

2025 national curriculum tests

# Key stage 1

## English reading

### Paper 2: reading answer booklet

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Questions 1–9 are about *The History of Ice Cream*  
(pages 5–7)

(page 5)

- 1** What did people in ancient China use to make ice cream?

Write **two** things.

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

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



1 mark

(page 5)

- 2** *The recipe was so precious...*

This tells you the recipe was...

Tick **one**.

sweet.

☐

cold.

☐

horrible.

☐

special.

☐

1 mark

(page 5)

**3** Look at the section: *Keeping ice cream cold*.

**Find** and **copy one** word that means the same as 'difficult'.

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1 mark

(page 6)

**4** Look at the section: *Ice cream cones*.

*Luckily, another man was selling waffles...*

Why was this lucky for the ice cream seller?

Tick **one**.

He wanted to eat a waffle.

☐

He did not like his dishes.

☐

He could keep selling his ice cream.

☐

He had an idea for a new flavour.

☐

1 mark

(page 6)

5 Look at the section: *Exciting flavours*.

What special name is used for an ice cream cafe?

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1 mark

(page 6)

6 Look at the section: *Exciting flavours*.

**Find** and **copy one** word that means the same as 'strange'.

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1 mark

(page 7)

7 What was used to hold a *penny lick*?

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1 mark

(page 7)

8 Draw **three** lines to complete each sentence with the correct country.

The most ice cream  
is eaten in...

the United States  
of America.

The tallest ice cream  
cone was made in...

New Zealand.

Ice Cream Day  
takes place in...

Norway.



1 mark

(pages 5–7)

**9** Think about the whole text.

Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
People like lime ice cream more than any other flavour.		
People think ice cream cones were invented in the United States of America.		
The King of England held a feast in his castle.		
A penny lick is a new ice cream flavour.		



2 marks

Questions 10–17 are about *A New Room For William*  
(pages 8–9)

(page 8)

**10** At the beginning of the story, William had...

Tick **one**.

just moved house.

☐

climbed a tree.

☐

decorated his room.

☐

made a new friend.

☐

1 mark

(page 8)

**11** When did Mum and William go shopping?

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1 mark



(page 8)

**12**

In the shop, which wallpaper did William want **first**?

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1 mark

(page 8)

**13**

Look at the paragraph beginning: *When they went home...*

What did William take out of the boxes?

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1 mark

(pages 8–9)

**14** Think about the whole story.

Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
There were pictures in William's old room.		
William could see a small tree from his window.		
Mum thought decorating the room would make it look better.		
There was a climbing frame in William's new garden.		



2 marks

(page 9)

**15** Where did Tom live?

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1 mark

(page 9)

**16**

What did William do in the garden to pretend to be a dinosaur?

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1 mark

(pages 8–9)

**17**

Think about the whole story.

Why did William like his new house in the end?

Write **two** reasons.1. 

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2. 

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2 marks

**End of test**



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