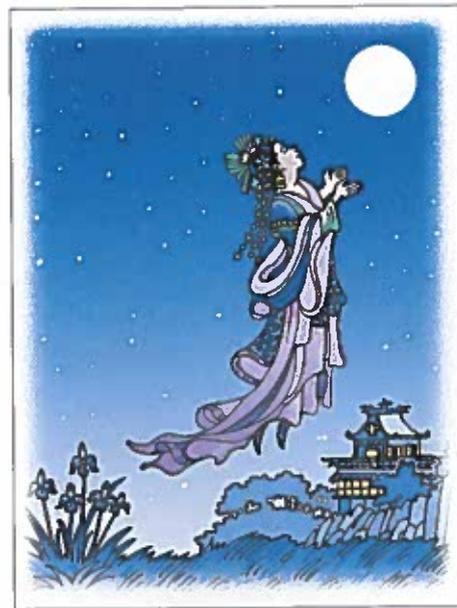
He did not want to live forever without his wife.

5  
1m

*please turn over*

When the archer was out one day, an evil man went to the archer's house and tried to take the pill. To stop the evil man from getting the pill, the archer's wife swallowed it herself. She flew straight up to the Moon, where she lived forever.

The archer missed his wife very much, and would leave food out for her.



It is thought that during the Moon Festival the archer and his wife are together again. This is why Chinese families celebrate by spending time together.

6 Think about the whole story.

Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
The archer shot down all of the suns from the sky.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The evil man gave the archer the pill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The pill could make somebody live forever.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Emperor swallowed the pill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The archer left food out for his wife.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 Why do families spend time together during the Moon Festival?

Tick **one**.

because the Emperor orders them to

to keep the evil man away from their homes

to celebrate the archer and his wife being together again

because they think it is unlucky to be with friends

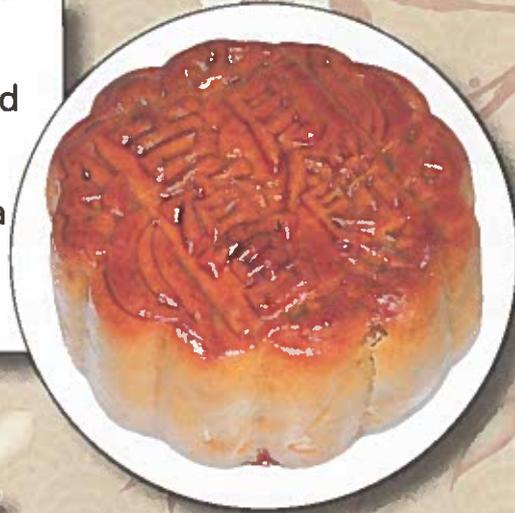
7  
  
1m

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*please turn over*

## Chinese festival facts

### The Moon Festival

- In China, the Moon Festival is also called the 'Mid-Autumn Festival'.
- People in many countries near to China also celebrate this popular festival by eating cakes called 'moon cakes'.



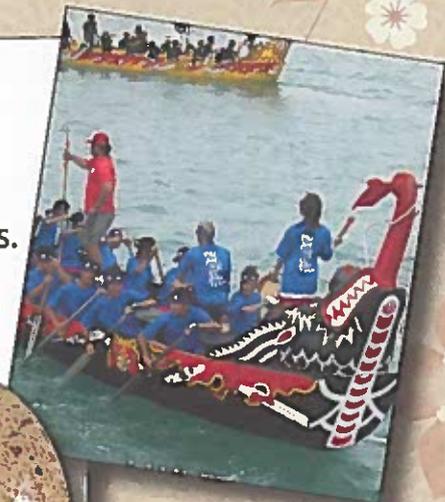
### The Spring Festival

- People in China also celebrate the Spring Festival. Another name for this festival is 'Chinese New Year'.

During the Spring Festival, children are given money in red envelopes. People think this money is lucky.

### The Dragon Boat Festival

- Another important Chinese festival is the Dragon Boat Festival, where people have races in boats which are shaped like dragons.
- At 12 noon, people try to balance an egg on its end. This is hard to do, but it is thought to bring good luck in the coming year.
- It is also called the 'Double Fifth Festival', because it happens on the 5th day of the 5th month of the Chinese year.



- 8 Festivals sometimes have more than one name.  
Draw **three** lines to show which names are used for the same festival.

Moon Festival	Chinese New Year
Spring Festival	Mid-Autumn Festival
Dragon Boat Festival	Double Fifth Festival

8  
1m

- 9 Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
China is the only country where people eat moon cakes.		
Children are given red envelopes at the Spring Festival.		
The Dragon Boat Festival is an important festival in China.		
Cracking an egg at the Dragon Boat Festival is thought to bring luck.		

9  
2m

- 10 Why are the facts in three different boxes?

Tick **one**.

- because there are three types of dragon
- to tell you about three different parts of China
- to tell you about three different festivals
- because there are three types of food at the festivals

10  
1m

**End of test. Please check your work.**

TOTAL  
4m

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