

# VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE PAPER 8



Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF TEST

Day	Month	Year

UNIQUE PUPIL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH

Day	Month	Year

Please mark boxes with a thin horizontal line like this —.

EXAMPLE

p	—	p	—
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c	—	b	—

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s	—	t	—
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l	—	s	—

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h	—	t	—
t	—	p	—
p	—	h	—
s	—	b	—
s	—	s	—

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l	—	o	—
o	—	r	—
r	—	e	—
e	—	a	—
a	—	u	—

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i	—	p	—
t	—	t	—
h	—	h	—
s	—	s	—

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d	—	s	—
s	—	l	—
l	—	b	—
t	—	t	—

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s	—	m	—
m	—	t	—
t	—	n	—
f	—	f	—

EXAMPLE

small	—	apple	—
orange	—	red	—
colour	—	narrow	—

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break	—	melt	—
hot	—	cold	—
food	—	party	—

8

education	—	ambulance	—
teacher	—	illness	—
class	—	treatment	—

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warm	—	window	—
floor	—	large	—
wool	—	decorate	—

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far	—	over	—
close	—	before	—
intimate	—	again	—

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worn	—	grey	—
casual	—	dull	—
trousers	—	smart	—

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swim	—	fur	—
water	—	run	—
food	—	golden	—

EXAMPLE

RT	—	CI	—
SR	—	EH	—
ST	—	CG	—
RS	—	EG	—
QR	—	EI	—

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IL	—	NJ	—
GF	—	IP	—
IF	—	HO	—
GL	—	HP	—
IG	—	IO	—

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GC	—	VY	—
OF	—	XX	—
OP	—	WX	—
IP	—	WW	—
IF	—	IF	—

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HN	—	VY	—
ZO	—	XX	—
AO	—	WX	—
AN	—	WW	—
ZK	—	VW	—

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20	—	21	—
21	—	22	—
22	—	23	—
23	—	24	—
24	—	25	—

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HN	—	VY	—
ZO	—	XX	—
AO	—	WX	—
AN	—	WW	—
ZK	—	VW	—

18

Rida finished before Jamie.	—
Jamie was last.	—
The eggs were hard boiled.	—
Jamie cracked his egg.	—
Tom won the race.	—

EXAMPLE

p	—	p	—
o	—	l	—
u	—	a	—
n	—	y	—
d	—	s	—

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t	—	m	—
r	—	o	—
a	—	u	—
m	—	t	—
s	—	h	—

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m	—	d	—
o	—	r	—
u	—	o	—
t	—	r	—
h	—	e	—

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d	—	p	—
r	—	l	—
o	—	a	—
t	—	v	—
h	—	e	—

22

p	—	t	—
l	—	i	—
a	—	g	—
v	—	e	—
e	—	r	—

23

t	—	p	—
i	—	l	—
g	—	a	—
e	—	n	—
r	—	e	—

24

Rida finished before Jamie.	—
Jamie was last.	—
The eggs were hard boiled.	—
Jamie cracked his egg.	—
Tom won the race.	—

EXAMPLE

1	—	2	—
2	—	3	—
3	—	4	—
4	—	6	—
5	—	9	—

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24	—	6	—
26	—	7	—
28	—	8	—
30	—	9	—
32	—	12	—

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11	—	0	—
18	—	8	—
21	—	16	—
23	—	24	—
27	—	32	—

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6	—	3	—
7	—	4	—
8	—	9	—
9	—	11	—
12	—	12	—

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0	—	3	—
8	—	4	—
16	—	9	—
24	—	11	—
32	—	12	—

30

Rida finished before Jamie.	—
Jamie was last.	—
The eggs were hard boiled.	—
Jamie cracked his egg.	—
Tom won the race.	—

EXAMPLE

morning	—	late	—
early	—	shop	—
wake	—	dark	—

32

defer	—	delay	—
stay	—	overdue	—
punctual	—	dawdle	—

33

sweet	—	sour	—
dessert	—	soup	—
satisfying	—	bland	—

34

own	—	remove	—
purchase	—	lent	—
obtain	—	sell	—

35

cover	—	reveal	—
discover	—	open	—
undo	—	hide	—

36

easy	—	try	—
difficult	—	rough	—
smooth	—	even	—

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save	—	preserve	—
change	—	adjust	—
keep	—	adapt	—



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Please mark boxes with a thin horizontal line like this —.

EXAMPLE

The film  
film ended  
ended happily  
happily after  
after all.

38

Many of  
the rooms  
rooms were  
were locked  
locked shut.

39

Steven wanted  
wanted to  
to eat  
eat all  
the sweets.

40

Carlos timed  
timed the  
the race  
race once  
once more.

41

Jack awoke  
awoke very  
very late  
late one  
one day.

42

The apple  
apple pie  
pie looked  
looked very  
very tempting.

43

He decided  
decided to  
tap each  
each cup  
cup individually.

EXAMPLE

black  
mouse  
red  
green  
hut

44

crack  
stop  
gap  
begin  
crevice

45

circular  
spherical  
smooth  
round  
bold

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chase  
follow  
inspect  
check  
track

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erode  
water  
rub  
push  
stress

48

yellow  
banana  
orange  
apple  
carrot

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pretend  
dramatic  
act  
weak  
feign

EXAMPLE

ball  
dirt  
plant  
earth  
universe

50

gifted  
intelligent  
glittering  
bright  
radiant

51

sponge  
blanket  
cushion  
ease  
foam

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sleep  
blame  
dream  
lie  
mislead

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music  
grab  
move  
noise  
pluck

54

read  
library  
practice  
paper  
sense

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hinder  
deed  
stop  
stunt  
action

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Jim  
Laura  
Oliver  
Jacob  
Kate

EXAMPLE

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EXAMPLE

ear  
tea  
tar  
are  
eat

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pat  
tea  
pea  
tap  
pet

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ease  
pace  
case  
peas  
seas

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raw  
aye  
are  
ray  
yew

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near  
yarn  
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year  
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tell  
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EXAMPLE

out  
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EXAMPLE

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TAX  
RAP  
PAW  
PAT

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MPBG  
NQEJ  
MQDJ  
MQCH  
NQFH

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LWO  
KVP  
LVP  
KVO  
KUO

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RPWR  
XNEC  
LVWC  
TUWU  
TNEU

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PEST  
REST  
PANT  
RENT  
TENT

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TXSTQ  
RZSTQ  
TXQVO  
RZQVO  
TZSSQ



In these questions, the **same** letter must fit into **both** sets of brackets to complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets.

Find this letter and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      mea [?] able      si [?] op

- A p      B n      C f      D t      E c

**Answer**      t (The four words are **meat, table, sit, top**.)

**1**      lam [?] est      cur [?] aby

- A p      B m      C s      D t      E b

**2**      drea [?] ore      stru [?] ean

- A d      B m      C t      D w      E l

**3**      pin [?] ick      muc [?] ing

- A h      B t      C p      D k      E s

**4**      toi [?] eap      sea [?] ow

- A l      B p      C t      D h      E s

**5**      sai [?] own      bre [?] id

- A d      B s      C l      D b      E t

**6**      for [?] yre      spi [?] ame

- A s      B m      C t      D n      E f

In these questions, find the **two** words, **one** from each group, that will complete the sentence in the best way. Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

**Example**      **Big** is to (small orange colour) as **wide** is to (apple red narrow).

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> small  | <b>X</b> apple  |
| <b>B</b> orange | <b>Y</b> red    |
| <b>C</b> colour | <b>Z</b> narrow |

**Answer**      **small narrow**

**7**

**Tea** is to (break hot food) as **ice cream** is to (melt cold party).

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> break | <b>X</b> melt  |
| <b>B</b> hot   | <b>Y</b> cold  |
| <b>C</b> food  | <b>Z</b> party |

**8**

**School** is to (education teacher class) as **hospital** is to (ambulance illness treatment).

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>A</b> education | <b>X</b> ambulance |
| <b>B</b> teacher   | <b>Y</b> illness   |
| <b>C</b> class     | <b>Z</b> treatment |

**9**

**Rug** is to (warm floor wool) as **curtain** is to (window large decorate).

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> warm  | <b>X</b> window   |
| <b>B</b> floor | <b>Y</b> large    |
| <b>C</b> wool  | <b>Z</b> decorate |

10

**Near** is to (far close intimate) as **after** is to (over before again).

- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| A far      | X over   |
| B close    | Y before |
| C intimate | Z again  |

11

**Jeans** is to (worn casual trousers) as **suit** is to (grey dull smart).

- |            |         |
|------------|---------|
| A worn     | X grey  |
| B casual   | Y dull  |
| C trousers | Z smart |

12

**Fish** is to (swim water food) as **lion** is to (fur run golden).

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| A swim  | X fur    |
| B water | Y run    |
| C food  | Z golden |

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The alphabet is here to help you with these questions.

Find the letters that will complete the sentence in the best way and mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**Example**      **AB** is to **CD** as **PQ** is to [ ? ]

- A** RT      **B** SR      **C** ST      **D** RS      **E** QR

**Answer**      **RS**

**13**      **HL** is to **IK** as **DH** is to [ ? ]

- A** CI      **B** EH      **C** CG      **D** EG      **E** EI

**14**      **PQ** is to **ON** as **HI** is to [ ? ]

- A** IL      **B** GF      **C** IF      **D** GL      **E** IG

**15**      **IP** is to **FS** as **KM** is to [ ? ]

- A** NJ      **B** IP      **C** HO      **D** HP      **E** IO

**16**      **TS** is to **QN** as **LK** is to [ ? ]

- A** GC      **B** OF      **C** OP      **D** IP      **E** IF

**17**      **PV** is to **NQ** as **YB** is to [ ? ]

- A** VY      **B** XX      **C** WX      **D** WW      **E** VW

**18**      **KW** is to **GY** as **DM** is to [ ? ]

- A** HN      **B** ZO      **C** AO      **D** AN      **E** ZK

In these questions, one letter can be moved from the first word to the second word to make two new words.

The letters must **not** otherwise be rearranged and **both** new words must make sense.

Find the letter that moves and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      pound    or

- A p                  B o                  C u                  D n                  E d

**Answer**      u (the two new words are **pond** and **our**).

**19**      plays    fights

- A p                  B l                  C a                  D y                  E s

**20**      trams    peaks

- A t                  B r                  C a                  D m                  E s

**21**      mouth    pond

- A m                  B o                  C u                  D t                  E h

**22**      drove    aged

- A d                  B r                  C o                  D v                  E e

**23**      plane    past

- A p                  B l                  C a                  D n                  E e

**24**      tiger    oat

- A t                  B i                  C g                  D e                  E r

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark its letter on the answer sheet.

**25**

Only Jamie, Rida, Tom and Lorna ran in the egg and spoon race on sports day.

The winner did not drop the egg.

All the children finished the race.

Tom passed Lorna.

Only Jamie dropped the egg.

Lorna finished before Rida.

If these statements are true, only one of the sentences below **must** be true.

**Which one?**

- A** Rida finished before Jamie.
  - B** Jamie was last.
  - C** The eggs were hard boiled.
  - D** Jamie cracked his egg.
  - E** Tom won the race.
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In these questions, find the number that will complete the sum correctly and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**       $3 + 5 = 6 + [ ? ]$

- A 1      B 2      C 3      D 4      E 5

**Answer**      2

**26**       $12 - 2 \times 3 = 18 \div [ ? ]$

- A 2      B 3      C 4      D 6      E 9

**27**       $44 \div 11 + 12 = [ ? ] \div 2$

- A 24      B 26      C 28      D 30      E 32

**28**       $6 \times 13 + 35 = 92 + [ ? ]$

- A 11      B 18      C 21      D 23      E 27

**29**       $6 + 11 \times 3 = 5 \times [ ? ] + 4$

- A 6      B 7      C 8      D 9      E 12

**30**       $4 \div 2 \times 8 - 9 = 7 + [ ? ]$

- A 0      B 8      C 16      D 24      E 32

**31**       $18 \div 6 + 9 = 3 \times [ ? ]$

- A 3      B 4      C 9      D 11      E 12

In these questions, find **two** words, **one** from each group, that are **most opposite in meaning**.  
Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

**Example**      (morning early wake)      (late shop dark)

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| <b>A</b> morning | <b>X</b> late |
| <b>B</b> early   | <b>Y</b> shop |
| <b>C</b> wake    | <b>Z</b> dark |

**Answer**      **early late**

**32**      (defer stay punctual)      (delay overdue dawdle)

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>A</b> defer    | <b>X</b> delay   |
| <b>B</b> stay     | <b>Y</b> overdue |
| <b>C</b> punctual | <b>Z</b> dawdle  |

**33**      (sweet dessert satisfying)      (sour soup bland)

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> sweet      | <b>X</b> sour  |
| <b>B</b> dessert    | <b>Y</b> soup  |
| <b>C</b> satisfying | <b>Z</b> bland |

**34**      (own purchase obtain)      (remove lent sell)

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> own      | <b>X</b> remove |
| <b>B</b> purchase | <b>Y</b> lent   |
| <b>C</b> obtain   | <b>Z</b> sell   |

**35**      (cover discover undo)      (reveal open hide)

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> cover    | <b>X</b> reveal |
| <b>B</b> discover | <b>Y</b> open   |
| <b>C</b> undo     | <b>Z</b> hide   |

**36**

(easy difficult smooth) (try rough even)

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> easy      | <b>X</b> try   |
| <b>B</b> difficult | <b>Y</b> rough |
| <b>C</b> smooth    | <b>Z</b> even  |

**37**

(save change keep) (preserve adjust adapt)

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> save   | <b>X</b> preserve |
| <b>B</b> change | <b>Y</b> adjust   |
| <b>C</b> keep   | <b>Z</b> adapt    |

In these sentences, a word of **four letters** is hidden at the **end** of one word and the **beginning** of the next word.

Find the pair of words that contains the hidden word and mark this answer on the answer sheet.

**Example**      The film ended happily after all.

- A** The film
- B** film ended
- C** ended happily
- D** happily after
- E** after all.

**Answer**      **film ended** (The hidden word is **mend**.)

**38**

Many of the rooms were locked shut.

- A** Many of
- B** the rooms
- C** rooms were
- D** were locked
- E** locked shut.

**39**

Steven wanted to eat all the sweets.

- A** Steven wanted
- B** wanted to
- C** to eat
- D** eat all
- E** the sweets.

**40**

Carlos timed the race once more.

- A** Carlos timed
- B** timed the
- C** the race
- D** race once
- E** once more.

**41**

Jack awoke very late one day.

- A** Jack awoke
- B** awoke very
- C** very late
- D** late one
- E** one day.

**42**

The apple pie looked very tempting.

- A** The apple
- B** apple pie
- C** pie looked
- D** looked very
- E** very tempting.

**43**

He decided to tap each cup individually.

- A** He decided
  - B** decided to
  - C** tap each
  - D** each cup
  - E** cup individually.
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In these questions, three of the five words are related in some way.

Find the **two** words that do not go with these three and mark them **both** on the answer sheet.

**Example** black mouse red green hut

- A** black      **B** mouse      **C** red      **D** green      **E** hut

**Answer** **mouse** **hut**

**44**

crack stop gap begin crevice

- A** crack      **B** stop      **C** gap      **D** begin      **E** crevice

**45**

circular spherical smooth round bold

- A** circular      **B** spherical      **C** smooth      **D** round      **E** bold

**46**

chase follow inspect check track

- A** chase      **B** follow      **C** inspect      **D** check      **E** track

**47**

erode water rub push stress

- A** erode      **B** water      **C** rub      **D** push      **E** stress

**48**

yellow banana orange apple carrot

- A** yellow    **B** banana    **C** orange    **D** apple    **E** carrot

**49**

pretend dramatic act weak feign

- A** pretend    **B** dramatic    **C** act    **D** weak    **E** feign
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In these questions, there are two pairs of words.

Only one of the five possible answers will go equally well with **both** of these pairs.

Mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**    (world globe)    (soil ground)

- A** ball    **B** dirt    **C** plant    **D** earth    **E** universe

**Answer**    **earth**

**50**    (smart clever)    (shiny dazzling)

- A** gifted    **B** intelligent    **C** glittering    **D** bright    **E** radiant

**51**    (pillow mattress)    (lessen soften)

- A** sponge    **B** blanket    **C** cushion    **D** ease    **E** foam

**52**    (deceive falsify)    (relax rest)

- A** sleep    **B** blame    **C** dream    **D** lie    **E** mislead

**53**    (strum twang)    (snatch pull)

- A** music    **B** grab    **C** move    **D** noise    **E** pluck

**54**

(research study) (interpret understand)

- A** read      **B** library      **C** practice      **D** paper      **E** sense

**55**

(shorten restrict) (feat trick)

- A** hinder      **B** deed      **C** stop      **D** stunt      **E** action
- 

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark it on the answer sheet.

**56**

Jim, Laura, Oliver, Jacob and Kate are talking about the sports they do.

The girls play netball and the boys play football at school.

Laura and Jacob swim after school.

At weekends, Jim plays football and swims.

Kate goes cycling at weekends.

Laura and Oliver play rugby.

Who takes part in the most sports?

- A** Jim  
**B** Laura  
**C** Oliver  
**D** Jacob  
**E** Kate
-

In these questions, the three numbers in **each** group are related in the **same** way.  
Find the number that completes the last group and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**    (3 [6] 9)    (2 [4] 6)    (4 [?] 12)

- A 3    B 4    C 6    D 8    E 10

**Answer**    **8**

**57**    (4 [8] 16)    (5 [10] 20)    (7 [?] 28)

- A 11    B 12    C 13    D 14    E 15

**58**    (5 [15] 3)    (7 [28] 4)    (9 [?] 4)

- A 9    B 16    C 27    D 34    E 36

**59**    (29 [22] 15)    (20 [18] 16)    (17 [?] 5)

- A 7    B 10    C 11    D 12    E 15

**60**    (4 [3] 10)    (1 [5] 11)    (6 [?] 14)

- A 3    B 4    C 5    D 6    E 7

**61**    (39 [31] 54)    (28 [18] 26)    (35 [?] 52)

- A 19    B 25    C 29    D 31    E 33

**62**    (14 [15] 17)    (2 [5] 9)    (8 [?] 23)

- A 9    B 11    C 12    D 14    E 15

These questions contain three pairs of words.

Find the word that completes the last pair of words in the **same way** as the other two pairs and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      (band ban)      (song son)      (tear [ ? ])

- A ear      B tea      C tar      D are      E eat

**Answer**      tea

**63**

(tram art)      (tone not)      (tape [ ? ])

- A pat      B tea      C pea      D tap      E pet

**64**

(pilot plot)      (plain pain)      (cease [ ? ])

- A ease      B pace      C case      D peas      E seas

**65**

(toast sat)      (built lit)      (weary [ ? ])

- A raw      B aye      C are      D ray      E yew

**66**

(packet tack)      (tamper ramp)      (nearly [ ? ])

- A near      B yarn      C earn      D year      E earl

**67**

(collar coal)      (direct dice)      (bottle [ ? ])

- A tell      B bolt      C belt      D toll      E blot

**68**

(apartment tart)      (treasurer sear)      (amendment [ ? ])

- A tend      B date      C mane      D deem      E dent

In these questions, find **two** words, **one** from each group, that together make **one** correctly-spelt word, without changing the order of the letters. The word from the first group always comes first. Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

**Example** (out by open) (bite like side)

- A** out      **X** bite
  - B** by      **Y** like
  - C** open      **Z** side

**Answer              out    side**

**69** (nip wilt mess)

(and or age)



**70** (spar drop rip)

(pin let pen)

- |   |      |   |     |
|---|------|---|-----|
| A | spar | X | pin |
| B | drop | Y | let |
| C | rip  | Z | pen |

**71** (up low sign)

(were nest ward)

- A** up
  - B** low
  - C** sign

**72**

(fast head he)

(ear her ache)

**A** fast

**X** ear

**B** head

**Y** her

**C** he

**Z** ache

**73**

(try tie saw)

(dust den lie)

**A** try

**X** dust

**B** tie

**Y** den

**C** saw

**Z** lie

**74**

(dim be part)

(end an tea)

**A** dim

**X** end

**B** be

**Y** an

**C** part

**Z** tea

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The alphabet is here to help you with these questions.

You need to work out a **different** code for **each** question.

Choose the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example** If the code for **FOOT** is **ENNS**, what is the code for **TOE**?

- A** STU      **B** SND      **C** UPF      **D** SRQ      **E** SNE

**Answer** SND

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If the code for **HOLE** is **JQNG**, what does **RCV** mean?

- A** TAP      **B** TAX      **C** RAP      **D** PAW      **E** PAT

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If the code for **FIRE** is **GKUI**, what is the code for **LOAF**?

- A** MPBG      **B** NQEJ      **C** MQDJ      **D** MQCH      **E** NQFH

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If the code for **NIB** is **IDW**, what is the code for **PAT**?

- A** LWO      **B** KVP      **C** LVP      **D** KVO      **E** KUO

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If the code for **WAVE** is **AWZA**, what is the code for **PRAY**?

- A** RPWR      **B** XNEC      **C** LVWC      **D** TUWU      **E** TNEU

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If the code for **HELPS** is **GFJRP**, what does **QFLV** mean?

- A** PEST      **B** REST      **C** PANT      **D** RENT      **E** TENT

80

If the code for **LEMON** is **MDNNO**, what is the code for **SYRUP**?

- A** TXSTQ      **B** RZSTQ      **C** TXQVO      **D** RZQVO      **E** TZSSQ