

2025 national curriculum tests

Key stage 1

Mathematics

Administering the braille version of Paper 2: reasoning

Key stage 1 tests are designed to be taken at the end of the key stage 1 programme of study. It is suggested that schools administer the tests during **May**, to help inform the support that can be given to pupils ahead of their transition to key stage 2.

Schools may choose to administer the non-statutory key stage 1 tests under test conditions. To help maintain the integrity of the tests for those doing so, we ask that all schools treat all test materials as confidential until **June 2025**.

Pack contents:

- Administration instructions for the braille version of the key stage 1 mathematics Paper 2: reasoning (overleaf)
- One copy of the braille Paper 2: reasoning
- One copy of the printed transcript of the braille version of the mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
- The model pack for question 10

For test administration

Key stage 1 mathematics test

The key stage 1 mathematics test consists of 2 papers. The papers should be administered in order. Pupils do not have to sit both papers on the same day. If both papers are administered on the same day, pupils may benefit from a break between papers. Both papers can be administered to the whole class, smaller groups of pupils or on an individual basis.

Paper 2: reasoning

The following information explains how to administer the braille version of the key stage 1 mathematics Paper 2: reasoning. Modified test administration guidance is available at www.gov.uk/sta.

Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 2: reasoning consists of a single question booklet. • There is a printed transcript of the braille booklet to help administrators. • It is expected that the standard version of Paper 2 will take approximately 35 minutes to complete, but it is not strictly timed. Pupils using braille tests are automatically entitled to up to 100% additional time. • It is at your discretion to choose when, or if, a pupil requires a break during the test or whether to stop the test early. • This paper has two sections: an aural section and a written section. The first section starts with a practice aural question followed by five aural questions. • The aural section of the test should take approximately 10 minutes. • After the aural questions, the pupils are presented with written questions. The time for the written questions should be approximately 60 minutes. • Changes have been made to the layout of some parts of the standard test paper to create the braille version. • You should refer to the printed transcript rather than the standard test questions when administering this test.
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each pupil will need the equipment specified below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a suitable way of recording their answers that reflects the usual way they write in class, such as a brailier, electronic braille display or word processor - braille paper (if the pupil is brailleing their responses) - a suitable tactile ruler. • Pupils may use the following, if this is normal classroom practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pins and bands to help record responses on diagrams - Pupils may use the following equipment, if this is normal classroom practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bilingual dictionaries or electronic translators provided they only give word-for-word translations - bilingual word lists - monolingual English electronic spell checkers. • Pupils are not allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculators - number apparatus, for example, base ten materials and number squares.

Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should ensure that nothing you say or do during a test could be interpreted as giving pupils an advantage, for example, indicating that an answer is correct or incorrect, or suggesting the pupil reviews an answer again. If the pupil requests it, a question may be read to the pupil on a one-to-one basis. You can also read questions 6 to 33 if a pupil has difficulty in reading them for themselves. If reading to a pupil, you may read words and numbers, but not mathematical symbols. This is to ensure that pupils are not given an unfair advantage by having the function inadvertently explained by reading its name. At the pupil's request, you may point to parts of the test paper such as charts, diagrams, statements and equations, but you should not explain the information or help the pupil by interpreting it. You should not explain any subject-specific terminology. If any other word in a question is unfamiliar to pupils, you may explain it, or show them objects or pictures to help them understand. <p>The examples below illustrate how to deal with some common situations:</p> <p>Question: What does 'fraction' mean? Answer: I can't tell you, but think hard and try to remember. We can talk about it after the test.</p> <p>Question: What does '>' or '<' mean? Answer: I can't tell you, but think hard and try to remember. We can talk about it after the test.</p>
Guidance for specific questions	<p>Q8: If you are reading the question to a pupil, you must not read the word 'thirteen' or any of the numbers in figures.</p> <p>Q10: Two models are supplied for this question. Make sure they are to hand when the pupil reaches this question.</p>
Before the test begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure you have the printed transcript of the braille booklet. Review the list of pupils with any particular individual needs and consider whether they may need rest breaks or other access arrangements. Ensure you know how to administer any access arrangements correctly. Please refer to the key stage 1 access arrangements guidance.
What to do at the start of the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that seating is appropriately spaced. Check that pupils do not have mobile phones or other disruptive items. Check that pupils do not have any materials or equipment that may give them extra help. Ensure each pupil who needs it has a braille version of mathematics Paper 2: reasoning.

**How to
introduce
the test**

- It is important to brief pupils fully at the start of each test. You should use these instructions to introduce Paper 2: reasoning.

- The wording of these instructions can be adapted, provided the meaning is retained.

This is the key stage 1 mathematics test Paper 2: reasoning. You should have a test booklet in front of you.

Write your name at the top of your braille paper.

I'm going to explain to you how to write down your answers to the questions.

You'll have plenty of time to work out the answers.

You need to work on your own. You need to think of your own answers and you shouldn't talk about them with anyone else.

If you want to change an answer you should put a line through the answer that you don't want to be marked or use a series of 'for' braille signs (all six dots) to cross out the answer.

If you need to change your answer when you have marked a diagram or graph, please ask me for a new copy of the diagram or graph.

- Where necessary, you can show the pupils how to mark a diagram to indicate the answer.

Open your test booklet at page 1.

There are six children who are in some of the questions. Their names are Ajay, Amy, Ben, Kemi, Sam and Sita.

Introducing the aural questions

What to say at the start of the aural questions

Now I'm going to read aloud some questions for you to answer. I am going to read each question twice, with a short gap in between. You need to listen very carefully when I read the questions to you.

You should work on your own and you should not call out the answers.

Look at the practice question on page 2. This is a practice question for us to do together.

- When reading the question to the pupils, remember to repeat the bold text only.
- You may help pupils locate the question where necessary.

Look at the practice question.

Look at the number.

What number is ONE MORE than ten?

Write your answer.

- Before proceeding, ensure the pupils know where they should have written their answer and the number they should have written. Discuss methods the pupils used to work out their answer. Allow the pupils to change their answer to the correct one by crossing out, to make sure they know how to correct errors.

Now I'm going to read out questions 1 to 5.

You should try to answer all of the questions.

Remember, I can't help you with these next questions. You should try to work them out on your own.

Do you have any questions?

Look at question 1 on page 3.

- Read questions 1 to 5, allowing sufficient time for pupils to write their answers before you move on to the next question. When reading the question to the pupils, remember to repeat the bold text only. Words that are underlined should be emphasised.

This section continues on the next page.

Question 1	<p>Turn to the next page. [Pause]</p> <p>Look at the picture of a box of oranges.</p> <p>A shopkeeper has FIFTEEN oranges in a box.</p> <p>He sells SIX of the oranges.</p> <p>How many oranges does he have LEFT?</p> <p>Write your answer.</p>
Question 2	<p>Turn to the next page. [Pause]</p> <p>Look at the picture of rods and squares.</p> <p>Each rod stands for TEN.</p> <p>Each square stands for ONE.</p> <p>What number does the picture show?</p> <p>Write your answer.</p>
Question 3	<p>Turn to the next page. [Pause]</p> <p>Look at the number line.</p> <p>What number is HALF-WAY between ten and twenty?</p> <p>Write your answer.</p>
Question 4	<p>Look at question four. [Pause]</p> <p>Look at the three numbers.</p> <p>What is the TOTAL of two, three and four?</p> <p>Write your answer.</p>
Question 5	<p>Turn to the next page.</p> <p>Look at the four shapes. They are labelled P Q R and S.</p> <p>Write the letter of the TWO shapes that have exactly ONE-QUARTER shaded.</p>
<p>Stop the pupils and introduce the written section of the test.</p>	

Introducing the written questions

What to say at the start of the written questions	<p><i>For the rest of the test you will need to read the questions in the booklet yourself.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note, you may need to change the instruction above if you are supporting some pupils with reading. • Where necessary, you can show the pupils how to change their answers if they think they have made a mistake. <p><i>Remember, if you want to change an answer, you should use a series of 'for' braille signs (all 6 dots) to cross out the answer you don't want to be marked.</i></p> <p><i>You will need to write your answer on your braille paper.</i></p> <p><i>You can use your braille paper to write down any working out if you need to.</i></p> <p><i>You need to work on your own. You need to think of your own answers and you shouldn't discuss them with anyone else.</i></p> <p><i>If you can't answer a question, move on to the next one, and come back to that question later on if you have time.</i></p> <p><i>You have approximately 60 minutes to complete the rest of the paper now.</i></p> <p><i>Turn to page 6 and start working.</i></p>
What to do at the end of the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you need to make a transcript of a test script, complete it with the individual pupil at the end of the test, under test conditions. Particular care should be taken to ensure accurate transcriptions are made and the pupil's answers are not corrected or amended.
Marking the tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the key stage 1 test mark schemes and the amended mark schemes for braille to mark the test, following both the general guidance and any specific guidance for each question.



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