

2025 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling mark scheme amendments

**Amendments to the mark schemes for
modified large print (MLP) and braille**

Introduction: modified large print

This guidance is for markers who have been allocated MLP scripts of the 2025 key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The standard version of the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes should be used in conjunction with the additional guidance in this document. Markers should refer to the standard mark schemes when marking MLP test papers unless an alternative is given in this guidance.

Amendments to the mark scheme

Amendments to mark schemes are only provided where the content of the standard mark schemes is altered.

Amendments to the mark schemes are not provided where the only change has been to further divide the question into subsections or where the layout of the question is different.

Mark schemes have been amended in some respects for the following questions:

Paper 1	Questions 4, 20, 25, 32
Paper 2	There are no amendments to the mark schemes for the spelling component: the standard mark schemes can be applied for all spellings.

General guidance to be applied throughout the MLP papers

- Be sympathetic to the fact that the handwriting of pupils with visual impairment may be of inconsistent size and formation. They may also have difficulty circling or ticking their answers. Award marks where there is a clear and unambiguous indication of the correct answer.
- If pupils have missed any answer lines or spaces within the text, their answers may be elsewhere on the page. Any unambiguous indication of the correct answer should be credited, working within the parameters of the mark schemes.
- Markers should contact their supervisors if they have any problems applying the mark scheme to MLP scripts, or with specific responses. All supervisors have contact details of specialists who will provide advice.

Mark scheme amendments

Q	Requirement
4	<p>Award 1 mark for all four correct.</p> <div data-bbox="392 443 497 548"> <div>C</div> </div> <div data-bbox="549 472 1082 521"> <p>Watch where you're going.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="392 600 497 705"> <div>S</div> </div> <div data-bbox="549 600 986 705"> <p>We watched the game together.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="392 757 497 862"> <div>S</div> </div> <div data-bbox="549 786 1098 835"> <p>My watch stopped working.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="392 913 497 1019"> <div>C</div> </div> <div data-bbox="549 913 1011 1019"> <p>Do not watch too much television.</p> </div>
20	<p>Award 1 mark for all four correct.</p> <div data-bbox="392 1131 1347 1731"> <div> <div>Word</div> <div> <div>recruit</div> <div>advert</div> <div>class</div> <div>alien</div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Suffix</div> <div> <div>ate</div> <div>ment</div> <div>ise</div> <div>ify</div> </div> </div> </div>

Q	Requirement
25	<p>Award 1 mark for all three correct.</p> <p>S I walked to school with Hazel <u>as we live on the same road.</u></p> <p>M <u>Hazel uses a wheelchair so</u> we went up the ramp.</p> <p>S <u>Before we entered the classroom,</u> we greeted our friends.</p>
32	<p>Award 1 mark for all three correct.</p> <p>V He <u>folds</u> the letter carefully.</p> <p>A The <u>folded</u> letter was put in the envelope.</p> <p>N The letter had <u>folds</u> in it.</p>

Introduction: braille

This guidance details the amendments made to the standard mark scheme for questions which have been adapted or replaced in the braille version of the 2025 key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The standard version of the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes should be used in conjunction with the additional guidance in this document. Markers should refer to the standard mark schemes when marking braille test papers unless an alternative is given in this guidance.

Amendments to the mark scheme

Amendments to mark schemes are only provided where the content of the standard mark schemes is altered.

Amendments to the mark schemes are not provided where the only change has been to further divide the question into subsections or where the layout of the question is different.

Mark schemes have been amended in some respects for the following questions:

Paper 1	Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, 48, 50
Paper 2	There are no amendments to the mark schemes for the spelling component: the standard mark schemes can be applied for all spellings.

General guidance to be applied throughout the braille papers

- You should make every effort to understand what the pupil has written in an answer, without reading into the answer anything that the pupil did not intend.
- Some pupils with visual impairment find it difficult to get their answers across clearly. It may take you longer to read their answers. Apply the mark schemes, but be sympathetic to their difficulties. Any unambiguous indication of the correct answer should be credited.
- Throughout the test, where question responses are labelled with letters, or letters and numbers, pupils may write the letter, or letter and number, of their chosen answer rather than writing out their answer in full, for example, B, D, 1C, 2A.
- Some braille questions are worded differently to the standard version, but the differences are sufficiently small that you should still be able to apply the standard mark scheme. For example, pupils may write the answer rather than circle the answer.

Marking the braille test scripts

Braille scripts will normally be marked by specialist braille markers who will be provided with the physical copy to be marked. Markers should contact their supervisors if they have any problems applying the mark schemes to braille scripts, or with specific responses.

Mark scheme amendments

Q	Requirement
1	B
2	A
3	C
4	A C B S C S D C
5	worms, woodlice, (in either order)
6	C
8	Vikings;
9	B, D (in either order)
10	(the oldest in the country) Also accept (the oldest)
12	B
13	C
14	D
15	walk:
17	B
18	Use standard mark scheme for this question, but a capital letter at the beginning of the response may be disregarded.

Q	Requirement
19	B
20	A 3 B 2 C 4 D 1
21	C
22	B
23	backpack – Also accept – the <i>or</i> backpack – the
24	D
25	A S B M C S
26	A 1 B 4 C 2 D 3
27	D
30	old-fashioned
31	Use standard mark scheme for this question; copying errors may be disregarded unless they are punctuation errors.
32	A V B A C N
34	Use standard mark scheme for this question; copying errors may be disregarded.
38	Use standard mark scheme for this question, but capital letters at the beginning of responses may be disregarded.
40	A

Q	Requirement
42	A. trips. experiments. Castle. B. My, However
48	Use standard mark scheme for this question, but a capital letter at the beginning of the response may be disregarded.
50	Use standard mark scheme for this question, but a capital letter at the beginning of the response may be disregarded.

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