

2026 national curriculum tests

Key stage 1

ENGLISH

Modified large print

Reading

Paper 2: reading answer booklet

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Questions 1 – 9 are about Jack's New Boat
(pages 4 – 7)

1. What was Uncle Jim's job? (page 4)

2. Where did Jack get his boat? (page 4)

Tick one.

☐

Uncle Jim bought it at a shop.

☐

Jack found it on the beach.

☐

Uncle Jim made it for him.

☐

Jack brought it from home.

3. **Until at last . . . it stopped! (page 5)**

What stopped?

4. **But the little boat drifted farther and farther out to sea. (page 5)**

The word **drifted** means . . .

Tick **one**.

☐ floated away.

☐ raced past.

☐ sank down.

☐ turned around.

- 5. Why did Uncle Jim tell Jack they needed to stop looking for the boat until the next morning? (page 6)**

- 6. How did Uncle Jim make Jack feel better? (page 6)**

7. Jack ran to look. (page 7)

Why did Jack run?

8. Think about the **whole** story. (pages 4 – 7)

What might Jack have learned from his stay with Uncle Jim?

Tick **one**.

☐ to be hard working

☐ to be generous

☐ to be patient

☐ to be grateful

9. Think about the **whole** story. (pages 4 – 7)

Number the following from **1** to **4** to show the order things happen in the story.

The boat disappeared beneath a wave.

Uncle Jim said they could fix Jack's boat.

Uncle Jim told Jack that a storm was coming.

Jack took his boat to the beach.

Questions 10 – 18 are about **Bamboo** (pages 8 – 13)

10. What are bamboo stems called? (page 8)

11. Look at **What is bamboo?** on page 8.

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

	True	False
Bamboo only grows in one country.		
Bamboo can grow very tall.		
Bamboo stems are hard and straight.		
Bamboo can be used in different ways.		

12. Look at **What is bamboo?** on page 8.

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

13. What colour are bamboo leaves in winter? (page 9)

14. Look at **The bamboo plant** on page 9.

This doesn't happen very often, so they are rarely seen.

This means that bamboo flowers . . .

Tick one.

☐

smell beautiful.

☐

are only seen in winter.

☐

are not seen a lot.

☐

grow slowly.

- 15. Bamboo is a good material for making furniture.
(page 10)**

Write two reasons why.

1.

2.

- 16. A stir-fry is one meal you can cook with bamboo.
(page 12)**

Write one other meal.

17. Why do people need to be careful when cooking bamboo? (page 12)

18. Look at **Bamboo for wearing** on page 13.

Why might people choose clothes that are made from bamboo?

Write **one** reason.

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