

Mark Schemes

Year 4 Mid-year English

testbase

READING

Legs' Race

1 Multiple choice questions 1 a - g. **Award 1 mark** for each correctly identified option. Do not award a mark if a child has circled more than one option.

Content domain: 2b

a. Legs was training for the race which started

- in the school grounds.
- in the Namib Desert.
- on the steep road.
- at the Zoo Park.**

1 mark

b. This year she wanted

- to be first.
- to be in the first five.**
- to be second.
- to finish in tenth place.

1 mark

c. Uncle Udi had moved in with Legs' family to

- to eat supper by candlelight.
- to mend the cables.
- to be near the hospital.**
- to watch Legs run.

1 mark

d. That afternoon there was a storm which caused

- the electrical power to fail.**
- the phones to start ringing.
- Legs' family to eat spaghetti.
- the earth to dry up.

1 mark

e. Legs was woken by her mother because

- it was still dark.
- Legs had overslept.
- it was time to get up.
- Uncle Udi was ill.**

1 mark

f. Legs had to help by running

- to the hospital.**
- the race.
- in the Zoo Park.
- another kilometre.

1 mark

g. When Legs finally reached the start of the race she found

- it was still raining.
- it had already begun.
- it was to be run next week.**
- it had already finished.

1 mark

2. a. **Award 1 mark** for a *cheetah*.

1 mark
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- b. **Award 1 mark** for answers which refer to Legs' or the cheetah's running style, eg:

- she was a very fast runner / he thought she was a very good runner;
- she runs like a cheetah / runs as fast as one / because cheetahs are fast.

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

3. **Award 2 marks** for a developed explanation, referring to Uncle Udi's size, laziness or ill-health, eg:

- he was too large and would not keep up with Legs;
- he was lazy and Legs would have to wait for him;
- Uncle Udi wasn't fit for running because he was large and short of breath;
- he might become ill if he ran with Legs;
- his heart was weak and so his legs would be too;
- because Uncle Udi was a slow runner and Legs was fast (inferred from Uncle Udi's health).

Award 1 mark for answers referring to his size, laziness or ill-health but with no explanation, eg:

- he was too large / he was short of breath / he was lazy / his heart was not healthy.

Do not accept :

- any references to Legs' dream, eg: because he trips her up;
- any references to illustrations, eg: Uncle Udi's walking stick;
- any references to later events in the story, eg: Uncle Udi is in a wheelchair / has had a heart attack.

up to 2 marks
Content domain: 2d

4. **Award 1 mark** for any of the following acceptable points:

1 the thunder was very loud

- the thunder was noisy
- it made a deafening sound

2 the *sound* of the thunder was very sudden

- the thunder made them jump
- it came very quickly / unexpectedly

3 it was threatening

- it was a scary noise
- the thunder sounded as though it was going to hurt them

1 mark
Content domain: 2g

5. **Award 1 mark** for 'clapping'.

clapping

predicting

helping

indicating

✓

1 mark
Content domain: 2a

6. **Award 1 mark** for one of the following points:

- Legs is worried / nervous / scared about the race
- she is excited about the race

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

7. **Award 1 mark** for reference to the speed with which Legs dressed, e.g.

- she got dressed as quickly as possible;
- she rushed / hurried.

Do not accept:

- she was panicky / worried about her uncle.

1 mark
Content domain: 2g

8. **Award 1 mark** for reference to Legs' brother being too small, e.g.

- he was too small.

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

9. **Award 1 mark** for **each full reason** (up to a maximum of 2 marks):

- she thinks she will miss the race / would not get there in time;
- Uncle Udi won't be able to see her run;
- she is worried about her uncle (including him dying);
- she is worried she will be too tired to run the race.

up to 2 marks
Content domain: 2d

10. **Award 1 mark** for reference to six o'clock in the morning, e.g.

- she thinks she will arrive at six am;
- six in the morning.

Do not accept:

- six pm;
- twenty minutes.

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

11. **Award 1 mark** for **either** of the acceptable points:

1. Legs wrote in a hurry
 - she wrote really quickly
 - it was fast writing
2. Legs wrote untidily
 - she wrote scruffily
 - it wasn't her best / neat handwriting

1 mark
Content domain: 2g

12. **Award 1 mark** for answers referring to Legs' impatience about time running out, eg:

- she wanted Uncle Udi to have help as soon as possible;
- she thinks time is running out;
- she wanted the nurse to speed up;
- she is worried about the race and it was like Uncle Udi's heart and the clock in the race / stress building in her head;
- she didn't want to be late for the race.

Do not accept:

- simplistic answers referring to how Legs was feeling without any explanation, eg: she was worried.
- any answers referring to the heart being like a clock, eg: her heart was like a clock.

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

13. **Award 1 mark** for an answer that refers to the effects of the rain, eg:

- the park was flooded
- a burst pipe
- the rain has caused problems in the park

Do not accept: 'rain' without further elaboration.

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

14. **Award 1 mark** for answers giving a reason for Legs' sense of relief, eg:

- "Phew! I thought I was going to miss the race";
- she was tired from running to the hospital and would not have been able to do her best / would not have been able to race another kilometre;
- the race was to be held on another day instead.

Do not accept:

- she had made it to the race / her uncle is well / disappointed that the race is not on.

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

15. **Award 1 mark** for answers referring to why Legs did not think her uncle would be there, why she was pleased to see him, or referring back to relevant sections of the text, eg:

- he was in hospital / he was ill / he might have died;
- he was better / he was out of hospital / she didn't know he would be there;
- so he would cheer her on / Uncle Udi had kept his promise and was there to see her race.

Do not accept:

- he's in a wheelchair.

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

16. **Award 1 mark** the correct boxes ticked as shown:

Statement	True	False
He is a small man.		✓
He takes Legs to the hospital.		✓
He comes to see Legs race.	✓	
He mends the power lines.		✓

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

17. **Award 1 mark** for the correctly ticked box:

moving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
sitting	<input type="checkbox"/>
joking	<input type="checkbox"/>
shouting	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark
Content domain: 2a

18. **Award up to 3 marks** for the following points with evidence:

Acceptable points	Evidence (accept quotations or paraphrases)
Legs is determined / ambitious / really wants to do well at running	She trains for the race / wants to be in the first five
She gets nervous / scared / worries	She dreams about the race going wrong / she can't eat her dinner
She is unselfish / caring / loves her Uncle Udi	She runs to the hospital to get help / the ambulance for Uncle Udi
She is single-minded / heroic / doesn't give up easily	She runs as fast as she can to be back in time to do the race / she trains extra hard when the race is postponed

Award 3 marks for a response that identifies **two** acceptable points, **both** with evidence.

Award 2 marks for a response that identifies **two** acceptable points, **one** with evidence.

Award 1 mark for **two** acceptable points with no evidence or **one** acceptable point with evidence.

up to 3 marks
Content domain: 2c

Visiting Antarctica

19. **Award 1 mark** for the correctly ticked box.

researcher	<input type="checkbox"/>
reporter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
chef	<input type="checkbox"/>
producer	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

20. **Award 1 mark** for the correctly ticked box.

James Clark Ross	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lagoon Island	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rothera Research Station	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Pole	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

21. **Award 1 mark** for **any** of the following:

- (fresh) milk
- ketchup
- equipment.

Also accept references to the sentence 'All the stuff that has run out, broken down or just been lost can now be replaced'.

1 mark
Content domain: 2b

22. **Award 1 mark** for **each of the following** different reasons, to a maximum of 2 marks:

- pilots can fly their planes
- the researchers can get to places
- divers can take out the boats / it makes the sea calm
- Paul and Lizzie can get a tan
- they can film the landscape.

Also accept 1 mark for a general statement about people being able to do what they wanted to do, eg:

- they can do more.

up to 2 marks
Content domain: 2b

23. **Award 1 mark** for the correctly ticked box.

different	<input type="checkbox"/>
special	<input type="checkbox"/>
distant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
important	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark
Content domain: 2a

24. **Award 1 mark** for:

- dotted.

1 mark
Content domain: 2a

25. **Award 2 marks** for responses which identify the contrast between the physical discomfort / nervousness and the excitement she experiences, eg:

- it tells you that she is feeling scared like she is going to fall out of the boat. That is what the bang and the thump is but also having a good time so she is giggling
- she felt excited and a bit nervous
- it was very bumpy but she found it funny
- with bang and thump it tells me she hurt herself but she's laughing about it.

Award 1 mark for responses which refer to **either** the physical discomfort / nervousness **or** the excitement of the trip, eg:

- she enjoyed the boat ride
- she was happy and excited because they went really fast and she had probably never done it before
- it was bumpy.

Also accept a very simple contrast, eg: she liked it and she didn't like it (1 mark).

Do not accept simple responses which are based on the word giggle with no interpretation, eg: she was very happy / she kept laughing / it was funny.

up to 2 marks
Content domain: 2d

26. (a) **Award 1 mark** for answers which recognise 'cool' as a positive term, eg:

- it was amazing, great
- cool wicked
- good.

1 mark
Content domain: 2a

27. **Award 1 mark** for any reference to the following:
- the desire to be away from other people / on their own
 - the conditions are crowded / intense
 - the station is very busy
 - the word suggests it is like a prison.

Examples:

- it gets really cramped and you need some time on your own
- Rothera Research Station is busy and noisy and you want to escape the noisy, busy people
- it's nice to go there to get away from everyone
- there are too many people there.

Do not accept very general answers, eg: that it isn't very nice / they don't like it / it's hard work there / it's boring there.

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

28. **Award 1 mark** for answers which refer to the noise / music or the humorous intent, eg:
- Lizzie said that because the noise that people made is very loud
 - it was too noisy for them
 - to explain how loud the music was
 - the singing was bad
 - because of the karaoke
 - it's a joke.

Do not accept responses which suggest that this is due to the noise from a boat or plane.

1 mark
Content domain: 2d

29. **Award 2 marks** for **two** correct answers.

	Fact	Opinion
Antarctica is at the South Pole.	✓	
Radios are the main way for people to keep in touch.	✓	
The ride to Lagoon island was an amazing experience.		✓
There are plenty of elephant seals on Lagoon island.	✓	

2 marks
Content domain: 2d

30. **Award 1 mark** for each appropriate explanation, to a maximum of 2 marks:

Yes

- could see wildlife
- getting up close to wildlife
- experience the extreme cold
- could get a tan
- would like to travel on a boat
- there was entertainment
- like the idea of living in a hut
- going to Lagoon Island
- for the amazing landscape / beautiful views.

No

- would feel trapped / cramped
- boat journey sounds scary
- would miss home comforts
- lack of facilities, eg fresh milk
- too cold
- seals are smelly.

Responses must be drawn from the **Visiting Antarctica** text and not from other parts of the booklet.

Do not accept general answers to do with being away from home, eg: would miss family, or in a new environment, eg: could learn new things / there are lots of things to do / would like to play in the snow, or answers which are clearly personal opinion with no support from the text, eg: because I think it sounds cool to go there.

up to 2 marks
Content domain: 2d

GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Qu.	Ref.	Requirement	Mark
1	G4.1a	The vet sees lots of different animals. ✓	1
2	G1.1	Award 1 mark for all three nouns underlined. At the <u>park</u> , there are <u>paths</u> to cycle on. You might see <u>people</u> jogging too.	1
3	G5.7	Award 1 mark for both sets of inverted commas correctly placed. The children came down the slide and yelled “look at us.” Do not accept insertion of final inverted commas before the full stop.	1
4	G4.1b	We <u>are learning</u> about our local area. We <u>visited</u> an old church and <u>were given</u> a tour. Our teacher <u>has asked</u> us to research the school’s history. 	1
5	G6.2	in ✓	1
6	G4.1d	present progressive ✓	1
7	G1.6	Award 1 mark for all four adverbs correct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helpfully • horribly • wisely • nervously. Do not accept misspellings.	1
8	G4.2	Award 1 mark for an appropriate grammatically correct sentence in the past tense, using correct punctuation, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oskar skated in the park. Also accept answers written in the past perfect and past progressive, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oskar had skated in the park • Oskar was skating in the park. Do not accept answers in the present perfect or present perfect progressive, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oskar has skated in the park • Oskar has been skating in the park. 	1
9	G1.8	Award 1 mark for all three determiners encircled. (The) children visited (a) castle and saw (an) archery display.	1

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10	G4.2	My friend <u>takes</u> lots of things to school with him.	1															
11	G1.6a	For a week, I'm looking after my friend's fish tank. ✓	1															
12	G5.7	When we ask if we can go to the park, my dad says, "Maybe tomorrow." ✓	1															
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14	G1.8	<p>Award 1 mark for all four sentences completed with the correct determiner.</p> <p>There is an old church near my house.</p> <p>We chose an exciting film to watch.</p> <p>I need a name for my new rabbit.</p> <p>We learned about islands using an atlas.</p>	1															
15	G5.8	The players' medals were on display next to the trophy. ✓	1															
16	G1.5	<p>Award 1 mark for all three pronouns encircled.</p> <p>The recipe was simple so <u>we</u> could follow <u>it</u> by <u>ourselves</u>.</p>	1															
17	G1.4	conjunction ✓	1															
18	G1.6a	<u>In the garden</u> , Max saw flowers, fruit and vegetables growing.	1															
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21	G1.3	adjective ✓	1															
22	G1.7	I finished my favourite book <u>during</u> the weekend.	1															

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23	G3.3	Award 1 mark for a suitable co-ordinating conjunction, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and • or. Accept minor misspellings.	1
24	G2.2	Which shop sells the toy that my sister wanted ✓	1
25	G3.4	Award 1 mark for the subordinate clause correctly underlined. I want to finish the story <u>that I started reading yesterday</u> .	1
26	G2.3	Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct sentence in the form of a command, using correct punctuation, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for my roller skate. • Find my roller skate. Do not accept sentences which do not begin with an imperative verb, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must look for my roller skate. 	1
27	G3.2	[Straight away], [Charlie decided] [the small, white kitten with the black feet] [was perfect]. 	1
28	G3.2	noun phrase ✓	1
29	G7.1	Everyone said our class did well in the assembly. ✓	1
30	G5.2	It was fun to climb the horse chestnut tree with our friends, it had low branches. 	1
31	G5.1	Award 1 mark for an answer which explains that 'Gordon' is a proper noun or name, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because it is a name • It is a proper noun • Names always start with a capital letter. 	1
32	G5.6b	By this afternoon, the cleaning might be finished.	1
33	G1.5a	The children said the sweets were theirs. ✓	1
34	G4.1b	Award 1 mark for an appropriate grammatically correct sentence in the present perfect, using correct punctuation, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car has stopped at the traffic light. Do not accept correct sentences using different verb forms, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car had stopped at the traffic light • The car was stopped at the traffic light • The car has been stopped at the traffic light. Accept minor differences that do not affect the meaning, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car has stopped. 	1

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35	G5.5	Lance took books games pens and snacks for the journey. <div style="text-align: center;"> ↑ ↑ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> ✓ ✓ </div>	1															
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39	G2.1	The big torch is missing. ✓	1															
40	G5.8	Award 1 mark for both boxes ticked. I go to my friends house on Tuesdays because its the day we play chess. <div style="text-align: center;"> ↑ ↑ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> ✓ ✓ </div>	1															

SPELLING

1. We had a chance to feed a lamb at the farm. (S60)
2. The programme is for young children. (S40)
3. Mia carries all her things in a rucksack.(S38)
4. I used a sewing machine to make my costume. (S49)
5. We found it impossible to solve the puzzle.(S41)
6. We got through the school gate just in time. (S59)
7. I enjoyed reading the mystery story. (S39)
8. I tried not to squash the fruit in the shopping bag. (S30)
9. Snow fell heavily all afternoon. (S43)
10. It was upsetting for us to miss the holiday. (S38)
11. Each section of the playground has new equipment. (S47)
12. We got a lot of pleasure from the music. (S44)
13. The icy roads might be dangerous. (S46)
14. The ceiling is going to be painted white. (S58)
15. Our furniture was loaded into a truck. (S44)
16. I didn't want to disappoint my friends. (S41)
17. The actors were wearing very glamorous clothes. (S46)
18. There was a loud explosion of fireworks. (S45)
19. Our old vase might be a valuable antique. (S50)
20. The game has been updated but is basically the same. (S43)

TOTAL MARKS: 20