English tests
Mark schemes
Reading test, writing test and spelling test

KEY STAGE 2
LEVELS 3–5
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Introduction

As in previous years, the external marking agency, under contract to QCA, will mark the test papers. The markers will follow the mark schemes in this booklet, which are provided here to inform teachers.

The booklet includes the mark schemes for the assessment of reading, writing and spelling. For ease of reference, the test questions have been reproduced in the mark schemes. Level threshold tables will be posted on the QCA website, www.qca.org.uk, on Monday 19 June.

The marks in the tests are allocated as follows:

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The mark schemes were devised after trialling the tests with pupils and contain examples of some frequently occurring correct answers given in the trials. The mark schemes indicate the criteria on which judgements should be made. In areas of uncertainty, however, markers should exercise professional judgement based on the training they have received.

The same sets of assessment focuses for reading and writing have been used for the English tasks and tests at all key stages. These provide information about the particular processes or skills the pupil needs in order to answer the questions. This information is provided in order to explain the structure of each mark scheme as well as the way in which it will be used by external markers. The assessment focuses are drawn from the national curriculum and are directly related to the Primary National Strategy. Diagnostic analysis of pupil performance based on the focuses can be generated by using the Pupil Achievement Tracker (PAT) software available to download from www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/performance.

The 2006 key stage 2 English tests and mark schemes were produced by the key stage 2 English team at the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) on behalf of QCA.
The reading test

The range of marks available for each question is given under the mark box at the side of the page of the Reading Answer Booklet.

Incorrect or unacceptable answers are given a mark of 0. No half marks are awarded.

There are several different answer formats:

- **short answers**
  These may be only a word or phrase, and 1 mark may be awarded for each correct response.

- **several line answers**
  These may be phrases or a sentence or two, and up to 2 marks may be awarded.

- **longer answers**
  These require a more detailed explanation of the pupil’s opinion, and up to 3 marks may be awarded.

- **other answers**
  Some responses do not involve writing and the requirements are explained in the question.

The mark scheme was devised after trialling the tests with pupils and contains examples of some frequently occurring correct answers given in the trials. These are shown in italics. Many pupils will, however, have different ways of wording an acceptable answer. In assessing each answer, markers must focus on the content of what has been written and not on the quality of the writing, expression, grammatical construction, etc.

**Assessment focuses for reading**

The aspects of reading to be assessed are pupils’ ability to:

1. use a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning
2. understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text
3. deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts
4. identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level
5. explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level
6. identify and comment on writers’ purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader
7. relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions.
The following table identifies the questions (with marks available) that address each assessment focus (AF).

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Assessment focus 1 underlies the reading of and response to the text and questions in the test, and is not explicitly separately assessed at key stage 2. Not all focuses will be appropriate to, or appear in, any one test at any given level.

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1. Which of these instruments did Evelyn learn as a child?

   Ring **one**.

   **1 mark**

   *Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.*

   Award **1 mark** for the correct choice.

   **flute**  **recorder**  **guitar**  **violin**

2. This table shows the dates of some important events in Evelyn's life. Fill in the three gaps.

   **up to 2 marks**

   *Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.*

   Award **2 marks** for three cells correctly completed.

   Award **1 mark** for two cells correctly completed.

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3. On pages 4 and 5, it says that Evelyn was the first person to do two things.
   Find one of them:

   Award 1 mark for references to either of the following:
   - (first) solo full-time percussionist
   - (first) classical musician to have a website.

   Also accept reference to Evelyn developing a new range of cymbals.
4. The writer of pages 4 and 5 used descriptions such as unusually gifted to describe Evelyn.
   a) Find and copy two other words or phrases showing that Evelyn had a special gift.

   up to 2 marks

   Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

   Award 1 mark for retrieval of examples of language that show exceptional talent, up to a maximum of 2 marks, eg:

   ■ (began to) excel
   ■ talented
   ■ better than anyone expected
   ■ exceptionally (young)
   ■ outstanding (professional)
   ■ (winning) countless (prizes)
   ■ even (developed).

   Do not accept reference to exceptional facts, eg: Young Musician of the Year award / bullets from list on page 5.

   Do not penalise errors in copying or copying one / two extra words.

4. b) What is the effect of using these descriptions?

   1 mark

   Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

   Award 1 mark for the correctly ticked box.

   Tick one.

   to give the idea that Evelyn was very lucky

   to show how talented Evelyn was ✓

   to describe Evelyn’s difficulties

   to reveal Evelyn’s opinion
5. What is the purpose of the list on page 5?

1 mark

Assessment focus 6: identify and comment on writers’ purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.

Award 1 mark for the correctly ticked box.

Tick one.

- to explain the information on pages 4 and 5
- to repeat the main events in Evelyn’s life
- to introduce the information on pages 6 and 7
- to summarise Evelyn’s achievements ✓
6. Mr Forbes taught Evelyn to develop her senses. For what other reasons is Mr Forbes important in Evelyn's life? 

**up to 2 marks**

**Assessment focus 3:** deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).

Award **1 mark** for each point from the categories below, to a maximum of **2 marks**:

- music teacher, eg: *taught her how to play percussion*
- support / encouragement, eg: *worked with her to develop her sense of feeling / he believed in her even though she was deaf*
- initiated her career, eg: *introduced her to percussion / discovered her ability to play xylophone*
- inspiration, eg: *he helped her realise that she could play music.*

Answers must come from two different categories to be credited with two marks.

**Do not accept:** *he taught her / he was her teacher.*

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7. The percussion room made a big impression on Evelyn the first time she saw it.

What do you think her thoughts were as she looked around? Write her thoughts in this bubble.

**up to 2 marks**

**Assessment focus 3:** deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).

Award **2 marks** for references to feelings (awe / inspiration / possibility) that the room evoked, eg:

- *It's great to be surrounded by all these amazing instruments*
- *I can't wait to play all these instruments!*
- *What a small room! I’m so excited that I could be playing all of this*
- *Wow! This is great. This is like a dream come true!*

Award **1 mark** for references only to the physical attributes (clutter / size) of the room, eg:

- *It's so small. How can anyone play in here?*
- *There's too much in here. I can't move.*

Answers may be expressed in the third person.

**Do not accept** responses that are very close to the original text with no further interpretation, eg: *It's tiny, with one window / It's so small and so crowded that I can hardly move.*
8. When Evelyn lifted the sticks, she played with no stiffness or awkwardness.
   What did this show?
   
   Award 1 mark for referring to natural talent, eg:
   - she had ability to play
   - she was a natural
   - she definitely had inspiration for music.

9. When Evelyn performs she often takes off her shoes.
   Why?
   
   Award 1 mark for reference to feeling the vibration, eg:
   - so that she can feel the vibrations of the instruments
   - so that she can tell which note she's playing
   - so that she knows what sound and beats she's making.
10. What do you think Evelyn meant by

\textit{a seed growing in your heart}? \hfill 1 \text{ mark}

\textbf{Assessment focus 5:} explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

\textbf{Award 1 mark} for answers that give a plausible interpretation of the image with reference to at least one of the following ideas:

- emotion / passion
- creation
- talent / practice
- inspiration.

\textbf{Examples:}

- \textit{music comes from a deep place in your heart and soul}
- \textit{you’re like a seed growing into a tree and that means your musical talent is growing}
- \textit{she means that you have to have the talent and if you go on with it, you’ll get better}
- \textit{you have to use your heart to play good music}.

\textbf{Do not accept} answers that are very close to the original text without further interpretation, eg: \textit{music isn’t just a question of sounds / music has to come from deep inside you}.
11. Evelyn's autobiography is called Good Vibrations.
Why is this a good title for her book?

Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

Award 2 marks for answers which attempt to explain the whole phrase in the context of Evelyn's life (ie attempt to explain the 'good' as well as 'vibration'), eg:

- her success as a musician is all due to her ability to create and hear music through vibration
- because she said that's how she plays music, by feeling the vibrations so good vibrations means good music
- it has a double meaning. She is getting good vibrations from enjoying her music and feeling the vibrations from the instruments
- she uses vibration to play music and that's been good for her as it has made her career.

Award 1 mark for answers which make a connection either between Evelyn / her autobiography, music and vibration or between Evelyn / her autobiography, deafness and vibration, eg:

- she hears music by feeling vibrations
- it is about vibrations and how Evelyn uses instruments
- the book is about music and music is made by vibration
- she plays music by feeling the vibrations and they feel good
- as she's deaf she has to rely on vibrations
- it is a good title for her autobiography as she is deaf and all she can feel are vibrations.

Do not accept answers which do not create a link between three elements, eg: because her songs vibrate / because she feels good vibrations.
12. Each of the paragraphs on pages 6 and 7 tells us different things about Evelyn's life.

Label each arrow with the correct letter:

A – paragraph explaining how Evelyn can sense music
B – paragraph telling you how Evelyn discovered her talent for percussion
C – paragraph explaining how emotions play a part in music

1 mark

Assessment focus 4: identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level.

Award 1 mark for labels in the following order:
13. Why do you think many people admire Evelyn Glennie?

*up to 3 marks*

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).

Possible points might refer to Evelyn's:

- musical ability
- sensory ability
- determination / perseverance
- professional success
- inspiration to others.

**Award 3 marks** for answers which provide substantial coverage of at least two points, eg:

- I think many people admire her because she is such a talented person and she can sense the notes through her body and it is very interesting, almost as if she is psychic. Also many people may just learn from her example (sensory ability and inspiration).
- because at the age of 12 she lost her hearing but she carried on playing instruments and that must have been hard but she learnt about beats and notes through the vibrations in her body (determination and ability).
- she is admired because she is so talented in percussion and yet she is deaf. People must love the sounds and emotions she makes, plus all the prizes she has won (musical ability and professional success).

**Award 2 marks** for answers which either explore one of the points above in more detail / with textual support or explore two of the points superficially, eg:

- because she is a great musician and also because she can’t hear but she still performs and plays successfully (musical ability and determination).
- she never gave up and followed her ambition to become a musician although she was deaf (determination).
- because even though she’s a deaf woman she can play an instrument and somehow be very good at it (musical ability).

**Award 1 mark** for answers which are either very general or refer to a very specific detail relating to one of the points above, eg:

- she gives around a 110 concerts a year (success).
- she plays percussion even though she is deaf (perseverance).
- she is a very good and talented musician (musical ability).
14. Using what you have read, which **three** of the following are features of autobiographies?

*up to 2 marks*

**Assessment focus 7:** relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions.

**Award 2 marks** if all three correct answers are ticked.

**Award 1 mark** if two correct answers are ticked.

Tick **three**.

- written in the first person ✓
- include the writer’s thoughts and feelings ✓
- include conversation
- written in the present tense
- give the author’s life story ✓
- are in note form
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15. Why are ‘talking drums’ important in West Africa? Ring one.

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

Award 1 mark for the correct choice.

- conveying important information
- developing emotions
- making rich metallic sounds
- playing rock music

1 mark

16. What is the purpose of the sub-headings on pages 8 and 9?

Assessment focus 4: identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level.

Award 1 mark for answers that refer either to organisation of text, eg:

- to indicate that you are moving on to a new section
- to divide up the text / separate the different information
- make it a bit more ordered.

or to conveying information / facts, eg:

- to tell you the name of the drum and / or where it is from
- to tell / show you which country they’re talking about
- to tell you what they’re talking about.

Do not accept over-general answers, eg: it tells you what the pages are about / to tell you what they are talking about on those pages.
17. a) Complete the table using the information on pages 8 and 9. Some of the information has been filled in for you.

*up to 3 marks*

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (simple inference).

Award 3 marks for six cells correctly completed.

Award 2 marks for four or five cells correctly completed.

Award 1 mark for three cells correctly completed.

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<td>(hit with rubber tipped) drumsticks</td>
<td>Any one of: ■ rich / metallic ■ rhythmic / lively ■ different sound on each panel.</td>
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<td>ghatam</td>
<td>Any one of: ■ with hands ■ slap / hit with hand ■ left hand low notes / right high notes ■ hit with left hand / use fingers on right. <strong>Do not accept:</strong> hit / move to / from body or stomach</td>
<td>a variety of tones</td>
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17. b) This table has no heading in the first column. What would be a good heading for that column?

Assessment focus 4: identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level.

Award 1 mark for:
- name of drum / instrument / type of drum / drum(s).

18. Draw lines to match the boxes to show how different cymbals are played.

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

Award 1 mark for all three pairs correctly matched.

- crash cymbals
- ride cymbals
- hi-hat

- tap rhythmically
- play with single hard strokes
- clash together with pedal
20. Which of the drums below would you like to try? Tick one.

kalangu  
ghatam  

Explain why you have chosen this drum, using information from pages 8 and 9 in your answer.

1 mark

Assessment focus 6: identify and comment on writers’ purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.

Award 1 mark for answers which provide appropriate text-based justification, eg:

- kalangu, because I’d like to talk using a drum
- [kalangu], I would like to see how many different sounds I could make and how far the sound travels
- ghatam, because I’d like to play something that is really just a pot.

Do not accept answers that are not text-based, eg: ghatam, because I have already tried them / kalangu, because I like the sound of them.
21. What is the main purpose of the text on pages 8 and 9?

Assessment focus 6: identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.

Award 1 mark for the correctly ticked box.

Tick one.

- to give information about four new types of drum
- to show the variety of drums worldwide ✓
- to demonstrate how easy drumming is
- to persuade you to try drumming
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22. This text has been written for a certain type of reader. Who?

1 mark

Assessment focus 6: identify and comment on writers’ purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.

Award 1 mark if the correct answer is ticked.

Tick one.

- young people ✓
- parents of teenagers
- experienced drummers
- nursery children

23. a) In the box below, underline two words that Peter uses to show that Drumming is great fun.

1 mark

You sit at the back of the orchestra, surrounded by exciting kit, having a fantastic time bashing everything in sight. But it isn’t all that easy. You have to hit the right drum at the right time and at the right loudness.

Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

Award 1 mark for underlining any two of the following (pairs of) words:

- exciting (kit)
- fantastic (time)
- bashing (everything).

Do not accept answers if sections consisting of more than two words are underlined.
23. b) Apart from Peter, which of the other speakers on these pages also emphasises the enjoyment of playing music?

1 mark

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (simple inference).

Award 1 mark for:

- Lara (Brook).

23. c) Find and copy the sentence that shows the enjoyment of this speaker.

1 mark

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

Award 1 mark for:

- It's great fun though.
- ... you have the fun (of playing all the "odds and ends" that everyone else is too grand to play).
24. Jez Kamal says that

*Drumming is not for anyone who likes a quiet life.*

What does he mean by this?

*up to 2 marks*

Assessment focus 3: *deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).*

*Award 2 marks for answers which provide a metaphorical interpretation of a quiet life and refer to lifestyle / personality, eg:*

- a drummer’s life is very busy / full of activity
- he means that people who like peace and quietness, it isn’t for them because Jez Kamal is a rock star and peace doesn’t match with it
- if you like to read a book all day then this isn’t the type of instrument for you
- Jez means that drumming is really loud and energetic but if you are a quiet calm person, drumming is not the thing for you
- since drumming is often loud, quiet people may not like the idea
- if you are shy and quiet, then drumming is not really for you.

*Award 1 mark for answers which relate only to sound / music / noise in a literal interpretation of a quiet life, eg:*

- drumming is noisy
- if you like a quiet life / peace and quiet, don’t play the drum
- if you like relaxing music, you won’t like the drums
- drums are loud so if you like peace and quiet don’t buy drums.

Do not accept (near) restatement of quotation, eg: *drums are not suitable for people who want quiet.*
25. In Lara’s comments, the word ‘NOW’ is in capital letters. Why?

*up to 2 marks*

**Assessment focus 4:** identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level.

**Award 2 marks** for explanations that the capitals convey the demand of the experience on Lara, eg:

- to say that it all has to be done at the same time
- to show that you have to have the right timing
- it is showing how nervous she gets trying to get to the parts she has to play
- to tell you how fast she has to be
- because she’s trying to get across how much you’ve got to do and how little time you’ve got
- it’s big because she can’t miss a thing.

**Award 1 mark** for answers which refer only to aspects of the challenge, but not to Lara’s intention to convey that challenge or answers which imply that the timing of the tubular bells and page turning is the only difficulty involved, eg:

- because she has a lot to do in one go
- because it’s urgent
- you have to hurry up and get on with it
- she is trying to say how hard it is turning over one page and playing the bells.

Also award **1 mark** for answers which refer only to Lara’s expression, eg:

- to show that she’s saying it louder / in a different tone.

**Do not accept** general responses, eg: to grab your attention.
26. Each of the people on pages 10 and 11 talks about different abilities needed for playing their instruments. Draw lines to match each person to the abilities they talk about.

1 mark

Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (simple inference).

Award 1 mark for four correctly matched pairs.

- Peter Hunter: enjoyment of loud noise
- Pinto Wells: sense of timing and rhythm
- Jez Kamal: strength
- Lara Brook: agility / being lively / quick
27. Lara describes what she has to do when she is playing.

Draw lines to match each instrument to the pictures to show whether Lara uses her hands or feet.

One has been done for you. Draw **four** more lines.

1 mark

**Assessment focus 2:** understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

Award **1 mark** for four correctly matched items.
28. a) Lara plays a great many instruments.  
   How many instruments does she mention?  
   
   1 mark

   Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

   Award 1 mark for:

   ■ 5 / five.

28. b) **Find and copy** the phrase that makes it clear that Lara sometimes finds her task difficult to do.  
   
   1 mark

   Assessment focus 5: explain and comment on writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

   Award 1 mark for any of the following:

   ■ how on earth
   ■ trying
   ■ have to be (played now).

   Also award 1 mark for copying out the whole / most of the section:

   ■ ... wondering how on earth you are going to be able to reach the tubular bells which have to be played NOW.
29. Each of the texts in this booklet looks at the subject of drumming, but in different ways.

Which text might inspire someone to take up drumming?

Tick one.

Evelyn Glennie [pages 4–7] □
Drumming Around the World [pages 8–9] □
Could You be a Drummer? [pages 10–11] □

Explain why it might inspire someone.

_Upto 3 marks_

Assessment focus 6: identify and comment on writers’ purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.

Possible points might refer to the effect of the _content, style_ and/or _writer_ of the chosen text.

Award 3 marks for answers which evaluate the overall impact of the chosen text on at least two of the three points in relation to how this text may inspire the reader, eg:

- [Evelyn Glennie] because _she is deaf and she still enjoys playing drums and it explains to us how she plays the drums and what it’s like in Evelyn’s view_
- [Drumming Around the World] because _of how it explains all the exciting drums, like the sound they make also how you make the sound. I thought that the Caribbean drum was fantastic with its metallic rich notes_
- [Could You be a Drummer?] because _you have other people’s opinions, so you know what it feels like to four other people and if it’s something they all enjoy, it might feel enjoyable to you._

Award 2 marks for answers which make an accurate generalisation about the chosen text on any one / two of the three points above, eg:

- [Evelyn Glennie] even though _she was deaf she had the strength to keep playing and could understand the notes through hands and feet_
- [Drumming Around the World] because _it shows different kinds of drums you could play and how to play some of them_
- [Could You be a Drummer?] because _they are children, they explain what you want to know._

Award 1 mark for answers which relate to one of the points above referring very specifically to a particular section or over-generally to a whole text, eg:

- [Evelyn Glennie] because _she shows you what you could do_
- [Drumming Around the World] _it shows all the different drums around the world_
- [Could You be a Drummer?] because _Lara says it’s great fun._
30. Sentences have been left out of three of the texts you have read.
   Draw lines to match each sentence to the text you think it came from.

   Assessment focus 7: relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions.

   Award 1 mark for all three pairs correctly matched.

   - **Evelyn Glennie – autobiography**
     - You need strong but nimble fingers.

   - **Drumming Around the World**
     - Fortunately, nothing in life bothers me too much. I always think things will work out …

   - **Could You be a Drummer?**
     - Two main drums are used in Cuba: the conga and the bongo.
The writing test

There are two mark schemes, one for the longer task Dear Diary ... (pages 34–37) and the other for the shorter task Endangered Creature (pages 48–49).

Assessment focuses for writing

The aspects of writing to be assessed are pupils’ ability to:

1. write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts
2. produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose
3. organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events
4. construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs
5. vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect
6. write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences
7. select appropriate and effective vocabulary (this is not assessed separately, but contributes to text structure and organisation and composition and effect)
8. use correct spelling (assessed through the spelling test).

The mark scheme strands

For the purpose of marking the writing, related assessment focuses have been drawn together into three strands:

- sentence structure and punctuation
- text structure and organisation
- composition and effect.

For the longer task, the strands are organised as follows.

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Handwriting is assessed in the longer task. The marking criteria are shown in section F on page 37.
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- write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences  
- construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs. |
| composition and effect | - write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts  
- produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose. |

The criteria encourage positive recognition of achievement in writing. Pupils do not necessarily develop uniformly across these categories, and the strands allow separate judgements to be made about the relative strengths and weaknesses of a pupil’s work.

Marking procedures

The criteria for each strand identify typical characteristics of pupils’ work in different bands. When marking, it is helpful first to identify which bands are most relevant to the writing and then refine the judgement to a mark within a band. The annotations on the example scripts show how to look for features in the writing, and the summary boxes show how to weigh these features to reach a mark.

Where the writing clearly does not meet the criteria for Band 1, a mark of 0 should be awarded.

Pupils will be expected to follow the prompt very carefully, especially in content and form. Pupils whose writing is unrelated to the prompt will not be credited with any marks for composition and effect. Those pupils who do not maintain the form throughout the piece, for example a non-fiction piece becoming narrative, will not have access to the full range of marks for composition and effect.

Marking the writing

A set of annotated scripts, written by year 6 pupils during the English pre-tests, is presented here to help your judgements of the writing. Scripts are reproduced without corrections to spelling.
The longer task: Dear Diary ...

The prompt presents a brother and sister expressing differing reactions to a day out with their family. The task is to write both Tom and Sara’s diary entries after the day out. Support for diary style is given, as views are stated in the first person; however, choices about content are left to the writer’s imagination. The planning sheet offers help with decision making and development of ideas from contrasting perspectives. Better performances are distinguished by the effective selection of common events presented from two viewpoints, interplay across diary entries to create humour or interest, and convincing style to suggest the written reflections of two distinctly different characters.

Dear Diary ...

A brother and sister went on a day out with their family.

Tom really enjoyed the outing, but Sara did not.

That was a great day out! I really hope we can go there again.

Tom

Well, what an awful day. Apart from lunch, I can’t think of one single thing I enjoyed.

Sara

When they returned home, Tom and Sara wrote about the day in their diaries.

Your task is to write Tom and Sara’s diary entries.

Use your imagination to decide what Tom and Sara would write in their diaries.
Mark scheme for the longer task: Dear Diary ...

**SECTION A**

**SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND PUNCTUATION**
Assessment focuses: vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect
write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences

**Band A1**
- Construction of clauses is usually accurate. Some simple sentences, often brief, starting with a pronoun + verb (I fell down). Clauses mostly joined with and, but, then, so.
- Sentences sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops.

1 mark

**Band A2**
- Subjects (mostly first person) and verbs often simple and frequently repeated (I went, we got, said). Simple connectives and, but, then, so, when link clauses; some use of because. Some sentence variation created, eg simple adverbials (later, after that). Noun phrases mostly simple (the swings, his burger) with some limited expansion (a plank of wood).
- Full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks mostly accurate; commas used in lists.

2–3 marks

**Band A3**
- Adverbials (When we went to the beach), expanded noun phrases (a really big roller coaster) and use of the first and third person (Tom thought …) add variety. Some variety in subordinating connectives because, which, where, if (if it got more difficult), subjects and verbs. Tense choice appropriate, eg past for events of the day (Sara dived in first).
- Most sentences correctly demarcated; some commas mark phrases or clauses. If used, inverted commas demarcate direct speech.

4–5 marks

**Band A4**
- Simple and complex sentences used, with some variety of connectives, eg while, although, until. Expansion of phrases and clauses adds detail (which made me laugh). Adaptation of verb forms to refer to continuous action, past or future events (I could have stayed there). Additional words and phrases contribute to shades of meaning, eg adverbs (exactly, particularly). Sentence variation, including different sentence types, to suggest interactive, conversational language, eg use of questions (do you know how hard it is? why did I even bother?).
- Range of punctuation used, almost always correctly, eg brackets, dashes, colons. Full punctuation of direct speech (if used).

6–7 marks

**Band A5**
- Length and focus of sentences varied to express subtleties in meaning and to focus on key ideas. Sentences may include embedded subordinate clauses (because I slipped on the trampoline when I attempted to do a flip), sometimes for economy of expression; word order used to create emphasis / conversational effect (£4 a day I get).
- Range of punctuation, with little omission, to give clarity.

8 marks
### SECTION B

**TEXT STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION**

Assessment focuses: organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events; construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs.

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<th>Ideas grouped into sequences of sentences; may follow a simple chronology. Division between two entries may not be clear / there may be only one diary entry.</th>
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<td>Band B2</td>
<td>Text structure overall is simple: the two diary entries are both chronologically structured and include brief openings and / or conclusions (So, that was the end). Some events in one diary are mentioned in the other, creating a simple pattern. Some divisions between sections of content indicated, eg then we went …</td>
<td>2–3 marks</td>
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<td>Band B3</td>
<td>Both diary entries are sequenced and mostly refer to common events, creating two corresponding sequences, eg description of journey + activity + lunch. Shifts in time and place help organise sections / paragraphs (when we finally got off …, as we began to spin), although section or paragraph transitions may be awkward.</td>
<td>4–5 marks</td>
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<td>Band B4</td>
<td>Overall organisation of the diary entries supported by sections or paragraphs. Relationships between sections or paragraphs give structure to the whole text, eg parallel reactions to same event: Tom: I couldn’t stop laughing / Sara: The thing that made me really mad …), connections between opening / ending.</td>
<td>6–7 marks</td>
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<td>Band B5</td>
<td>The structure of the text is controlled and shaped across the two diary entries. Sequencing of sections or paragraphs contributes to overall effectiveness, eg strategic placing of most significant event common to both entries (Tom: decided that I would ride on the highest roller coaster first / Sara: seeing the height made my tummy feel worse …).</td>
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**SECTION C**

**COMPOSITION AND EFFECT**

*Assessment focuses: write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts
produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose*

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**Band C1**

- A simple, first person recount of a day out; form may be two diary entries but distinction between Tom / Sara may be unclear.
- Detail to expand content sometimes included (VIP card, worth £9.50).

1–2 marks

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**Band C2**

- Two diary entries; some awareness of reader, eg attempt to develop character of Tom / Sara to interest *(I am not into cars and motorbikes)*. Coverage may be unbalanced.
- Two simple, contrasting viewpoints sometimes evident, eg Tom / Sara express different attitudes / reactions to the same event (Tom: *I was enjoying it* / Sara: *a boring walk*).
- Word choice often general with some detail for description (*water slides*). Some stylistic choices support diary presentation, eg conversational words (*Well*, *Oh*) although level of formality may be inconsistent.

3–5 marks

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**Band C3**

- The diary entries are maintained; coverage of events between the two entries is balanced and maintains pace; development of significant common events with detail and/or humour to interest reader.
- The viewpoints of Tom and Sara are sustained, eg differing reactions to the events are consistent with their characters and contrast with each other (Tom: *spinning round and round dead fast!* / Sara: *I was still dizzy when I got home*).
- Use of descriptive words and phrases (*mouth-watering*, *cushioned*, *greasy*). Diary style evident, eg informal remarks (*I mean*, *you know*). Word choice shows contrast between Tom’s and Sara’s attitude (Tom: *I got millions of wicked prizes* / Sara: *I won a stupid ticket to a ride*).

6–8 marks

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**Band C4**

- The diaries are adapted: content is selected to emphasise contrast between Tom and Sara and develop character (eg activity such as ice-skating / football reveals different levels of skill).
- Viewpoint is established and controlled, eg Tom and Sara comment on each other’s attitudes (*it took her half an hour, I could tell she did not enjoy the trip*) as well as giving their own reactions.
- Stylistic choices maintain interest, eg some differentiation between Tom’s and Sara’s style of address and word choice (Tom: *a small, flat, playful fish greeted me* / Sara: *I felt very unsafe – fish could have leapt out and attacked!*).

9–11 marks

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**Band C5**

- Choice and placing of content adapted for effect, eg contrast in characters subtly revealed by what is prioritised or dealt with briefly.
- Viewpoint well-controlled and convincing, eg writer manages two contrasting positions and develops attitudes of both characters through reflection (Tom: *most of the time I ignored her* / Sara: *Wait a minute, Tom hates swimming and I love it!*).
- Stylistic devices fully support purpose and engage, eg Tom’s and Sara’s language is stylistically distinct (Tom – excited and interested: *I scoured the museum, hungry for more facts* / Sara – despondent: *Trudging through dark and dingy dungeons for absolutely no reason*).

12 marks
### SECTION F  
**HANDWRITING**

All pupils need to develop a serviceable handwriting style which is legible, clear and encourages the reader to engage with what has been written.

This assessment of handwriting is based on pupils’ ability to write legibly and fluently in a sustained piece of writing.

Judgements will be made on the basis of the legibility and clarity of the handwriting throughout the longer task, supported by a closer look at the size and position of words and letters.

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<td>Overall, the handwriting is regular with some flow and movement. Letters and words are usually appropriate in size and position but there is some variation.</td>
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<td>The handwriting is consistent and fluent with letters and words appropriately placed. The handwriting maintains a personal style to engage the reader.</td>
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simple noun phrases (A2)

chronological structuring of events (B2)

some reference in both diaries to a common event (B2)

abrupt ending (below B2)

use of contrast between sentences (B2)

simple cross-reference between diary entries (B2)

abrupt ending (below B2)

Tom’s Diary
I had a great day … Because i went to the Betch with my mum and dad and sister my sister was really moody when we got their we made a sand castle and went in the sea then we had a swim in the little swimming Pool they hd their. I asked if we could have an ice cream so his dad Bought him one. Me and my family had a Picnic on the sand they had loads of tasty treats and then they went on the Jet skis. Then we all went home and fell asleep and we had a big roast dinner. My dad took me over the Park to go and Play football with my friends I scored 4 goals.

see you soon tom

Sara’s Diary
I had an awful day … (my little Brother) threw sand at me my dad threw me under the water my mum Pulled my hair and when I had an ice cream my Brother made me drop it so I can’t have one. The best bit was when we had lunch because I had more than (my Brother). But when we wen’t on the Jet skis I feel of and nearly drownd. When we wen’t home and fell asleep in the car when we woke up my Brother came over to me and gave me a cuddle and he bought me an ice cream with his money. My mum took me out shoping with (my friends) and I got 2 dresses and 2 tops.

See you Soon Sara
**Tom's Diary**

*I had a great day* ... at the Park with all the family. I played football with my dad then after we all had a picnic, Mum had made Sara enjoy the food. Then we all had a refre...ning lollies; which was nice! After all the food had gone and everyone had there lollies, we went on the climbing frame and the really high slide. It was great fun but Sara didn't come on because she didn't like anything high. I really enjoyed how we spent the day out and I really hope I can go again and have as much fun as I did this time.

**Sara's Diary**

*I had an awful day* ... because when we arrived at the park (first of all) they played football and I hate football! Then we had lunch which was nice in fact I think that was the only thing I enjoyed and the lemon top ice cream was my favourite! Then Mum, Dad, and my brother Tom went on the high slide and Tom went on the climbing frame, but I'm ter...fied of high things so I didn't go on anything. I would go again said Sara long as we do something we all like. Mabay go on are bikes instead of in the car to the Park.

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**SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION**

- Mostly accurate sentence demarcation, although some overuse of exclamation marks (A2)
- Simple connectives (A2)
- Simple adverbs (A2)
- Comma in list (A2)
- Repetition of verb (A2)
- Expanded noun phrases, but elsewhere simple noun phrases (A2)

**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

- Attempt to develop character through Tom's comments on Sara (Sara enjoyed the food, because she doesn't like anything high) (C2); change of person in Sara's diary (sawd sawa) weakens effect (below C2).
- Tom and Sara show different reactions to the playground (*It was great fun!* I'm terrified of high things) (C2).
- Some conversational language in Sara's diary (*In fact, my Favourite!* mabay); occasional descriptive detail (refre...ning lolly) (C2).

**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

- Simple connections in text - evident through back reference, contrast and common content between the entries - indicate Band B2. The use of sequence, some basic grouping of content and simple endings to both diaries give some overall shape and justify the higher mark.

**Summary**

These straightforward accounts of the day out include contrasting viewpoints, some character development and some use of style to support diary form, indicating Band C2. Control of person necessary for highest mark in band.
**SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION**

**Tom’s Diary**

*I had a great day...* at the zoo. I saw a zebra and it came up to me and I stroked it. I asked mum to give me some food so she got the bag of food and passed it to me. Then the zebra poked its head into the car and started to eat the food. Mum pulled the bag away because she thought the zebra would eat all of the food. Mum started to drive along the road to the next set of animals. I could just see a big wall with a little head popping up at the top. It was a deraf. Sara said to mum to drive strait past the derafs because she doesn’t like them but mum didn’t. When we finley got to the derafs one of them came up to me and started to lick my hand. Its lips were all spungy and soft. I could not wait until I got home and tell every body what a good day I had. I also couldn’t wait until I could go there again.

**Sara’s Diary**

*I had an awful day...* at the zoo because Tom kept getting what he wanted and I kept getting left out because of him! I didn’t like the animals because they kept staring at me, specially that deraf that came over to the car. The onley thing I liked best at the stupid zoo was lunce because I can’t think of anything else that was fun and exciting. Mum kept driving around and stopping at the animals that my brother Tom wanted to see, also he had some food to feed the animals with and I didn’t. Tom didn’t even leave some food for me to give to the animals I never want to go there again.

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**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

- Development of common event to amuse: Tom’s detailed account of seeing the giraffe (‘little head popping up’) (C3); repetition (‘couldn’t wait until’) results in some loss of pace at end of Tom’s entry (below C3).
- Contrast between Tom’s enthusiasm (‘tell every body’) and Sara’s dislike (‘the stupid zoo, didn’t even like’) sustained (C3). Descriptive vocabulary in Tom’s account (‘poked, spungy and soft’) combined with word choice in Sara’s entry (‘staring, that deraf’) emphasises contrast in attitude (C3).

**Summary**

Coverage of interesting common events from two different perspectives, using the form of diary entries, gives humorous contrast and indicates Band C3. Descriptive words and phrases add to the effect, although greater control of pace would be necessary for highest mark in band.

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**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

**Summary**

Two parallel sequences, with some developed sections and continuous reference, together with some marking of time shifts help maintain structure and indicate Band B3. Evidence of section development in Sara’s diary (eg about the lunch) would be necessary for higher mark in band.
Tom's Diary
I had a great day ... we went to Action Park. I had a whale of a time because we got there early & didn't have to wait in a queue. The first thing we did was go on the roller-coasters, well me and dad did because they were brave. Mum didn't because she has a scaredy cat & Sara didn't because she has aztar, well I think she could have gone on some rides but was too frightened. (In the first hour) me a dad went on the two most terrifying rides called CoLOSSus and Nemesis. After that we had lunch which was very, very tasty. During lunch Sara seemed very miserable. Later we decided to go to the arcade. I won £10.00. Nextly we went on a water ride which Sara could have gone on but didn't want to get wet. Me, dad and mum loved every bit. We then went on a ride called determined, it was a ride that drops from a 200 feet in the air. It started to rain so we headed home.

Sara's Diary
I had an awful day ... during our family outing at Action Park. I hated every bit because my silly brother Tom consistently was teasing me. All I did was watch a 4-D movie in a theatre called Pirates, it bored me to death but the rest of my family laughed all the way through it. The first hour or so at action Park all I did was watch Tom and dad having fun. Tom was playing with me. I didn't like it so I pulled away and ended up stepping in dog droppings. So after that Mum insisted we ate lunch so we did. At lunch Tom splitt his drink all over me. I was drenched from head-to-toe. We then went to the arcade. On the way there my £20.00 note got blown in a tree. With the change I had, I used it on the slot machine. I came back with nothing and Tom won £10.00 (how unfair is that) I went to get a drink from the stool outside, while I was waiting I got soaked even more than I was (from Tom's drink) 5 minutes after I came back we went home.
**SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION**

**Tom’s Diary**

I had a great day ... we went to the zoo and saw the best animal in the world it was the lion! It was a great sunny day too! What makes it better is that it was my idea and Mum & Dad listened. I bet Sara is dead upset she wanted to go to a fashion shop! Hah! Let me start from the beginning. ... Hmm. Lets see, yeah, first I jumped out of bed and went downstairs. I had a beaming smile on my face because I had a dream about going to the zoo and I wanted to go today to relive the experience. When I got into the kitchen who was there, but Sara asking Mum to go to the shops. I immediately turned on the crying technique and off to the zoo we were! All the way I was so – so, so, so, so happy. I even got to feed the seals! Life is so great know. I’m so happy I’m the youngest. Mum and Dad always listen! (Tomorrow) I’m gonna have to keep well out the way of Sara. She will try and crush me but still that’s all for know tomorrow will be another story ...

**Sara’s Diary**

I had an awful day ... we had to go to the zoo because of that pesky little brother of mine. – that’s if he really is my brother. I never get what I want it’s so unfair. I wanted to go to the fashion shop but no I had to go to the zoo instead. It was even a sale so dad didn’t have to worry about money. You know sometimes I wonder why I haven’t bursted. OK, now lets talk about the day. Well, first I asked mum if we could go to the shops when Tom started pestering mum to go to the zoo – such a wimp! Of course mum said yes! Then we went into the car on a 1 hr journey to the zoo. That was the worse bit probably, Tom was so happy and he showed it by singing about lions. The finally we got to the zoo we had to walk through this huge bird cage with millions of birds in it and they all pooed on me. To make matters even worse my best friend, Hillary was there. I knew she wouldn’t laugh out loud but I could see it in her eyes. (Tomorrow) in school I’ll be a laughing stock you see if I don’t. Oh, I don’t know, one day I will crack. (I mean) what did I do to deserve this, eh! The only good thing was when the trip was over.

**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

**Tom’s Diary**

- Adaptation through character (turned on the crying technique) and contrast in attitude amuses, eg Tom’s enthusiasm (Life is so great) matched with Sara’s despair (To make matters even worse) (C4), although coverage of zoo in Tom’s diary is limited.
- Contrasting viewpoints evident: Tom and Sara refer to each other throughout (I bet Sara is dead upset; he showed it by singing) (C4).
- Word choice supports character contrast (beaming, crush, pesky, pestering); conversational style provides interest and liveliness (Hmms, Let’s see, yeah; Oh, I don’t know) (C4).

**Sara’s Diary**

- Adaptation through character and group text together (tomorrow) (B4).

**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

**SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION**

**Summary**

Complex sentences with varied connectives, adapted verb forms, use of a simple sentence for effect and different sentence types combine to indicate Band A4. A range of punctuation supports meaning, although further consistency would be necessary for higher mark in band.

**Band A4 – 6 marks**

**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

In this pair of entries, differentiated characters are created and sustained, as the events of the day are recounted in an entertaining style. These aspects emphasise the contrast in response and provide evidence for Band C4; further content coverage in Tom’s diary to parallel Sara’s experience would give highest mark in band.

**Band C4 – 10 marks**

**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

**Summary**

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**Band B4 – 7 marks**

**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

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**SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION**

**Tom's Diary**

_I had a great day... I was excited as soon as I got told that we were going to the Roman museum by Mum and Dad. It was fascinating to learn about Romans. We got a map to see where we wanted to go but we let our feet lead the way._

_We got to build our own (tapestry) on the wall out of small mosaic squares. There was also an artist impression of where the Romans walked on mosaics. I found that really interesting. (Near the back of the museum) there was a wheel with the Roman alphabet on it. My name was DPF. By that time my whole family was starving so we stopped for lunch._

_It was lovely, we had burgers and chips. It was nearly time to have a look at the other half of the museum but this time we decided to have our map. First if all we headed of to the Roman armour room where you get to see (a model Roman soldier dressed in golden armour with a shield and a sword). In the same room behind glass there was necklaces and jewelry that had been found by archaeologists. They seemed very fragile and delicate and if touched they would probably snap. It looked like it took ages to carve the patterns onto the real bronze._

_To sum up I had a lovely, eventful day!_  

**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

**Sara's Diary**

_I had an awful day... we went to Roman museum, I've always wanted to go there, oh how did you tell I'm being sarcastic? It was so boring, I begged and pleaded not to go right from the beginning. My feet hurt where we trampled round every tiny inch of the museum. I decided to cheer myself up by helping Tom build the (tapestry) but it just put me down even more (because) it was far too hard, but Tom managed to do it and he's younger than me! (By the time) we got to write our name in Roman only people from Sardinia would do that! Oh, to make matters worse we stopped at every single fact sheet, and there were 200 of them. I was tired, bored and just overall fed up! I mean we must have been the first family to stand there and look at every single fact sheet. I hope we never go back there again!_

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**SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION**

**Summary**

Grammatical variety, including complex sentences, adapted verbs and expansion indicate Band A4; use of word order for effect suggests the upper mark. Evidence of punctuation range (including consistent capitalisation for proper nouns), but further control of commas and exclamation marks would be necessary for award of the top mark.

Band A4 – 7 marks

**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

- Character indicated by content choice: Tom's account reveals his interest (small mosaic squares); selection of comments in Sara's diary shows her negative attitude (it just put me down even more) (C5).
- Viewpoint supports characterisation: Tom's reflection focused on his thoughts about the museum (would probably snap); Sara's centres on her embarrassment (he's younger than me, first family to stand there) (C5).
- Tom's fascination reflected in precise language (golden armour, archaeologists, fragile, carve) and contrasts with Sara's generalisation and colloquial choices (people from sardinia, every single fact sheet) (C5).

**TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION**

**Summary**

These diary entries successfully present the same events through the eyes of two different characters, selecting content to vary emphasis and using word choice to suggest two writers with contrasting perspectives. This engaging and amusing piece therefore merits the top mark.

Band C5 – 12 marks
Handwriting examples

Example awarded 1 mark

The handwriting is legible and shows some features of regularity in size and spacing. However, overall the script is disjointed and uneven.

I had a great day ...  We went to the fairground today. I had a load of fun but all san did was sit there and moan about all the time, the big ‘spectro’ any way we went on the bumper cars and when dad rammed it into my car I almost had all of my teeth knocked out!!! After that we went on the quicksilver, the fastest roller coaster in the whole of Europe after that we got lunch and went on the carousel because she looked like she was about to cry!!! Any way after that we went on the Ferris wheel which was really high up!! I'd give today an excitement rating of 10!
Example awarded 2 marks

Overall, the handwriting is regular with some flow and movement. Letters and words are usually appropriate in size and position but there is some variation.

I had a great day ...

I played loads of footy and scored eight goals against Sara. I even scored a bicycle kick. I then played rugby and really hurt Sara. She was crying. Oh and then I went to sports world and JJB dad got me the new Frank Lampard boots. They are superb. Then, to top it all off, I had a kfc 3 stripes popcorn chicken and fries followed by desert and a cold ice fanta. Mmm mmm. I made friends with Sara after she begged me, I tell Dad I share my boots. I don't really I wouldn't want to give them to her. They would come home smelling. Oh oh I remember I learned
Example awarded 3 marks

The handwriting is consistent and fluent with letters and words appropriately placed.
The handwriting maintains a personal style to engage the reader.

I had a great day ... today, hi I am 8 years old, it was brilliant. I went to the zoo with my sister Sarah and my mum and dad. I fed the lemurs and saw a show about sea lions, the best one was Benson. This day out was the best one we had since, well, the last time we were at the zoo as a family. We got to see hippos, rhinos, giraffes, elephants and monkeys and if you didn’t think that was enough, you could have lunch and watch the penguins stride along the water and jumping for some fish. I loved today but unfortunately Sarah didn’t, she was moaning all the time because I picked the adventures day out the Zoo. I want to go again!
In this prompt, pupils are invited to imagine an endangered creature called a Tongo Lizard. The task is to write a page about the lizard to go in an information book about endangered creatures. The meaning of ‘endangered’ is explained and a picture of the lizard is provided. Planning offers further support by suggesting possible areas of content for development. Better performances are distinguished by the inclusion of interesting descriptive detail to inform and explain, together with sentence structures carefully selected for clarity and economy.

**Endangered Creature**

Imagine a creature called a Tongo Lizard.
It is an endangered creature, which means that very few remain and it may become extinct.

An information book about endangered creatures is being prepared.

**Your task is to write the page about the Tongo Lizard.**

You can make up the information using your imagination.

**PLANNING**

- Where it lives
- What it eats
- Why Tongo Lizards are endangered
- What it looks like
## Mark scheme for the shorter task: *Endangered Creature*

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| Band D1 | ● Clauses usually grammatically accurate, mostly joined with *and, but*. Some simple sentences, often a brief sequence starting with pronoun + verb. Some connections between sentences, eg pronouns referring to creature.  
         ● Sentences are sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops. |
|        | 1 mark |
| Band D2 | ● Simple connectives *and, but, when, or, so* link clauses; some use of *because*. Subjects and verbs frequently repeated (*It has*). Some use of adjectives (*soft, smooth*). Phrases with simple expansion (*the brown frill*). Simple adverbials (*in the desert*). Connections between sentences built up by references to aspects of the creature (*a long fin on its back*). Brief concluding statement may be included.  
         ● Full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks mostly accurate; commas used in lists. |
|        | 2 marks |
| Band D3 | ● Sentences are mostly grammatically sound. Some subordination, eg *because, if* (*because it is dying of hunger*). Adverbials (*When it senses danger*) and expanded noun phrases (*hot, open land, green skin with lots of bright red spots*) vary construction of sentences. Tense choice is generally consistent and appropriate. Some variation in subjects (*Many people, Their enemies*). Ideas developed within sections. Connections between ideas established, eg by reference to a previous part of the text (*these amazing creatures*).  
         ● Most sentences correctly demarcated; some commas mark phrases or clauses. |
|        | 3 marks |
| Band D4 | ● Simple and complex sentences used, with varied connectives *which* (*which are used for night hunting*), *although, who*. Expanded phrases and clauses express ideas economically (*when fully grown*). Variation in structure, eg passives (*are often hunted*). Organisation supports thorough coverage and emphasis on main ideas (*But their other features include*).  
         ● Range of punctuation used, almost always correctly, eg brackets, dashes, colons. |
|        | 4 marks |
## SECTION E

### COMPOSITION AND EFFECT

**Assessment focuses:** write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts
produce texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose

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<td>● Some vocabulary for accurate description (<em>prey, burrow</em>); overall level of formality may be inconsistent (<em>stop this madness, weird head</em>).</td>
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<td>● Viewpoint is established, eg the writer’s concern for the lizard is evident but does not dominate the impersonal, informative account (<em>little food to survive on</em>).</td>
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<td>● Stylistic choices contribute to factual and descriptive presentation, eg precise word choice (<em>steamy, damp rainforest, habitat</em>).</td>
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<td>● The writer’s viewpoint is consistent and controlled, eg informed explanation (<em>they prefer hotter countries</em>) suggests writer’s concern for the lizard’s situation.</td>
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<td>● Stylistic features support account’s purpose, eg vivid, visual description (<em>dense clump of trees</em>); technical, specific vocabulary (<em>captivity, poachers</em>); emotive appeal (<em>struggling</em>).</td>
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A Tongo lizard is an endangered creature because it can eat up any sort of animals even humans. They like to live in the dark and they live in a Nest they all don’t like to live with each other and they live in woods and Rain forests. They mostly come out at night. They are very dark coulered so you can less see them in the night and they have very scale skin and a long tail. They are very dangerous because they can sting you and make you very ill and they are poiseness and you couled die. Nowadays there are very few of them and it may become extinct. They also eat plants and all sorts. They mostly live in country’s like pensilvania U.S.A. and lots more places.
The Tonga Lizard lives deep down in the Congo where it feasts on nice crunchy leaves. Its claws are 20cm long so they can climb up trees like a monkey. But this creature is getting extinct because humans are going to chop down all the trees (which has nice crunchy leaves which the Tonga Lizard feast on.) And now there is only about 20 Tonga lizards left in the world!!! It can whip any animals what try to attack him like bugs with his tail! He has very good eyesight he can see bugs from over 200 metres away so he can be prepared to whack them with his tail!!!

So if you want to save these creatures take action now!!!
The tongo Lizard lives in the Jungle he makes his nest out of twigs way up in the trees. They eat leaves, fruit from any tree nuts and acorns. Tongo Lizards are big, they have a Green scaley Body with little yellow eyes and small black claws. for hunting and eating their food. There used to be over 6000 Tongo Lizards now there are only known to be about 5 if all the wild animals like foxes, wolfs and more keep on killing them they will become extinct. Therefore there will be no more tongo lizards. the more the wild animals come the less creatures that come. If People can rescue the tongo lizards now we might be able to keep them going. Tongo Lizards are known to be one of the fastest creatures in Europe.
The Tonga Lizard lives in South Africa. It eats flies, wasps, bees and other insects. The Tonga lizard is green with orange spots and black patches on its skin. It has a very long tongue which also has orange spots. It has long claws and a very long tail.

The Tonga lizard is endangered because when its incerts insets the stings will harm there throats. It is also endangered because they can not hatch eggs and so this will not help it.

A lot of people think ‘Tonga Lizards’ are poisonous (as they spit out purplu liquor). But scientists believe that they only do this to prepect themselves. The liquor is not poisonous at all. You may even find the lizards in zoo’s.

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**SENTENCE STRUCTURE**

**PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION**

- **expanded noun phrases (D3)**
- **subordination (D3)**
- **adverbials (D3)**
- **varied subjects (D3)**

**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

- Informative coverage includes description, appearance, behaviour (spit out purplu liquor) and risks to survival; detail supports explanation (to prepect themself) (C3).
- Impersonal stance established (along, people, scientists believe); writer’s viewpoint relevant but not intrusive (may even find) (C3).
- Choice of words contributes to factual presentation (throats, hatch) (C3) although there is some repetition (orange spots, poisonous).

**Summary**

The balanced account seeks to explain some interesting facts about the lizard, including reasons for its endangered status. This, combined with a detached approach and some precise terms, merits the higher mark in Band E3. For award in higher band, further adaptation of content (such as appeal to reader) and selection of descriptive vocabulary to avoid repetition would be necessary.

**Sentences Structure, Punctuation & Text Organisation**

| Evidence of grammatically sound sentences with some development (subordination, adverbials, expansion) together with grouping of ideas and mostly secure demarcation merit Band D3. Use of sentence structure for economy of expression, particularly in the first section, and more evidence of within-sentence punctuation necessary for award in highest band. |
| Band D3 – 3 marks |

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| Band E3 – 5 marks |
The Tonga Lizard is a very beautiful and unique creature. It has dark green scales and bright red markings. (Its most distinctive feature) is a flap of dazzling yellow skin, [stood up right on the top of its head. It has very short but powerful legs. These creatures live in rainforests, where they live on branches of trees. Tonga lizards eat small insects such as ants, crickets, grasshoppers and also cocroaches. But these amazing lizards are being killed by people cutting down the trees in which they live in. Tonga Lizards are in great danger of being extinct. I think that if the Tonga Lizards did become extinct it [would be a tragedy] for these creatures are so amazing and wonderful.

Sentence Structure
- varied connectives (D4)
- variation in structure: passive (D4)
- attempt to express idea economically is not entirely accurate (below D4)
- final sentence shows economical expression of ideas in complex sentence expressed accurately (D4)
- variation in structure: use of modal (D4)
- use of emphasis to focus on main feature (D4)
- colon used correctly (D4)
- organisation supports coverage: But indicates start of section on risks to survival (D4)
- accurate comma use within the sentence (D4)

Composition & Effect
- Content is detailed and covers several aspects; adaptation evident in appeal (great danger of being extinct) (E4).
- Writer conveys awe for lizard's qualities (beautiful, unique, powerful); informative approach sustained (E4).
- Vivid visual description (dazzling yellow skin); emotive appeal (tragedy) (E4) although slightly weakened by use of first person (I think) and repetition (amazing).

Summary
This descriptive piece combines informative detail and thorough content coverage with expression of concern for the lizard's plight, justifying an award of the higher mark in Band E4. Slightly greater stylistic control would be necessary for Band E5.

Band D4 - 4 marks

Band E4 - 7 marks
The Tonga Lizard is a herbivore and will eat about any plant in Indonesia. It particularly likes palm leaves and reeds so they are mainly up trees or in the water. They are hard to spot with their khaki and murky brown scales, however they were hunted by humans many years ago. Tonga Lizards are approximately the same size of a flattened brick, and just as heavy. Their slimy, sticky tails help them to climb up rough surfaces as well as their dagger-like claws. Their glowing red eyes are like rubies and are their disadvantage in defense. They were given the name Spiny Devil by the Aztecs whom thought they were evil spirits and slaughtered thousands. The few that live among us are hiding in the palm trees waiting until they are given the respect they deserve.

**SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION**

**Summary**

Sentence variety is evident in the form of passive structures, adapted verbs and economical expression. These features, combined with a range of correct punctuation and well-organised ideas, justify the award of Band D4.

Band D4 – 4 marks

**COMPOSITION & EFFECT**

- Effective placing of content adds significance; eg detail of Aztecs' belief (thought they were evil spirits) sequenced after visual description of lizard (E5).
- Authoritative voice sustained through geographical (Indonesia) and historical explanation; writer’s view evident but controlled (slaughtered, the respect they deserve) (E5).
- Images support description (dagger-like, like rubies); technical vocabulary used meaningfully (herbivore / plant) (E5).

**Summary**

This report presents a rich description of the lizard integrated with a knowledgeable explanation of its endangered status. The selection of style and content for purpose and convincing viewpoint justify an award of the top mark.

Band E5 – 8 marks
The spelling test

The words omitted from the pupils’ spelling test are those printed in bold in the version below.

Top Tips

Do all your photographs seem to cut off someone’s head? Well then, pay attention to the following top tips and maybe you could become an award-winning photographer.

- You can take amazing pictures with any kind of camera; it doesn’t need to have all the recent gadgets.
- The flash on a camera gives a sudden burst of additional light to avoid shadows or to illuminate someone’s face. Be careful when using the flash outside on a busy street, because the flash can reflect the streetlights and you will probably get an image that is out of focus.
- Sometimes the light from the flash reflects blood vessels in the eye, causing them to look red on pictures. To avoid this it may be necessary to take your picture in a bright place or ask the person not to look directly at the camera.

- Nothing ruins a photo more effectively than a distraction in the background. You should, then, be aware of your surroundings.
- Occasionally it can be fun to take candid pictures. This means taking photographs when your subjects aren’t expecting it. Asking people to pose in pictures can make them feel uncomfortable and can look artificial.
- Taking pictures of pets can be difficult because they don’t tend to sit still. But it is worth attempting because the texture of animals’ fur or the detail on a bird’s wing can look fascinating in a picture.
- Everyone takes pictures of their friends and family. Try to vary the type that you take. Maybe take a photo of them involved in a hobby. That way, they will look relaxed and natural.
- Most importantly, remember to have fun!
Quick reference mark scheme for the spelling test

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