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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 NAA website, www.naa.org.uk/tests, on Monday 25 June.

The marks in the tests are allocated as follows:

Reading	50
Writing	50
Longer task (including handwriting)	31
Shorter task	12
Spelling	7
Total	100

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.

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The reading test

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

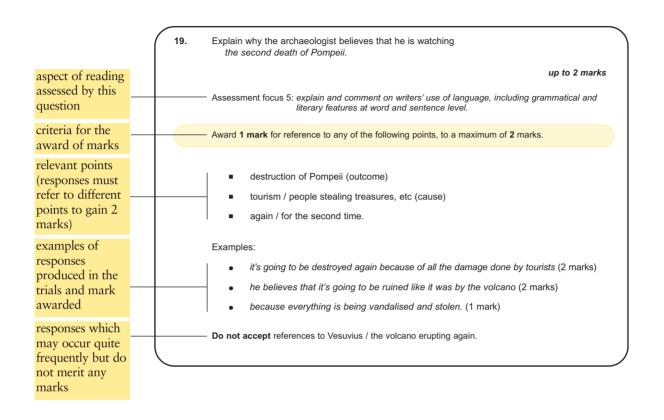
The mark scheme was devised after trialling the tests with pupils and contains examples (*these are shown in italics*) of some frequently occurring correct answers given in the trials. Many pupils will, however, have different ways of wording an acceptable answer. In assessing each answer, markers must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

How the reading mark scheme is set out



The following table identifies the questions (with marks available) that address each assessment focus (AF):

Focus	AF2	AF3	AF4	AF5	AF6	AF7
Carri	Understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text	Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts	on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical	Explain and comment on writers' use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level	on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect	Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions
	1: Volcanoes		Г	Т		
Q1	1					
Q2	1					
Q3	1					
Q4	3					
Q5	1					
Q6				2		
Q7	1					
Q8			1			
Section	2: Disaster Strikes					
Q9	1					
Q10		2				
Q11		1				
Q12a	1					
Q12b	1					
Q13		2				
Q14		3				
Q15		3				
Section	3: Pompeii Today					
Q16	1					
Q17	2					
Q18				1		
Q19				2		
Q20	1					
Q21		1				
Q22		1				
Q23		1				
Q24	1					
Section	4: Advertisements					
Q25					2	
Q26		2				
Q27a			1			
Q27b			1			
Q28					1	
	Section 5: The whole booklet					
Q29			3			
Q30		2				
Q31					2	
Total	16	18	6	5	5	0

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.

Section 1: Volcanoes

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Questions 1-3

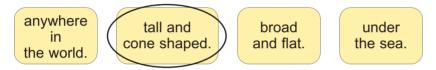
Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text.

Award 1 mark for each correct choice.

1. Under the Earth's surface, it gets



2. Most people think that volcanoes are



3. An active volcano is one that is



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Page 4

4. Fill in the facts about the eruption of Vesuvius in the table below.

One box has been filled in as an example.

up to 3 marks

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 each correctly completed cell, to a maximum of 3 marks.

Date and time eruption started	Midday, 24th August, AD 79
Height of volcanic cloud	20 kilometres / km (not metres) (unit of measurement must be included)
Depth of rubble over Pompeii	2 metres / m (not kilometres) (unit of measurement must be included)
Contents of volcanic cloud	Any two of: ash pumice rock (hot) gas. Also accept rubble when included with (hot) gas or ash. Do not accept rubble when included with pumice or rock.

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5. Are these sentences **true** or **false**?

Write T or F by each one.

The first one has been done for you.

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 all three answers completed correctly.

There are two types of volcano.	F
Lava consists of liquid rock.	Т
Some volcanoes are under the sea.	Т
All volcanoes produce loud explosions.	F

6. ... this liquid rock can ... burst through

What does the word burst tell us about the movement of the lava?

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 2 marks for answers referring to explosiveness / building up of pressure, eg:

- it's like it blows the top of the mountain off and comes squirting out from inside the Earth
- it tells us that the lava is going to break through in something like spring-like action
- it moves with force and speed and finally overcomes the restraint of the rock itself.

Award 1 mark for answers referring to speed, suddenness or power, eg:

- it comes out fast
- it tells us that the lava is strong and powerful
- fast and can demolish anything in its way.

Do not accept answers that simply present an analogy, or refer to eruption, without explaining the effect of the word *burst*, eg:

- it bursts like a balloon
- it erupts.

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dangerously hot.

	Award 1 mark for either of the following words:		
	blisteringburnt.		
	Also accept a short phrase from the text containing one of these words. Ignore minor errors in cop	ying.	
8.	Some words on pages 4 and 5 stand out because they are in bold print. Why are they written like this?		
		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 the correctly ticked box.		
	Tick one . They are words from another language. They are subheadings. They are words that are explained in the text. They are names in the text.		

Assessment focus 2: understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and

Look at the section called *The Eruption of Vesuvius* on page 5.

use quotation and reference to text.

Find and copy a word which tells you that the ash was

1 mark

Section 2: Disaster Strikes

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9. The following are the people who were mentioned in *Disaster Strikes*.

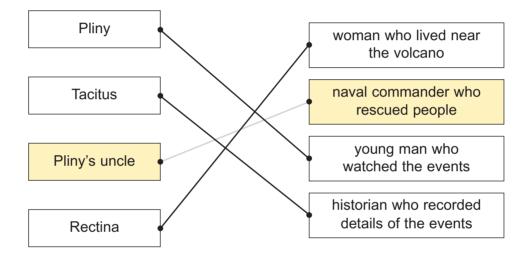
Match the names with the correct descriptions.

One has been done for you.

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 matching all three pairs correctly.



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10. Look again at Pliny's account of his uncle's journey. The events are described below, but they are in the wrong order.

Number each event to show the correct order.

The first one has been done for you.

up to 2 marks

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

Award 2 marks for all four stages correctly numbered.

Award 1 mark for two or three stages correctly numbered.

2 ordered launching of ships

1 received letter from Rectina

4 came close to land

5 refused to listen to advice

3 journeyed into danger zone

Page 7

11. Look at the information about Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 on page 6.

How do you know that life was peaceful in the area?

1 mark

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

Award 1 mark for any of the following pieces of information:

- Vesuvius had been dormant for hundreds of years
- the mountain was green / the slopes were cultivated
- people had become used to the tremors
- people were just going about their daily business.

Also accept reference to farming / farmers growing fig and/or olive trees.

- **12. Find** and **copy** two phrases, one from page 6 and one from page 7, to show that Pliny's uncle wanted to study the volcano.
 - a) Evidence from page 6:

1 mark

b) Evidence from the letter on page 7:

1 mark

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

- a) Award 1 mark for one of the following, which may be quoted as part of a longer phrase:
 - ... closer look ...
 - ... set off to investigate ...
 - ... to dictate his observations ...
 - ... to observe the volcano

Minor errors in copying should not be penalised.

Do not accept:

- ... collecting information ...
- ... not content to stand by and watch
- b) Award 1 mark for one of the following, which may be quoted as part of a longer phrase:
 - ... begun in a spirit of inquiry ...
 - ... describing each moment of the eruption ...
 - ... to be noted down ...
 - ... as he observed it

Minor errors in copying should not be penalised.

Do not accept:

■ ... hurried to the danger zone

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13. What dangers made the helmsman want to turn back? Write **two**.

up to 2 marks

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

Award 1 mark for each acceptable reason up to a maximum of 2 marks.

Acceptable responses refer to physical consequences of the eruption, eg:

- in shallow water
- the shore was blocked / they got stuck in the rubble
- the ash / stones / pumice falling from the sky / hotter / thicker
- the ship could have caught fire.

Also accept hot ash I cloud of ash.

Do not accept non-text based answers, eg: *the volcano | eruption | flames | lava*, or partial answers with no development, eg: *stones | ash | rubble*.

14. Pliny's uncle received a written message from Rectina stating her problem and asking for his help.

What do you think Rectina wrote?

Using the information you have read, write Rectina's message below.

up to 3 marks

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

Points to be included:

- eruption
- danger to Rectina (may be implicitly included in 'eruption' details)
- call for help.

Award **3 marks** for responses that include all three elements and provide a fuller explanation for at least one of them, by giving more detail about the nature of the danger to Rectina or about how Pliny's uncle can help, eg:

- this is very frightening, as I look at the volcano at this minute, it is bursting at the seams! People are in trouble shouting, screaming, dying. Please help to save these people's lives. They are relying on you. The volcano is nearly on us. Your friend, RECTINA
- as you know my house is at the foot of the mountain. If the volcano erupts I will be one of the first to be killed. Will you come and rescue me? By boat is the only way. From Rectina
- I'm really scared here. I am in the foot of the volcano. Rubble and ashes are falling over here. I need to escape. I am terrified. It is impossible to escape from here. Everything is dark. Lava is pouring out. I need help.

Award **2 marks** for responses that mention the three essential elements of the situation, **or** that give a full explanation of two of them without mentioning the third, eg:

- please come and help because I'm at the foot of the Volcano Vesuvius and it's puffing out black smoke and I think it's erupting
- I am stuck. My house is at the foot of a mountain and the volcano's erupted. I need your help. Help me escape. Come quickly! Rectina
- I am trapped because the volcano is erupting. Help!
- as I live at the bottom of the mountain escape is nearly impossible. The only way of escape is by boat. I know you are commander of the port and you have ships. Please save me. Rectina.

Award **1 mark** for calls for help that state the general nature of the danger but omit to mention an essential aspect of the situation, eg:

- I am stuck at the bottom of the volcano. Please come and save me
- please come and rescue me from this terrifying place. There is nowhere for me to escape to.

Also award 1 mark for responses which are heavily dependent upon the wording of the stimulus text, eg:

• I am terrified of the danger threatening me, I implore you to come and rescue me from my fate.

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15.	Some people think that Pliny's uncle was a brave but foolish leader. What do you think?		
	brave foolish brave and foolish		
	Explain your answer using parts of the information to help you.		
	up to 3 marks		
	Assessment focus 3: deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts (complex inference).		
	Award 3 marks for answers that provide well-justified and developed descriptions of bravery and/or foolishness and that reveal detailed examination of the text, eg:		
	 brave to risk his life to rescue others and to try and learn more about the effects of a volcano, and brave to be going into the thick of the danger when everyone else was running away 		
	he took on the challenge of rescuing Rectina and went into the place when everyone was leaving. He even went on when askes and hits of numice were falling and carried on when the		

- foolish because he seemed to set off without thinking that the stone and ash would be boiling so he might get burnt to death. He ignored all the advice and charged in
- he was brave because he charged into the 'danger zone' where everyone was fleeing, and also because he saw the thick black cloud forming and changed his course to save others. Yet he was foolish because he charged in not knowing what to expect. He died for this reason
- I think he was brave because he went to observe the volcano but also to save the people.
 I think he was foolish to think that he could rescue everyone, but also because he refused to go back when it got extremely dangerous.

Award 2 marks for responses that offer at least two relevant pieces of textual evidence, eg:

- Pliny's uncle was very brave to rescue all those people. It was not foolish to go and help and those people would turn in their graves to hear 'foolish' said about him
- foolish because he risked his life going into the volcano but brave because he went to save Rectina
- brave to go into the danger zone and to do it to save other people
- he is brave because he went to save his friend and investigate the volcano. But he is also foolish because volcanos are really dangerous.

Award **1 mark** for undeveloped / simple responses which make some comment about his bravery / foolishness, eg:

brave because he went into the volcano

helmsman advised not to

- brave to save people as many people would just run about
- foolish because he was going to the erupting volcano.

Section 3: Pompeii Today

Page 9

16. What was the *unusual blanket* that covered the town?

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 either of the following:

- ash
- rock.

Also accept rubble.

17. ... not all visitors treat the site with respect.

Write down two different ways in which they cause damage to the town.

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 1 mark for any of the following pieces of information, up to a maximum of 2 marks:

- vandalism (or specific examples, eg: graffiti)
- theft
- tourists climbing on ruins
- wear and tear.

Do not accept examples of damage that are not supported by the text, eg: *litter*.

18. ... trapped in time.

Why do you think Pompeii was described in this way?

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 answers which refer to the fact that the town was hidden / frozen / preserved for 2000 years, eg:

- nothing changed / it stood still for 2000 years
- all the valuables were hidden under the rubble
- it was preserved by the layer of ash and rock
- it's like it was in 79 AD.

Do not accept references to people being trapped, eg:

- the people couldn't move.
- **19.** Explain why the archaeologist believes that he is watching the second death of Pompeii.

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 reference to any of the following points, to a maximum of 2 marks:

- destruction of Pompeii (outcome)
- tourism / people stealing treasures, etc (cause)
- again / for the second time.

Examples:

- it's going to be destroyed again because of all the damage done by tourists (2 marks)
- he believes that it's going to be ruined like it was by the volcano (2 marks)
- because everything is being vandalised and stolen. (1 mark)

Do not accept references to Vesuvius / the volcano erupting again.

Questions about the postcards

Page 10

20. Why was Vesuvius closed to visitors on the day Neena wanted to visit it?

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 answers that refer to the volcano's activity on that day, eg:

- because it was active
- it was huffing and puffing clouds of smoke
- it would have been dangerous
- it looked as if there was going to be another eruption / because it might erupt.

Do not accept:

- huffing and puffing / it was huffing and puffing clouds (not precise enough) / it was erupting.
- 21. What opinion did Neena and Lisa have in common?

1 mark

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

Award 1 mark for answers referring to the positive attitude felt by both towards Pompeii, eg:

- they both felt that Pompeii was interesting / impressive / great / beautiful
- they both had a wonderful day in Pompeii.

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22. Neena could have written

I saw someone taking a ...

but instead she wrote

I saw an idiot hacking off and stealing a ...

What does Neena's choice of words tell you about the way she felt?

1 mark

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

Award 1 mark for answers referring to anger / disapproval, eg:

- they show that she's angry / mad / disgusted
- it shows she didn't approve
- she thought it was as bad as stealing from someone's home
- she thought it was wrong.

Do not accept answers which refer to disappointment / surprise or to the implication that the thief was stupid.

23. Why does Lisa say that she was lucky?

1 mark

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

Award 1 mark for answers referring to her find, eg:

- she found a souvenir.
- **24. Find** and **copy** the words that show that Lisa knew she had done something wrong.

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 either of the following quotations revealing furtiveness:

- slipped (it in my pocket)
- no one noticed.

Minor errors in copying should not be penalised.

Section 4: Advertisements

Page 11

25. Look at these statements from the advertisement for the Café Vesuvio.

Tick each one to show whether its main purpose is to give information or persuade the reader.

The first one has been done for you.

up to 2 marks

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

Award 2 marks for all four ticks correctly placed.

Award 1 mark for two or three ticks correctly placed.

	Inform	Persuade
Vegetarian dishes available	✓	
The best pizzas in town		✓
Round the corner from the museum	✓	
Open 11am to 11pm	✓	
friendly atmosphere		✓

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26. Look at the Bay of Naples Museum advertisement.

If you wanted to visit the museum, what other information would you need?

Write down two things.

up to 2 marks

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

Award **1 mark** for any pertinent suggestion, up to a maximum of **2 marks**. Acceptable responses are commonly drawn from the following categories:

- location / address
- directions / transport / route
- opening times / hours / opening days
- (admission) prices / group discounts
- telephone number / email / website
- activities on offer (eg: guided tours; activities for children)
- entry restrictions (eg: photographs / video; children below a certain age)
- facilities (eg: café, souvenir shop)
- suitability for different groups (eg: children / disabled people).

Do not accept very general answers, eg: what's there.

- **27.** Each section of the advertisement below tries to attract customers in a different way.
 - b) What does section D do?

1 mark

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

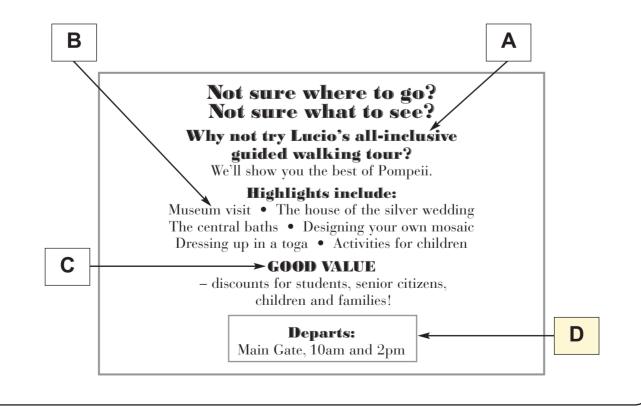
Award **1 mark** for answers that identify clearly the information-giving function of the section identified as D, eg:

- gives important information
- it tells you where to go
- it informs you about times.
- a) Label each arrow with the correct letter:
 - A invites the customer
 - B explains what is on offer
 - C gives added encouragement

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 all three boxes correctly completed, as follows:



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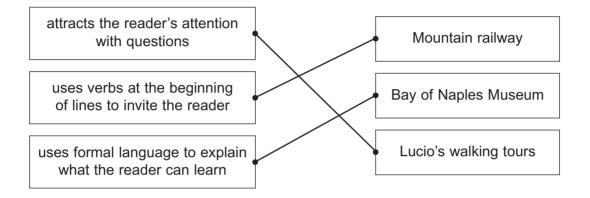
28. Here are some brief descriptions of the advertisements on pages 10 and 11.

Draw lines to match each advertisement to its description.

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 matching all three pairs correctly.



Section 5: The whole booklet

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29. On which pages can you find the following types of text?

up to 3 marks

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

Award 3 marks if all four page numbers are correctly identified.

Award 2 marks for three correctly identified page numbers.

Award 1 mark for one or two correctly identified page numbers.

	Page	Do not accept
captions and diagrams	'5' or '4–5'	
an eye-witness account	'7' or '9' or '7 and 9'	'6–7' '7–9' '8–9'
advertising	'10' or '11' or '10–11'	
an expert's opinion	'8'	'8–9'

30. Why is On Dangerous Ground a suitable title for this booklet?

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 reveal close reading of the booklet and link the use of the words *dangerous* or *ground* to specific detail, eg:

- it's dangerous to live near a volcano, as the people who lived in Pompeii in Roman times found out
- because it's all about Pompeii and its dangerous history.

Also award **2 marks** for answers which explain both *dangerous* and *ground*, **or** which refer to the threat from Vesuvius / volcanoes without separating the elements of the title, eg:

- because it is about a place near a volcano and, if it erupted, no one would be safe on the ground
- the town of Pompeii is on dangerous ground because it has the constant threat of the volcano erupting over it and it now has the threat of tourists destroying it too
- you are taking a risk if you live there
- because volcanoes are dangerous ground for anyone to walk on especially if they are active.

Award 1 mark for answers which provide a very simple or obvious reason, eg:

- volcanoes are dangerous
- because it's all about volcanoes.

Do not accept undeveloped responses, eg: *volcanoes are on the ground | it's all about dangerous ground*, or general answers, eg: *because it makes it sound interesting and you want to read it.*

31. How does the information in *Volcanoes* (pages 4 and 5) help you to understand *Disaster Strikes* (pages 6 and 7)?

up to 2 marks

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

Award **2 marks** for answers that convey the idea that facts enhance understanding and support this with detail from the text, eg:

- it tells you about different volcanoes and how they erupt. It also gives you good information in diagrams and what happened on what days and what times in the day
- it helps you understand because you don't know about the whole story then it tells you about individuals
- pages 4-5 tell you what happens in the explosion and pages 6-7 is a story about it
- it tells you when it happened and how it happened
- because it gives you information on volcanoes and it tells you about the volcano that they're talking about and how high the gas went and the ash, so when you read it you understood it.

Award 1 mark for answers that convey the idea that facts enhance understanding in a general way, eg:

- you find out about how dangerous eruptions are
- because they are both about volcanoes and what can happen in them
- by telling us how Pompeii was destroyed.

The writing test

There are two mark schemes, one for the longer task *Save It* (pages 32–35); and the other for the shorter task *It's a Mystery* (pages 50–51).

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
- 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.

	Assessment focuses
sentence structure and punctuation	 vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences.
text structure and organisation	 organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events 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.

Handwriting is assessed in the longer task. The marking criteria are shown in section F on page 35.

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

	Assessment focuses
 sentence structure, punctuation and text organisation 	 vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect 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.

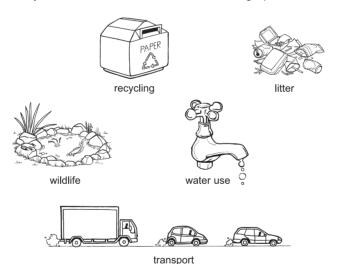
The longer task: Save It

In this prompt, pupils are invited to imagine that they are part of a year 6 class preparing a leaflet about the environment for their friends and family. The task is to do the writing for the leaflet. The prompt makes it clear that the leaflet should explain how friends and family can take care of the environment and persuade them to try the suggestions. Content is presented in the form of five illustrated ideas; however, the choice of which topics to include is left to the writer. The planning sheet offers support with decisions about content and the organisation of ideas. Better performances are distinguished by the adaptation of content to appeal specifically to friends and family, the use of style to provide persuasive impact and an overall structure combining developed sections with a clear emphasis on the leaflet's main ideas.

Save It

Class 6L at Fairborne School are trying to encourage people to look after the environment. The class want to remind their friends and family about ways that they can help.

They have decided to produce a leaflet to give to their friends and family. The content will include some of the following topics:



Imagine you are in Class 6L at Fairborne School.

Your task is to do the writing for the leaflet.

The purpose of the leaflet is to explain to friends and family how they can look after the environment, and persuade them to try some of the ideas.

Mark scheme for the longer task: Save It

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 (*It helps a lot*). Simple commands / requests may be included (*Put it in a bin*, *Come on*). Clauses mostly joined with *and*, *but*, *so*.
- Sentences sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops.

1 mark

Band A2

- Simple connectives and, but, so, when link clauses; because or if may be used repetitively. Subjects and verbs often simple and frequently repeated (We need, get, do). Use of modals (can, will). Some sentence variation created, eg commands / requests (don't waste your water); simple adverbials (in the bin). Noun phrases mostly simple (our air) with some limited expansion (a big bottle).
- Full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks mostly accurate; commas used in lists.

2-3 marks

Band A3

- Adverbials (When you are driving), expanded noun phrases (the most serious form of pollution) add variety. Subordinating connectives used non-repetitively and with some variety: because (because they use bins), if (if you drive). Some variation of subjects (The animals, Transport). Tense choice appropriate; modals used to express possibility are varied (may not have, would like to).
- Most sentences correctly demarcated; some commas mark phrases or clauses.

4-5 marks

Band A4

- Simple and complex sentences with some variety of connectives, eg *until*, *although*, *who*. Different sentence types, eg questions (*Why should we protect our environment?*). Expansion of phrases and clauses adds detail (*plants that we need to survive*). Range of verb forms (*will not be able to enjoy*). Additional words and phrases contribute to shades of meaning, eg adverbs (*dramatically*).
- Range of punctuation used, almost always correctly, eg brackets, dashes, colons.

6-7 marks

Band A5

- Length and focus of sentences varied to express subtleties in meaning and to focus on key ideas, eg passive (are being wrecked). Sentences may include controlled use of several subordinate clauses (starting to ruin our layer that protects us from the sun), sometimes for economy of expression; word order used to create emphasis (I mean not just animals but us, Astonishing it may be).
- Range of punctuation used, 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

Band B1

- Ideas grouped into sequences of sentences; some division possibly indicated by layout.
- Simple connectives used (and). Some connection between sentences, eg pronouns referring to the same person or thing (litter / it).

1 mark

Band B2

- Text structure overall is simple; includes brief introduction or concluding statement (*So please save the earth*). Some divisions between sections of content indicated (*now water*, *also*).
- Connections are built up by reference. Other relationships within and between sentences may be used, eg contrast (*but most of the rubbish is*).

2-3 marks

Band B3

- The leaflet is organised logically: introduction, points about several aspects of the environment, conclusion. Paragraphs or sections are sequenced, although transitions may be awkward. Subheadings may be used to group sections of content (*Don't Litter*, *Electrical Use*).
- Within paragraphs or sections, content may be developed around a main sentence. Paragraphs or sections organised to expand and develop a particular topic, eg with explanation and/or alternatives (if you are at the sea side). Connections within paragraphs or sections maintained, eg through ongoing references (another example, all these things).

4-5 marks

Band B4

- Overall organisation of the leaflet supported by paragraphs or sections. Relationships between paragraphs or sections give structure to the whole text, eg links make structure between topics clear, connections between opening and ending (Do you want to live in a cleaner environment? Go on, make our town cleaner).
- Paragraphs or sections are developed; main ideas consistently supported by relevant explanation. Reference to the same thing or idea sometimes varied to avoid repetition (*pollution*, *harmful gases*).

6–7 marks

Band B5

- The structure of the leaflet is controlled across the text (*You can do your part by following these tips*). Sequencing of paragraphs or sections contributes to overall effectiveness, eg strategic placing of most significant topic or suggestion (*Finally*, *Transport*, *this is a big one*).
- Individual paragraphs or sections varied in length and structure; each paragraph or section has a clear focus, and content is organised, eg by reference or contrast within the paragraph (As before, this can result in).

8 marks

SECTION C

COMPOSITION AND EFFECT

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

Band C1

- A short series of points; aspects may be listed (cans, newspaper, bags).
- Detail (brush your teeth, airport) and/or simple requests (look after wildlife) expand content.

1-2 marks

Band C2

- Content of the leaflet includes some points about the environment, some explanation (*because the whole place will be covered in litter*) and attempts to persuade (*that's how simple it is*). Coverage may be unbalanced.
- Writer's attitude towards the environment is sometimes evident (*I know I wouldn't*).
- Word choice often general (*many things*), with some detail (*glass bottles*). Some use of impersonal constructions (*It is*); inconsistent use of formal and less formal language (*consider I lots of other stuff*).

3-5 marks

Band C3

- Coverage of topics within the leaflet is balanced; points are developed, eg with explanation and examples (so you will appreciate it more).
- A consistent viewpoint is held, eg writer shows concern for environment and gives helpful suggestions (you can simply reduce the amount of time you spend in the shower).
- Style of address (eg friendly or formal) supports informative and persuasive purpose of the leaflet, eg words chosen for accuracy (*unhygienic*).

6-8 marks

Band C4

- Ideas are adapted; content is selected to be of most relevance to the reader (*please help your children to understand it*); persuasive appeal (*Just imagine how much metal could be saved*).
- Viewpoint is established and controlled, eg writer appears well informed (become a health hazard) and encourages and/or challenges reader (Do you really have to leave the taps running? I don't think so).
- Stylistic features enhance persuasion, eg emotive vocabulary (*ruined*, *chucking*); technical/formal terms add precision (*evaporate*, *decomposing materials*).

9-11 marks

Band C5

- Choice and placing of content is informed by purpose, eg writer prioritises comments of most interest to reader so they are well placed for emphasis (*it all comes down to one thing, people driving cars!*).
- Viewpoint convincing, eg writer gives impression of being authoritative and engaged with the issues and readers (*An average family in one day is using millions of litres of water*).
- Stylistic devices fully support purpose, eg patterning, alliteration (*Are you a water waster? Are you a lazy litterbug? Are you a pollution person?*).

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.

Band F1

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

1 mark

Band F2

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.

2 marks

Band F3

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

3 marks

Class 6L at Fairborne primary school have some good ideas, why you should recycle and what it would do to the wildlife.

simple introduction (B2)

noun phrase with limited expansion (A2)

repetitive use of connectives because and if(A2)

use of modals (A2)

occasional sentence demarcation (below A2)

use of commands creates some sentence variation (A2)

clauses simply linked (A2)

recycling: is a good thing to try and do(because if)you just through it on the floor, when you can just put it in the recycling bin.

litter: you(should)put (it) in the bin (because if) you just though it on the floor it would be a messie and a smellie invioment.

Wildlife: you would have less habitats and less animals around so if you clean it up we would have more animals every year.

So put your rubbish in the bin and save animals and give (them) back there habbitate (so) you will have a more cleaner and healtheyer invioment. And no more bad smells so you would have more animals and less rubbish.

divisions between sections of content (B2)

reference builds up connection (B2)

simple contrast links text together (B2)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & **PUNCTUATION**

Summary

Although correct sentence demarcation with capital letters and full stops is limited, the presence of some sentence variation, use of modals and expansion of some noun phrases provide evidence for lower mark in Band A2.

Band A2 – 2 marks

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Content includes attempts to persuade (you should, more cleaner and healtheyer) and some explanation; balance is limited by repetition (because if you just though it on the floor) (C2).
- The writer's view on the issues is expressed simply (a good thing)
- Some word choice is general and repetitive (good, animals) with occasional variation (habitats); other attempts at formality mainly limited to words from the prompt (invionent) (C2).

Summary

In this piece, simple statements seeking to explain the writer's point of view and persuade the reader are presented in leaflet form, providing evidence for Band C2. Expansion of ideas in some places to reduce repetition would be necessary for higher mark in band.

Band C2 – 3 marks

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

Summary

The use of an introduction and brief sections provides evidence of straightforward overall structure. This, together with connections through simple reference and contrast, leads to the higher mark in Band B2. Development of content within sections would be necessary for award in next band.

Band B2 – 3 marks

simple contrast provides

connection between

sentences (B2)

Litter

repetition of subjects (A2)

- We should allways put litter in the bin.
- We should never drop litter.
- Litter is very bad to the environment.

secure demarcation (A2)

use of modals (A2)

- Recycling
- We should always put paper in here.
- We should never mix rubbish up.

Recycling is very good to the environment

Water use

simple connectives used to link clauses (A2) Some-times we all use to much water but we should not because we do not have unlimited. text divided into sections (B2)

repetitive use of $hecause(\Delta 2)$

because (A2)

noun phrase with limited expansion (A2)

Transport

- We should not always drive because the petrol fumes are bad to the environment.
- · Walking is alway been better than car's.

Wildlife

- All the rubbish that has gone in the river that is making it hard for the wildlife to live.
- The wildlife in the forest. it is hard for them to live because of the litter

Do all this and you will see a difference in the world. That will make the world a better place.

reference back links conclusion to previous text (above B2)

brief conclusion (B2)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION

Summary

Use of simple and repetitive connectives, together with modals and a noun phrase with limited expansion give evidence for Band A2. Mostly secure sentence demarcation with full stops and capital letters justifies the award of the higher mark in band.

 $Band\ A2-3\ marks$

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Content gives brief coverage of several aspects related to the topic, with some attempt to explain (because we do not have unlimited) and persuade (Do all this and you will see) (C2).
- The writer's opinions convey an attitude towards the environment (*Litter is very bad*) (C2).
- Occasional detail supports purpose (petrol fumes, forest), but vocabulary is predominantly general (bad, car's) (C2).

Summary

This simple leaflet presents brief bullet points to persuade the reader about several aspects of the environment; some relevant expansion to support writer's viewpoint suggests Band C2. However, more evidence of careful word choice would be necessary for the highest mark in band.

 $Band\ C2-4\ marks$

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

Summary

Although reference within and between sentences in the main part of the text is limited, the use of contrast within a simple overall structure provides sufficient evidence for Band B2. The link established between the conclusion and previous text leads to the award of the higher mark in band.

Band B2 – 3 marks

This is a leaflet about things that need to change.

adverbials (A3)

If these things do not change the earth will change completely. For example there will not be any oxegyn or animals will die. Water Use

overall text structure includes introduction and brief conclusion (B3)

developed sections of

content grouped by

subheadings (B3)

subordinating connectives used non-repetitively (A3) This year there will be a drought as people are using to much water. Examples of people using to much water is when brushing teeth. The reason this is wasting water is because they leave the tap running in between them brushing their teeth. If people carry on doing this instead of turning the tap off people might have a large shorted of water.

expanded noun phrases (A3)

Another way of wasting water is when people have a shower or bath everyday. A way to stop the same problem of the water shorted is to have one twice or three times a week.

Litter

Every year thoasands of pieces of litter are picked up. The main cause of litter is when people stick chewing gum to the floor. It then cost hundreds of thoasands to clear it up, and even then it doesn't always come off of the floor. There are other causes of litter that can't be helped. Like when rapper falls out of coat pockets.

clauses (A3)

mostly secure

demarcation (A3)

varied subjects (A3)

commas between

Sometimes people see it fall out of their pocket but just ingnore it. Litter doesn't look very attractive either. Chocolate rappers, cans, chewing gum and much more.

Wildlife

Mildlife is being threatened Recently fox hunting has been band as it is cruel but people go against the law and carry on So people are out every night with load music and destroying land

LETS MAKE A CHAGE

connections maintained within sections (B3)

weaker development and integration of content within a section (below B3)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION

Summary

Evidence of expanded noun phrases, subordination, adverbials and some variation of subjects lead to Band A3; secure demarcation and use of commas to support sentence divisions confirm the higher mark in band.

Band A3 - 5 marks

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Points about water use and litter are developed with examples (when brushing teeth) and explanation (people stick chewing gum to the floor) (C3); balance limited by underdeveloped section on wildlife (below C3).
- Writer's concern about environmental damage is conveyed throughout the leaflet (earth will change completely, destroying land) (C3).
- Some word choice supports persuasive purpose (hundreds of thoasands, threatened) (C3), but chosen level of formality varies (The reason this is, can't be helped).

Summary

This leaflet includes development of relevant content, expressed from a point of view that makes the writer's feelings clear. Despite some weaknesses in style and balance, there is just enough evidence overall to merit award of the lowest mark in Band C3.

 $Band\ C3-6\ marks$

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

Summary

Organisation of ideas into an introduction, conclusion and some developed sections of content justifies Band B3. Although there is also evidence of reference within sections, weaker grouping towards the end of the piece limits the award to the lower mark in band.

Band B3 - 4 marks

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

question varies sentence type (above A3) Do you think that you are doing everything you can to save the environment? If you do check the checklist. Recycling ☐ do you walk as much as you can ☐ do you have baths ☐ or showers ☐ if you have a bath is it big ☐ or small ☐ Do you litter ☐. Those are the thing's that you need to worry about.

1. Recycling

connection established between introduction and conclusion (B4), but limited linkage between introduction and subsections (below B4)

sentence boundaries incorrectly demarcated with commas (below A3) Recycling is simple to doll all you have to do is put it in the right bin if you recycle you would be making a difference to wildlife, recycling paper would be the best woodlands are being cut down each day and thus the animals go to

2. Litter

subordinating connectives (A3)

Litter is a main value of pollution litter usually oucurs in and around main city's like New York, London, Paris and many more. Litter is a killer for nature bird's can choke on something like a bit of tissue or a bird can get stuck in a plastic beer holder other bigger animals can get in the beer holder in there mouths so thus they cannot eat.

On new years every people think that on that night they have a pass to litter. More like a one way ticket for nature litters's are colfminded as

reference varied to avoid repetition within a developed paragraph (B4)

varied modals (A3)

can get in the beer holder in there mouths so thus they cannot eat.

On new years eve people think that on that night they have a pass to litter. More like a one way ticket for nature, littere's are selfminded and in a way hoolergans who never think of the consenquences and go smashing other peoples property but in this prospective they are destroying mother natures property and other people's prospective of the world.

adverbials (A3)

Wildlife

expanded noun phrases (A3)

Wildlife is connected to Litter and Recycling but there is one thing that is nt really connected to any of those subjects. Destroying habbitats for factories, houses and other building's. Some people like to go hunting just for fun not for food or for fur for warmth it's just for the fun of it. Also some people crush plants kill animals and after they do something like that they laugh about it with there friends.

sequence of clauses joined with and (below A3) We all hope that the person who read this changes his/her way's and if you do think your doing the best you can try harder all the time and never stop trying to save the environment. Together we should stand.

reference to previous sections contributes to overall structure (B4)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION

Summary

Use of adverbials, subordination, varied modals and expanded noun phrases suggests an award in Band A3. Although there is some variation in sentence type (above A3), consistent weaknesses in sentence demarcation limit the award to the lower mark in band.

Band A3 - 4 marks

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Development of points about litter and wildlife includes examples (bird's can choke on something like a bit of tissue) and explanation (just for fun not for food or for fur); coverage of recycling is more limited (C3).
- Writer's strong feelings about the environment expressed through opinion (hoolergans who never think of the consenquences) (C3).
- Word choice supports persuasion with emotive vocabulary (smashing, destroying) (above C3), but not consistent (cut down).

Summary

In this leaflet, the writer combines emotional appeal with some informative detail in order to persuade the reader, leading to an award of the highest mark in Band C3. Further adaptation for the readership (for example, more suggestions for how friends and family can help) would be necessary for award in the next band.

Band C3 - 8 marks

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

Summary

Connections between introduction and conclusion help clarify overall structure and suggest Band B4. This is confirmed by further reference to relevant content within and between developed paragraphs. Stronger links between the introduction and the topics dealt with in the leaflet would be necessary for the higher mark in band.

Band B4 – 6 marks

use of different sentence types: question and command (A4)

some variety of connectives (A4)

expanded phrases (A4)

additional words

limited range of punctuation used correctly (below A4)

SENTENCE

STRUCTURE &

PUNCTUATION

Summary

including different sentence

gives evidence for an award

range of punctuation leads

to the lower mark in band.

types, varied connectives

and expanded phrases -

in Band A4. The limited

Sentence variation -

Do you know how much damage you are making? Do you want to see beutifal things get ruind? Well stop right there because we are going to tell you.

Loath Some Litter!

All over the world people are dumping there litter and killing the wildlife. Some of the animals get trapped on litter and cut them selves, others choke this leads to there terrorising, terrible, tragic deaths that they don't desserve. Recycle your rubbish now!

Wasteing Water!

Everybody is wasteing the good water in the world by washing cars and other things When many other people need good.

clean water to drink, wash with, wash clothes and make meals. Think about other people not(just)yourself!

Terrorising Traffic!

Did you now your killing your pets, other animals and all the children in the world by polluting the air with

the fearsome fumes of your car. No? Well you are so put a

stop to it. help us to help and Save the world. Save the World How to Help?

You can help us by coming to the town hall from Monday to Sunday for the next two weeks.

Please help us Your our only hope

Do You want to be a hero or an Enemy? Please come to the town hall and sign the Petition

Sign the Petition Save the World!

introduction and conclusion connected by questions (B4)

reference to the same idea is varied as ideas are developed within a section (B4)

final exclamations create link between all sections, supporting structure of text (B4)

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Adaptation evident in urgent, personal appeal to persuade reader (stop right there, Recycle your rubbish now!) (C4).
- Writer portrayed as challenging readers' ignorance about the issues (No? Well you are so put a stop to it.), although pleading at the end weakens effect (Your our only hope!, Please come) (below C4)
- Stylistic choices attract attention and support persuasive purpose: alliteration (*Wasteing Water*); questions (*Do You want to be a hero or an Enemy?*) (above C4).

Summary

This succinct leaflet adapts content by emphasising the urgency of the problem and directly appealing to the reader, leading to award in Band C4. Further control of viewpoint to maintain impact would be necessary for highest mark in band.

 $Band\ A4-6\ marks$

Band C4 – 10 marks

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

Summary

Text structure is maintained by the organisation of content into clear sections connected by common features. This evidence, combined with development of ideas within sections, leads to the higher mark within Band B4. Emphasis on most significant ideas (for example, by development of final section) would be necessary for the top band.

Band B4 – 7 marks

varied sentence

(A5)

focus: use of passive

short sentence for emphasis (A5)

controlled use of

subordination

sentences (A5)

punctuation:

apostrophes (A5)

within long

range of

omission

Dear Reader. Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet.

We at Fairborne school beleive if you do read this leaflet than you to can help improve the enviroment we live in.

The first topic we would like to include in this leaflet is recycling. If you recycle you are doing good for yourself and others by:

- Recycling things to be made into new things.
- · Getting rid of your useless junk.
- · And saving your own enviroment!

If everyone spent 20 minutes a week taking their newspapers, tins and bottles to the nearest recycling bins, then we to can make a difference in just 20 minutes!

The second topic is, wildlife and litter, you know and we know they do not go together. Why? You ask, heres why, animals can get badly hurt by broken bottles, sharp tins ect. And it can ruin there environment aswell as ours. Do you want litter to hurt animals and wildlife? I think not You and your friends could arrange a "litter pick-up" where you go around your local area picking up rubbish as a fundraiser or just for fun Like who can get the most in a set time limit!

Our third issue is our use of water and water waste. When a family of four have a bath, they may empty and refill it 2 or even 3 times this is a bit of a waste isnt it? To resolve this try only emptying it once maybe not at all! In the summer paddling pools are a big hit, some people just tip the water away if the fun wears out! Try using it to water the plants, they appreciate it in the boiling sun! So don't throw it away, reuse it!

Our fifth and final issue is transport. Do you know what that black smoke is coming out of your car? No, we'll tell you pollution! Thats what! Think of

is coming out of your car? No, we'll tell you pollution! Thats what! Think of all the cars in the world! Millions! All pumping the same waste out of the back! We cant make everyone sell or send their cars to the scrapyard, but if children walked or cycled to school instead of the car or bus then beleive it or not it will help the environment.

Thankyou again for reading this leaflet. Keep it for future reference, when you're done with it, recycle it! You too can make a difference, you to can S.O.E!

Do it today, Save our environment. Are you up to it? We know we sound repetative, but you can help.

structure made clear across the text (B5)

structure of individual paragraphs varied (B5)

reference within the paragraph gives emphasis and clear focus to main idea (B5)

comment draws attention to structure and gives added significance to paragraph (B5)

range of punctuation: commas for inserted comment (A5)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE & PUNCTUATION

Summary

Sentence variation, in the form of longer, developed sentences, a short sentence for impact and the use of passive indicate Band A5; evidence of a range of punctuation, used mostly correctly, confirms the mark.

Band A5 – 8 marks

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Selection of detail emphasises relevance to reader's life (*You and your friends could arrange, coming out of your car*) (C4), although particular readership not consistently addressed (*When a family of four, some people*).
- Leaflet gives impression that writer is well informed about the issues (*heres why*, *we'll tell you*) (C4).
- Use of slogan-like exclamations supports persuasion (So don't throw it away, reuse it!, you to can S.O.E!) (C4).

Summary

Thorough coverage of environmental topics, presented persuasively through suggestions and examples made relevant to everyday situations, leads to Band C4. Use of stylistic choices to support leaflet form merits the highest mark in band, although further adaptation to specific readership necessary for award of Band C5.

Band C4 – 11 marks

TEXT STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

Summary

Use of sequencing throughout the leaflet and placing of ideas for emphasis help define the overall shape of the text, suggesting Band B5. These features, combined with varied organisation of paragraphs and clarity of focus, merit the award of the top mark.

Band B5 – 8 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.

you should recycl
recycling you should recycl in Sted of chucking liler arond and it macks the westlelener
Wildlife) pepol Should lookal ter wildlife Becous some anamots indang
aramets live in the wildlife.
transpert I we Should not your cars or vans Beccs of Beccs of pluts the earth and if we werek it mackes us Helfeyer.
Piter I we Should not liter
Because It pulots the earth and macks a Herediet Hedertat
(Warter use) we Should not use let or warter every day Beccus everyone it was ing to much.

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.

save your environen and energy
Litter destroy the claen Looking or your Steet And it destroy the Wildtife Arounyou.
Recycling if only more people recycled more often then paper then less trees Wald have to Be out down that Rilling our wildlife So pleas recycle.
Water use Water if only people use less water every day then less Fish Litot Would get pillea and thats destroyingour wild life
Transport Lots of people have cars the drivers we lary Because there sat and presing a pedal of and from the gas the Petral treair is geting polution

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.

how to
This leaglet is here for you to know towto care for the
environment. You could get a reward it you are making
RECYCLING
It is very important that you recycle paper. It takes a long
time to make the pager from trees, and it is great
help is you recycle it. You can recycle paper anywhere that you see this sign: De. This way paper can be
reused.
LITTER
The world and environment is so dirty because of
litter. Surely it isn't such a big effort just to throw
your rubbish in the bin If litter getsblowlest around
it can be blown by the wind and the spreads
very for. Even if it is not your rubbish, it would
do alot of help if you pick uplitter. You could help
is many different ways eg: strow can be used as bedding for
WATER USE
Some parts of the world hardly have any water
This could happen to us if we use too much of it.
It isn't good to waste water as it does alot forus.
We should be grateful that we have water to use in

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.

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Most people don't core about the environment
and throw litter on the floor or other places
where it is not wanted. This leaflet is about
how you cam put a stop to all this rubbish.
It will also tell you what it does to this
enuron ment.
Things like wild life, litter, and graphiti
Things like wild life, litter, and graphiti are a hig problem now, wild life is a hig
problem, all around up is wildlife but some
of us don't know that so they treat
It like it's dead but it's not you don't
see much wildlife now yearse its all
diging herause we are not treating it very
well we are throung litter on the wildlife
and damaging it. Things like arass Plants
trees and other things are living things to
trees and other things are living things to they deserve to be treated like living thing
not like a hin.
Another problem is litter, we see it every-
where: on the ground, goes, in trees, all over and
notady does any thing about it wet we all
expect that the auncil will come and
Chear it arrang but now they have set out
chear it many but now they have bet out
7

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

omost.	There are lots of ways to look after the environment there are lots of ways to damage it.
use	the lots of ways to save it
	ok after where we live.
	Litter
	One of these ways is to not drop litter anywhe
but to	put it in the bin. If you do see litter on the
floor p	sick it up and drop it in the bin. If animals
eat lit	ter they could die. If a whole species dies out
other a	rimals that depend on them for food die out.
This o	lestrage the ecosystem which is not very good at
all. So	put litter where it belongs! In the bin!
-	
	Transport
	Cars and other similar machines let out toxic
gasses	which pollute the earth. These gasses can be harm-
full to	our bodies. To cut down on transport you could
walk	or cycle more or if your going to school share
a lift	with someone else so your not just having a
small a	car load, you're having a full one loss of
	mean more injuries. So cut down on transpo
(cars	

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.

Hello and Welcome, we are going to talk to you about how to help the environment EG Recycling, litter, and wildlife and to do this.

In the world many people just throw away paper, each day approx 2 million peaces of paper is just being wasted. If you throw away paper it will just be burnt but if you recycle paper Tenormas machines can make it into what it used to be so if you have any paper please recycle it; so that less tree's have to be cut down.

tach day enormas amounts of litter and rubbish is left of on the streets, but why, hitter can also be recycled to also turn into more a crisp packets or chocolate rappers so if you can pick-up litter and recycle it then there will be more cleaner streets.

Each day thousands and thousands of peaceful animals are being killed in there pride for food thur coats. Does the wildlife have to be treated so badle, the Each day

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The shorter task: It's a Mystery

This prompt presents the opening sentences and illustration from a mystery story which starts with a character about to enter a building. The task is to continue the story opening by describing what it was like through the door. Some support for descriptive writing is provided by the style of the opening sentences and the picture of an old wooden door; in addition, the planning space invites the writer to consider the senses and ways of creating a mysterious atmosphere. Better performances are distinguished by the controlled use of expanded phrases and clauses to convey detail, exploration of the scene through the character's senses and the maintenance of descriptive style that engages the reader by building a feeling of mystery.

It's a Mystery

A mystery story starts with these words:

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...



Your task is to continue the beginning of the mystery story by describing what it was like through the door.

PLANNING

Think about

- describing what it was like through the door (appearance, smell, sound, atmosphere)
- how to create a feeling of mystery.

2

Mark scheme for the shorter task: It's a Mystery

SECTION D

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION AND TEXT ORGANISATION

Assessment focuses: vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect

write with technical accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses and sentences construct paragraphs and use cohesion within and between paragraphs

Band D1

- Clauses usually grammatically accurate, mostly joined with *and*, *then*, *so*. Some simple sentences, often a brief sequence starting with subject + verb (*Ali felt scared*). Some connections between sentences, eg pronouns referring to Ali.
- Sentences are sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops.

1 mark

Band D2

- Simple connectives and, but, or, so, when link clauses. Subjects and verbs frequently repeated (*There was*). Noun phrases mostly simple (a tunnel) with simple expansion (a wet smell). Some sentences expanded with simple adverbials (suddenly). Connections between sentences built up (more footsteps).
- 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 smelled so bad). Adverbials (As he watched the moon) and expanded noun phrases (the worn out flight of stairs) vary construction of sentences. Tense choice is generally consistent and appropriate. Some variation in subjects (Ali, The creepy castle). Words and phrases for detail (locked tightly, overgrown bushes) may be included. Ideas developed within sections. Connections between ideas maintained through ongoing reference (Ali lay there).
- Most sentences correctly demarcated; some commas mark phrases or clauses. If used, inverted commas demarcate direct speech.

3 marks

Band D4

- Simple and complex sentences used, with varied connectives, eg which, who, although (although everything was so quiet). Short sentences for effect (Slam!). Expanded phrases and clauses express ideas economically (a quiet high whisper gradually getting louder). Main ideas supported by organisation of sentences and/or sections of text (He could feel something travelling up his leg).
- Range of punctuation used, almost always correctly, eg brackets, dashes, colons. Full punctuation of direct speech (if used).

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

Band E1

- A short series of observations about the setting or a list of things seen / done by Ali. Narration of events may dominate over description.
- Detail sometimes included, eg simple description (dark room).

1 mark

Band E2

- Descriptive form used; content may include brief coverage of several aspects of setting. Some focus on events rather than description of setting may be apparent (*He got to another door*).
- Writing shows evidence of viewpoint, eg some suggestion of Ali's feelings (feeling very brave).
- Some vocabulary describes mysterious setting (*dusty*, *cobwebs*, *dark*) although other references are general (*something*).

2-3 marks

Band E3

- Coverage is balanced, eg different aspects of the scene are presented (*the top of the stairs*, *the window*). Detail adds to the creation of mood (*hanging from a single thread*).
- Viewpoint established and maintained, eg scene explored from Ali's perspective (*she turned backwards*, *and the grinning face was there*).
- Stylistic choices contribute to mysterious effect, eg descriptive vocabulary (*constant creaking*, *scurrying*), repetition (*faster and faster*).

4-5 marks

Band E4

- Descriptive form adapted, eg content suggests realistic (*the dark, empty tunnel*) or fantasy setting (*a trail of purple slime*). Thorough coverage.
- Viewpoint established and controlled, eg Ali portrayed as courageous (he wanted to run back outside but he took one step forwards) or timid ('Who is it?' she called anxiously).
- Stylistic choices support adaptation, eg vocabulary builds up mood (rotting texture of wallpaper, swirling), questions increase suspense (They can't be asleep ... can they?), figurative language (smell like rotting eggs).

6-7 marks

Band E5

- Placing of content adapted, eg aspects of the room revealed gradually (*creaked open and a pair of gleaming red eyes glared out*).
- Viewpoint well controlled and convincing, eg selection of detail to encourage reader to sympathise with Ali (*Ali gasped as a hand, stone cold, wrinkly and old, landed on his shoulder*).
- Stylistic features fully support purpose and engage, eg alliteration (spine-shivering sound), patterning (it was ... following ... sensing ... stalking him).

8 marks

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...

simple adverbials (D2)

simple connectives (D2)

repetition of subject and verbs (D2)

simple noun phrases (D2)

When I went in the door close behind me.

Inside the floor creak as I stept on the floor.

We could smell this funney smell but then I heard this noise it soud like people talking. It got louder and louder as the minits goes past. The water outside went drip drip drip and drip. You could hear thunder cackerling outside. You can see cutain are turen so you can see outside. The lamps look like monsters that get bigger. I am so scary.

went up the stairs As I went up it creacd. I diden't now it was the stairs I ran up. So that was it. I ran off out the door. That end of that.

connection built up between sentences (D2)

sentence demarcation

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

Summary

Use of simple noun phrases, connectives and adverbials, together with repetitive subjects and verbs leads to Band D2. Some evidence of linkage between sentences and sufficient demarcation with capital letters and full stops confirm the mark.

 $Band\ D2-2\ marks$

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Brief coverage of several aspects of the setting (funney smell, this noise, The water); emphasis on events in final sentences (E2).
- Character's viewpoint inconsistent (I am so scary | So that was it, That end of that) (below E2).
- Some descriptive word choice (cackerling; look like monsters), although other vocabulary is general (floor, people, stairs) (E2).

Summary

Despite a focus on story events at the end, this simple opening shows evidence of descriptive form and uses some vocabulary to suggest a mysterious setting, justifying Band E2. Less uncertainty of character's viewpoint would be necessary for higher mark in band.

Band E2 – 2 marks

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...

The door slamed behind her she tried opening simple connective (D2)it but it was lokced she was frightend. It smelt use of inverted commas like dead rats it was black and scary she to demarcate direct speech (above D2) coudint see a thing. She heard someone repeated subjects (D2) calling her it was repetedly calling her Ali Ali Ali" it cried "fowlow the the sound of my voice." simple adverbials She)followed.(she)thought it was her friends connections in text built (D2) messing around. She felt even more scared it up (D2) called her name agian "Ali Ali Ali" she started running. The voice got louder it must have been following her. She saw a door, she ran simple noun phrases occasional demarcation (D2)inside. she found it was a closet, she dint feel (below D2) that scared she rang the fire birgade to rescue her.

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

Summary

Features such as repetitive sentence subjects, simple noun phrases and adverbials all provide evidence for Band D2. Although sentence demarcation with capital letters and full stops is limited, the use of inverted commas for speech (above D2) and some connection between sentences support the mark.

 $Band\ D2-2\ marks$

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Content includes description of the voice (repetedly calling, it cried, got louder) within coverage of events (E2).
- Writing adopts Ali's perspective (*she coudlnt see a thing, she thought it was her friends messing around*) (above E2).
- Word choice is mostly general (voice, name) with occasional attempts to interest (slamed, smelt like dead rats) (E2).

Summary

In this straightforward account of a character's experiences, some description is used within the event sequence to create mystery, suggesting award in Band E2. Although vocabulary is limited, the use of Ali's viewpoint supports the setting and merits the higher mark in the band.

Band E2 – 3 marks

expanded noun phrases (D3)

adverbials (D3)

subordinate clauses

(D3)

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...

Ali looked around and it was pitch black. He put his arms out to fell the walls and everything else.

He walked forward and tripped over something.

Ali picked up the object The object was thin and had a bigger, rounder bit at the end Ali felt it he found a button. Ali pressed the button and a light came on the thing he had tripped over was a torch. Looking around Ali saw a basket filled with apples, another basket filled oranges and three other baskets filled with bananas, peaches and strawberrys Ali could smell lovely fresh fruit. He heard a noise which sounded like come get your fruit your fresh and golden fruit. Ali turned around so that he was facing the door and just before he could walk out a hand went on his sholder and

consistent sentence demarcation (D3)

commas to show divisions within the sentence (D3)

ongoing reference maintains connections in text (D3)

inverted commas signal speech (D3)

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

Summary

Subordination, expansion of noun phrases and adverbials indicate Band D3. The mark is confirmed by use of commas to support developed sentences, mainly secure demarcation, inverted commas and references that maintain links in the text.

 $Band\ D3-3\ marks$

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

said you shouldent be hear.

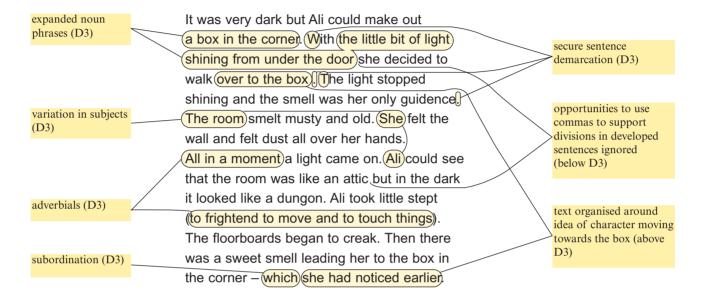
- Detail contributes to mystery (thin and had a bigger, rounder bit at the end); coverage includes appeal to different senses (Ali could smell, He heard a noise) (E3).
- Ali's point of view is established (*Ali felt it*) and maintained throughout the piece (*a hand went on his sholder*) (E3).
- Some choices suggest a magical setting (filled with apples, golden fruit) (E3), although elsewhere vocabulary is less descriptive (the walls).

Summary

Use of detail, balanced content coverage and maintenance of Ali's viewpoint create a mysterious story opening and give evidence for Band E3. Further descriptive word choice to increase the sense of mystery would be necessary for higher mark in band.

Band E3 – 4 marks

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...



SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

Summary

Varied sentence subjects, expanded noun phrases, adverbials and subordination give sentence structure evidence for Band D3. Although there are no commas, secure demarcation and development of text around a main idea (above D3) confirm the mark.

 $Band\ D3-3\ marks$

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Different aspects of room presented as Ali moves towards box; characterisation adds detail (to frightend to move and to touch things) (E3).
- Ali's point of view is maintained (*smell was her only guidence*, *felt dust all over her hands*) (E3).
- Word choices support descriptive purpose (musty, dungon, creak)
 (E3).

Summary

Through careful vocabulary choice and detailed description of Ali's reactions, this story opening presents a mysterious setting and merits the higher mark in Band E3. Further adaptation (for example, some detail about the box to build suspense) would be necessary for award in higher band.

Band E3 – 5 marks

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...

variation in connectives (D4)

It was pitch black. Ali could not see a thing, yet she could find her way around easily. Had she been here before? Something definatly seemed familiar about this place.

expanded phrases express ideas economically (D4) Ali could just smell the scent of the rotting, decaying rocks which built up the four walls around her. How old was this place? Surely a long period of time, as Ali could tell from the material the entrance door was made of and the smell. Was someone in the room?

throughout the text, reference supports emphasis on main ideas in each section (D4)

short, simple sentence for effect (D4) Ali was beginning to be unsure of this place. She heard a drip drip drip What was it? A leaking pipe?

It was a mystery. She heard footsteps creeping around.

Who was that?

She could taste the sawdust from the air flying around into her mouth as she walked around. Why was there sawdust here? The splinters in the other doors scratched at Aliss skin. This was not a good experience.

a range of punctuation used accurately: commas, question marks and an apostrophe to mark possession (D4)

Who was in the room? Why were they in the room? Why did they open the door to Ali?

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

Summary

Evidence of simple sentences for effect and longer, complex constructions, a range of accurate punctuation and references to support organisation justify the award of the top mark – Band D4.

Band D4 – 4 marks

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Description suggests setting for a realistic mystery story (sawdust from the air, splinters in the other doors) (E4).
- Control of viewpoint shown through Ali's changing reactions to setting (find her way around easily, beginning to be unsure of this place, not a good experience) (E4).
- Some stylistic choice supports adaptation (rotting, decaying rocks) (E4), although questions for suspense are overused (below E4).

Summary

Descriptive detail, used convincingly to portray a character's response to a mysterious setting, gives evidence for Band E4. However, more selective use of questions for stylistic effect would be necessary for the award of the higher mark in the band.

Band E4 – 6 marks

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...

varied connectives (D4)

The door slammed shut behind Ali. He coughed as he inhaled the dry, stale air that was inside ... this tunnel? Ali couldn't see 5 feet in front of himself. He began to walk, with no idea where he was going, down the tunnel. Soon Ali came to a flight of stone steps. The tunnel seemed to drop down into a strange green light. Ali began to descend into the darkness. He shut his eyes as he went down the steps. Suddenly, the smell of rotten fish hit Ali right in his face, which caused him to walk back. Ali slowly opend his eyes, and to his amazement gasped. Right in front of him, was an underground cave of monumental size. A river slowly gurgled below him, that led to a giant stone structure which towered above Ali. The sound of water dripping scared Ali.

reference to Ali's position (D4)

range of punctuation: omission apostrophe commas question mark (D4)

expansion for economical expression (D4)

short sentence for variation and effect (D4)

He looked across the cave. There was something strange on the floor ... but what?

SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PUNCTUATION & TEXT ORGANISATION

Summary

Inclusion of varied connectives within developed sentences, expansion for economy and a simple sentence for effect lead to Band D4. Evidence of a range of punctuation and clear organisation of ideas confirm the mark.

Band D4 – 4 marks

COMPOSITION & EFFECT

- Visual detail placed to give impact to final description (underground cave of monumental size, giant stone structure) (E5).
- Reader shares Ali's restricted viewpoint (shut his eyes, the smell of rotten fish hit Ali) and sense of uncertainty (something strange on the floor... but what?) (E5).
- Precise, descriptive vocabulary consistently supports creation of mysterious world (inhaled, gurgled, towered) (E5).

Summary

In this vivid description, the writer develops character viewpoint to engage the reader and combines this with detail selected to appeal to the senses. This effective presentation of a mysterious opening leaves unanswered questions in the reader's mind and merits the award of the top mark (Band E5).

Band E5 – 8 marks

The spelling test

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

Reilly	
The cat-flap clicked upward, letting in a <u>sharp</u> draught of cold air. Framed within the opening appeared a	He looked at the warm glow of the gas fire, at the armchair and at the clean white coats of the two females .
black face with a white nose and chin, wide yellow eyes and	This was a place where a cat could be comfortable, no
a set of curving white whiskers . The face	doubt about that. He was
stayed where it was; the eyes surveyed the	ravenously hungry. He came wholly into the
room.	room and approached the saucer
	cautiously
Bella, lying relaxed and sleepy in the armchair	
by the kitchen fire, turned her head at the sound. She jumped	Bella circled round him, her fur bristling
down from the chair and stood rigid , ready to	
see off the intruder .	Before long Miss Betty Braithwaite's sensible
	medium- height heels could be heard
The stranger returned stare for stare. His glance had taken in	clop-clopping along the hall corridor . The
the two saucers of cat-food, one still scattered scattered	footsteps came nearer, the door-handle turned and she
with untouched scraps, and the blue bowl crusted with a	entered, a small woman with thick hair, once chestnut, now the colour of faded string, pinned off her face and neck.
white ring where milk had stood for some time, left by cats who had had more than enough already.	the colour of laded string, pinned on her lace and neck.
who had had more than enough already.	As the door opened, his proud tail drooped, his
	ears went back in fear and he cowered low to the floor.
	"It's all right, puss," she said. "I won't hurt you."
	He straightened , reassured by the softness of her
	voice , and looked up into her face.

Quick reference mark scheme for the spelling test

1.	sharp	11.	ravenously
2.	whiskers	12.	approached
3.	surveyed	13.	cautiously
4.	lying	14.	bristling
5.	rigid	15.	sensible
6.	intruder	16.	height
7.	scattered	17.	corridor
8.	enough	18.	proud
9.	females	19.	straightened
10.	doubt	20.	voice

Scoring spelling

Markers will complete the total mark box, calculate the spelling mark, and enter this in the box on the cover of the shorter writing task and spelling test booklet.

Number of correct words	Spelling test mark		
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1–3	1		
4–6	2		
7–9	3		
10–12	4		
13–15	5		
16–18	6		
19–20	7		



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