

1997 Level thresholds

Key stage 2

English

Levels 3 - 5 tests

Level	Mark range
'N' awarded for the test	0 - 24
2	25 - 27
3	28 - 51
4	52 - 74
5	75+

Extension test

Level	Mark range
Main test level awarded	0 - 23
6	24+

The Reading Test

The reading Test is marked against the mark scheme which includes descriptive criteria. For more open questions, which carry several marks, judgements are made about how well a child's response fits these criteria.

The Spelling Test

The mark scheme gives the correct answers. The total number of correct spellings is divided by two and rounded up to give a Spelling Test mark. This ensures that the weighting given to the Spelling Test represents 10% of total mark for English.

The Handwriting Test

Marks are awarded according to the criteria given in the mark scheme. Children who are physically unable to take the test are awarded three marks.

The Writing Test

Markers are required to make judgements against criteria for Purpose and Organisation, Punctuation and Style covering Levels 3, 4 and 5. Additional criteria for 'High Level 5' and 'Just below Level 3' are included to help determine the best fit. Markers are instructed to tick each page as they mark and to rule a line at the end of the child's writing. Markers are required not to place any further marks on scripts.

To find the reading level

The number of marks awarded on the reading test should be used with the first table below. To find the writing level, first add the writing test mark, the spelling test mark (not the number of words spelled correctly) and the handwriting test mark. This total number of marks is then used to find the writing level using the second table below.

Reading test level

Level	Mark range
3	9 - 20
4	21 - 35
5	36+

Writing test levels

Level	Mark range
3	19 - 30
4	31 - 38
5	39+

Mathematics

Levels 3 – 5 tests

Level	Mark range
'N' awarded for the test	0 - 14
2	15 - 17
3	18 - 39
4	40 - 61
5	62+

Extension test

Level	Mark range
Main test level awarded	0 - 20
6	21+

Science

Levels 3 – 5 tests

Level	Mark range
'N' awarded for the test	0 - 17
2	18 - 20
3	21 - 40
4	41 - 60
5	61+

Extension test

Level	Mark range
Main test level awarded	0 - 21
6	22+

Key stage 3

English

Levels	Mark range
3	13 - 18
4	19 - 36
5	37 - 54
6	55 - 72
7	73+

Extension paper

Level	Mark range
8	16 - 27
Exceptional Performance	28+

Pupils will only be awarded level 8 or Exceptional Performance on the extension paper if they also achieve Level 7 on the main tier paper.

Mathematics

Level	Tier 3 - 5	Tier 4 - 6	Tier 5 - 7	Tier 6 - 8	Extension paper
2	15 - 19				
3	20 - 53	23 - 27			
4	54 - 86	28 - 54	24 - 28		
5	87+	55 - 80	29 - 44	24 - 28	
6		81+	45 - 77	29 - 45	
7			78+	46 - 78	
8				79+	
Exceptional Performance					22+

Pupils will only be awarded Exceptional Performance on the extension paper if they also achieve Level 8 on the 6 - 8 tier.

Science

Level	Tier 3 - 6	Tier 5 - 7	Extension paper
2	35 - 41		
3	42 - 67		
4	68 - 96	42 - 47	
5	97 - 122	48 - 76	
6	123+	77 - 101	

7		102+	
8			26 - 40
Exceptional Performance			41+

Pupils will only be awarded Level 8 or Exceptional Performance on the extension paper only if they also achieve Level 7 on the 5 - 7 tier.