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Key stage 1

English reading
Amendments to mark schemes
Modified large print (MLP) and braille

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Introduction: modified large print

This guidance details the amendments made to the standard mark schemes for questions which have been adapted or replaced in the modified large print (MLP) version of the 2023 key stage 1 English reading national curriculum test.

This guidance should be used in conjunction with the standard version of the key stage 1 English reading test mark schemes. You should refer to the standard mark schemes when marking the MLP test papers, unless additional guidance is given in this document.

Amendments to the mark schemes

Amendments to mark schemes are only provided where the content of the standard mark schemes has been altered.

Amendments to mark schemes are not provided where the only change has been to divide a question into subsections or to alter the layout of a question.

Mark schemes have been amended for the following questions:

Paper 1	Questions 9 and 10

Read the general guidance below before using the standard mark schemes to mark questions in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

General guidance to be applied throughout the MLP papers

- You should make every effort to understand what the pupil has written, without reading into the answer anything that the pupil did not intend.
- Be sympathetic to the fact that the handwriting of pupils with visual impairment may be of inconsistent size and formation. They may also have difficulty ticking their answers. Award marks where there is a clear and unambiguous indication of the correct answer.
- If pupils have missed any answer lines or spaces within the text, their answers may be found elsewhere on the page. Any unambiguous indication of the correct answer should be credited, working within the parameters of the mark schemes.
- Questions that appear as horizontal tick boxes in the standard version of the test may have been changed to vertical orientation in the MLP version in order to make it easier for pupils to track across the page. The correct answers will be the same as in the standard mark schemes.

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Amendments to mark schemes for Paper 1: reading prompt and answer booklet

Minor changes have been made to the wording and layout of some Modified Large Print questions. All questions should be marked in accordance with the standard mark schemes unless otherwise indicated.
Additional marking guidance is provided below.

Q	Information for marking
9	MLP **question 9** is the same as standard **question 10** and should be marked in accordance with standard **question 10**.
10	This is a replacement question. This question replaces standard question 9. Award 1 mark for reference to any of the acceptable points below: • merino wool keeping us cool and/or dry • merino wool being comfortable • merino wool being used for sports clothes • merino wool being used for astronaut's clothes

Amendments to mark schemes for Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet

Minor changes have been made to the reading texts and to the wording and layout of some MLP questions but the mark scheme has not been affected.

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Introduction: braille

This guidance details the amendments made to the standard mark schemes for questions which have been adapted or replaced in the braille version of the 2023 key stage 1 English reading national curriculum test.

This guidance should be used in conjunction with the standard version of the key stage 1 English reading test mark schemes. You should refer to the standard mark schemes when marking the braille test papers, unless an alternative is given in this guidance.

Amendments to the mark schemes

Amendments to mark schemes are only provided where the content of the standard mark schemes has been altered.

Amendments to mark schemes are not provided where the only change has been to divide a question into subsections or to alter the layout of a question.

Mark schemes have been amended for the following questions:

Paper 1	Practice question a Questions 1, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 Practice question d Questions 13 and 20
Paper 2	Questions 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 17

General guidance to be applied throughout the braille papers

- You should make every effort to understand what the pupil has written, without reading into the answer anything that the pupil did not intend.
- Some pupils with visual impairment find it difficult to get their answers across clearly. It may take you longer to read their answers. Apply the mark schemes, but be sympathetic to their difficulties.
- Any unambiguous indication of the correct answer should be credited.
- Throughout the test, where question responses are labelled with letters or letters and numbers, pupils may write the letter of their chosen answer rather than writing out their answer in full, for example B, D.
- Some braille questions are worded differently to the standard versions of the same questions, but the differences are sufficiently small that the standard mark schemes can still be applied.

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Amendments to mark schemes for Paper 1: reading prompt and question booklet

Minor changes have been made to the wording and layout of some braille questions. All questions should be marked in accordance with the standard mark schemes unless otherwise indicated.
Additional marking guidance is provided below.

Q	Information for marking
Practice question a	Braillists do not need to write down the words, simply the letter of their chosen answer. The correct response for this question is **B**.
1	The correct response for this question is **D**.
5	The correct response for this question is **D**.
6	Braillists will physically match the two sets of cards. The correct responses for this question are: **brushing – gets rid of tangles** **spinning – changes the wool into yarn** **dyeing – turns the yarn a different colour**
7	While one of the options has been amended in the braille version, the mark scheme is not affected. The correct response for this question is **C**.
9	This corresponds to standard question 10 and should be marked in accordance with standard question 10.
10	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the acceptable points below: • merino wool keeping us cool and/or dry • merino wool being comfortable • merino wool being used for sports clothes • merino wool being used for astronaut's clothes
Practice question d	The correct response for this question is **B**.
13	The correct response for this question is **A**.
20	The correct response for this question is **A**.

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Amendments to mark schemes for Paper 2: reading booklet and reading question booklet

Minor changes have been made to the wording and layout of some braille questions. All questions should be marked in accordance with the standard mark schemes unless otherwise indicated. Additional marking guidance is provided below.

Q	Information for marking
1	Braillists do not need to write down the words, simply the letter of their chosen answer. The correct response for this question is **B**.
2	The correct response for this question is **D**.
4	Braillists should write **true** or **false** for **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. The correct responses for this question are: **A) False** **B) False** **C) True** **D) False**
7	The correct response for this question is **A**.
8	Braillists should write **true** or **false** for **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. The correct responses for this question are: **A) True** **B) True** **C) True** **D) False**
9	The correct response for this question is **C**.
12	Braillists should write **Mum** or **Dad** for **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. The correct responses for this question are: **A) Mum** **B) Dad** **C) Dad** **D) Mum**

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Q	Information for marking
15	The correct response for this question is **A**.
17	Four sentence cards are provided for this question. Braillists will place the cards in order to show the order of events in the story. The correct order is: **Everyone noticed Rory never did anything on time.** **Mum and Dad made a plan.** **Mum gave Rory a watch.** **Rory learned how long a minute is.**

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