

2026 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**



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Introduction: modified large print

This guidance is for markers who have been allocated MLP scripts of the 2026 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	Question 17
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
17	<p data-bbox="379 394 884 427">Award 1 mark for all three correct.</p> <div data-bbox="399 456 544 600">E</div> <p data-bbox="600 465 1150 591">How I hate tidying my bedroom</p> <div data-bbox="399 683 544 826">S</div> <p data-bbox="600 692 1342 817">Your bedroom is always neat and tidy</p> <div data-bbox="399 978 544 1122">C</div> <p data-bbox="600 943 1219 1149">Before we go out on our bikes, help me tidy my bedroom</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 2026 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, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 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.

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	D
3	A 3 B 4 C 1 D 2
4	B
5	D
6	C
7	B
8	D
9	A
10	A 3 B 1 C 4 D 2
11	request, consider, proceeds, purchase (in any order)
12	(a black cat from York) Also accept (a black cat)
13	built Also accept build
14	, although she was feeling tired,

Q	Requirement
16	B
17	1 E 2 S 3 C
18	while
19	C
20	A 4 B 1 C 2 D 3
21	C
22	waited, choose, served (in any order)
23	Use standard mark scheme for this question, but capital letters at the beginning of responses may be disregarded.
24	Imran looked up from the microscope. 'I can see the bacteria really clearly!' he exclaimed.
26	which first appeared over 5000 years ago
27	coastline; Also accept ; its <i>or</i> coastline; its
28	A doesn't B don't C she'll
29	over
30	grapes – Also accept – they're <i>or</i> grapes – they're
31	Use standard mark scheme for this question, but capital letters at the beginning of responses may be disregarded.

Q	Requirement
32	A
33	Tom's, who's (in either order)
34	until
35	ready-made
37	1 S 2 O 3 S 4 O
39	Cardiff, weather, enthusiasm (in any order)
40	C amels live in the desert. T hey can survive extremes of temperature and manage without food for a long time. A lthough some camels have one hump, others have two.
42	mine
43	The beautiful grey elephants
44	A
46	at the weekend
47	C
48	or, and (in either order)
49	always, jubilantly (in either order)
50	the, every, my (in any order)



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