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This book contains ten different Reading tests for Year 2, each containing SATs-style questions. As a whole, the complete set of tests provides broad coverage of the test framework for this age group. Each test comprises a reading text followed by comprehension questions. The texts cover a wide range of subject matter across the three key areas: fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Some questions require a selected response, where children choose the correct answer from several options. Other questions require a constructed response, where children write a short or extended answer of their own. Guidance on the different question types and the skills needed to deal with them are covered on pages 48–53 and 61–62.

A mark scheme and a progress chart are also included towards the end of this book.

Completing the tests

- It is intended that children will take around ten minutes to complete each test; however, timings at this age are not strict, so allow your child as much time as they need.
- After your child has completed a test, mark it and together identify and practise any areas where your child is less confident. Ask them to complete the next test at a later date, when you feel they have had enough time to practise and improve.

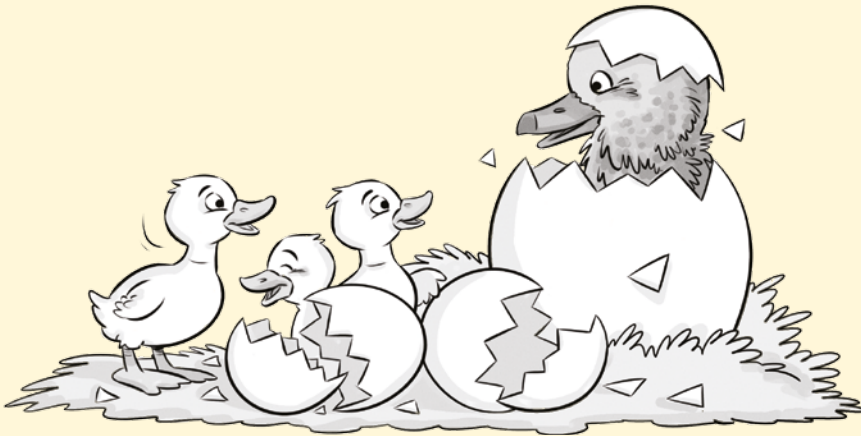


Test 1

Reading



The Ugly Duckling



The last egg, which was the largest, began to wobble. Soon, the duckling's head stuck out, followed by its body and feet. It waddled over to the other ducklings and started cheeping.

Example questions

Find and **copy one** word that tells us the size of the last egg.

largest

How did the duckling move over to the other ducklings?

Tick **one**.

It waddled.

It began to wobble.

It started cheeping.

It was the last.

Marks

Sunda flying lemur

The beautiful Sunda flying lemur (also known as a colugo) is found in Malaysia. It can only live in forests; it can't live anywhere else. The Sunda flying lemur is very shy; it comes out at night. It eats the young leaves and shoots of plants as well as flowers and fruits.

The flying lemur cannot really fly; instead it glides as it leaps from tree to tree. Mother flying lemurs have one baby at a time and carry them in a pouch.



3. Name two things that the Sunda flying lemur eats.

a. _____ b. _____

4. Find and copy one word that means the same as pretty.

5. How does the Sunda flying lemur carry its baby?

Tick **one**.

in its mouth

on its wings

in a pouch

in a tree

Marks



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Question types

Reading



Multiple-choice questions

Multiple-choice questions usually require children to find facts within a text. They don't ask for opinions. These questions can ask children to tick a box next to the answer they think is correct or put ticks in a table to show if an answer is true or false.

Tips

In order to answer these questions correctly, children should:

- Read the instruction text carefully to ensure that they tick the correct number of options: for example, does the instruction say *Tick **one*** or *Tick **two***? If they tick too many or too few options, they may not get the mark.
- Read all the possible answers, find the relevant information in the text, and check each possibility before deciding on a final answer.
- Use key words from the question to help them locate the part of the text most likely to have the information they are looking for.
- Carefully cross out any answers they have ticked in error.

How to help your child

Identify, with your child, the key words in multiple-choice questions and scan for these key words in the text.

Read through all answer options out loud with your child, before they answer the question.