

Preparing for the English Entrance Exam

The Latymer English Exam tests both reading and writing skills and a sample paper is available online.

The English test lasts 60 minutes with 30 minutes allocated for the reading section and 30 minutes for the writing section. The reading section comprises of comprehension, inference and analytical questioning whilst the writing section asks candidates to write imaginatively and creatively. Spelling, punctuation and grammar marks will be awarded for the writing section of the paper in addition to marks available for content and organisation.

Preparation Advice

- Reading regularly is the best way to prepare for this paper as students are presented with a short unseen extract. Local libraries have a range of excellent material to engage children in their reading.
- Reading out loud
- Listening to audio books
- Build new and challenging vocabulary lists
- Spelling tests
- Write a review of a book read
- Explaining the mood or atmosphere of a passage
- Comprehension activities
- Creating opportunities to write creatively – perhaps re-write a passage from a different character's point of view



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