

1995 Level thresholds

Key stage 2

English

The Spelling Tests

The mark schemes give the correct answers. One mark has been awarded for each correct spelling, and a total 'raw score' calculated. The raw score has been scaled to provide a spelling mark. Where a school has entered a child for both the Spelling Tests the external marker will only mark Time Machine 1 if a child fails to gain 3 marks on Time Machine 2.

Levels 3 - 5 tests

Level	Mark range
0	0
1 - 4	1
5 - 12	2
13 - 15	3

Levels 3 - 6 Spelling Test

Raw score	Spelling Mark
0	0
1 - 4	2
5 - 10	3
16 - 18	5
19 - 20	6

The Handwriting Test

Marks have been awarded according to the criteria given in the mark scheme, and recorded on the cover sheet for the test. Where a child was physically unable to write, the external marker has been awarded an average mark for the Handwriting Test.

Table 2

Handwriting Level	Handwriting Mark
Levels 1 or 2	1 mark
Levels 3 or 4	2 marks
Levels 5 or 6	3 marks

The Writing Test

Markers have been awarded marks for Purpose and Organisation, Grammar and Style according to the criteria given in the mark scheme. Where the writing extends to more than one side, the marker has ticked the margin at the end of each side

when he/she has read it. The marker has drawn a line at the end of the child's response.

The levels 3 - 6 Reading Test

Most of questions carry one mark only; some questions carry a range of marks.

Overall Test Level (Reading Task) The Level Threshold

In order to find an overall English test level the following procedure is used:

The raw score for the Spelling Test is converted to a Spelling mark using Table 1. The assessed Handwriting level is converted into a Handwriting mark using Table 2. The Spelling and Handwriting scores are recorded on the front cover of the Spelling Test and added together. These two combined scores are entered in the third box.

The combined Spelling and Handwriting mark is added to the Writing Test score to give a total mark for Writing. (further details can be found in the English Teacher's Guide)

English test level

The test level is found by selecting the appropriate row (overall mark for Writing) and reading across the row to the appropriate mark range for Reading. Table 3 is for children who have been assessed using the Reading Task. Table 4 is used for children who have been assessed using the Reading Test.

Table 3: Overall Test Level (Reading Task)

	Reading Task Level		
Total Mark for Writing	W	1	2
0 - 3	W	1	1
4 - 8	1	1	2
9 - 14	1	1	2
15 - 33	2	2	3

Table 4: Overall Test Level (Reading Test)

	Reading Task Score					
Total Mark for Writing	1	2 - 10	11 - 27	28 - 46	47 - 58	59 - 63
0 - 3	1	1	2	2	3	3
4 - 8	1	2	2	3	3	4
9 - 14	1	2	3	3	4	4
15 - 19	2	2	3	4	4	5
20 - 25	2	3	3	4	5	5
26 - 30	3	3	4	4	5	6
31 - 33	3	4	4	5	5	6

Mathematics and Science

In the mathematics test, if a child has not given the right answer but there is evidence that an appropriate method has been used, '1' will be recorded in the mark box. This procedure has also been used where, for example a child has made a simple transfer error from working out to the answer box.

The total number of marks that a child has gained for the questions on a double page spread are recorded in the box in the bottom right hand corner. In order to be awarded a Level 6 a child must also achieve Level 5 on the levels 3 - 5 test.

Mathematics

Levels 3 - 5	
Level 3	15 - 30 marks
Level 4	31 - 49 marks
Level 5	50 marks or more
Level 6	
Level 6	20 marks or more

Science

Levels 3 - 5	
Level 3	25 - 36 marks
Level 4	37 - 50 marks
Level 5	51 marks or more
Level 6	
Level 6	16 marks or more

Key stage 3

English

Level	Mark range
3	10
4	22
5	41
6	62
7	82

Extension paper

Level	Mark range
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8	13
9	21
10	29

Pupils will only be awarded a level on the extension paper if they also achieve Level 7 on the main paper.

Mathematics

Level	Tier 3 - 5	Tier 4 - 6	Tier 5 - 7	Tier 6 - 8	Extension paper
2	24 marks				
3	39 marks	27 marks			
4	68 marks	37 marks	22 marks		
5	90 marks	60 marks	32 marks	20 marks	
6		81 marks	53 marks	30 marks	
7			81 marks	51 marks	
8				81 marks	
9					30 marks
10					50 marks

Pupils will only be awarded a level on the basis of the extension paper if they also achieve Level 8 on the tier 6 - 8.

Science

Level	Tier 3 - 6	Tier 5 - 7	Extension paper
2	26 marks		
3	52 marks		
4	79 marks	29 marks	
5	106 marks	54 marks	
6	131 marks	82 marks	
7		104 marks	
8			44 marks
9			64 marks
10			84 marks

Pupils will only be awarded a level on the basis of the extension paper if they also achieve Level 7 on tier 5 - 7