

VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE PAPER 9



Pupil's Name _____

School Name _____

DATE OF TEST

Day	Month	Year

UNIQUE PUPIL NUMBER

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SCHOOL NUMBER

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DATE OF BIRTH

Day	Month	Year

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EXAMPLE

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n	—
d	—
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b	—
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e	—
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s	—
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s	—
t	—

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f	—
e	—
a	—
s	—
t	—

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b	—
o	—
u	—
y	—
s	—

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i	—
v	—
e	—
n	—

6

h	—
e	—
a	—
r	—
s	—

EXAMPLE

black	—
mouse	—
red	—
green	—
hut	—

7

water	—
apple	—
juice	—
biscuit	—
milk	—

8

trainers	—
boots	—
tights	—
shoes	—
socks	—

9

coach	—
head	—
car	—
train	—
mat	—

10

directions	—
instructions	—
settings	—
measures	—
guidelines	—

11

worm	—
pigeon	—
robin	—
sparrow	—
butterfly	—

12

blend	—
believe	—
mix	—
dream	—
stir	—

EXAMPLE

GP	—
GO	—
HO	—
GR	—
GQ	—
LT	—

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KU	—
FZ	—
JU	—
KY	—
CQ	—

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EW	—
CU	—
EU	—
CW	—
KT	—
CQ	—

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IR	—
JU	—
BW	—
AX	—
ZW	—

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ZY	—
AY	—
HO	—
IP	—
GF	—
IN	—

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YP	—
ZX	—
YB	—
ZA	—
BD	—
ZB	—

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ZX	—
YB	—
ZA	—
BD	—
ZB	—

EXAMPLE

LAD	—
LAW	—
HAD	—
RAW	—
RED	—

19

CUT	—
TAB	—
NUT	—
ARM	—
PIE	—

20

AID	—
GOT	—
AIL	—
EEL	—
LIE	—

21

EAT	—
OUR	—
ANT	—
FAN	—
TAN	—

22

LAW	—
RAT	—
FOR	—
RAN	—
PIE	—

23

RIP	—
ONE	—
DON	—
OLD	—
DU	—

24

PEN	—
MAT	—
POT	—
LIE	—
OAK	—

25

Mohammed	—
Cassius	—
Charlotte	—
David	—
Emily	—

EXAMPLE

A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

26

A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

27

A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

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A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

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A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

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A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

31

A	—
B	—
C	—
D	—
E	—

EXAMPLE

office	—
shop	—
start	—

work	—
begin	—
end	—

32

position	—
last	—
middle	—

33

place	—
first	—
room	—

34

cook	—
meal	—
space	—
eat	—

future	—
seeking	—
after	—

ahead	—
soon	—
leading	—

35

drought	—
heat	—
parched	—

desert	—
humidity	—
warmth	—

36

imitate	—
aggravate	—
initiate	—

admire	—
compliment	—
copy	—

37

start	—
hesitation	—
break	—

stop	—
interval	—
broken	—

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

EXAMPLE

ear
tea
tar
are
eat

38

for
fee
fog
foe
far

39

tasks
makes
teams
mists
mates

40

term
teas
seam
seas
star

41

prose
prise
prone
poems
piers

42

men
ten
man
met
mat

43

tame
same
toad
soda
some

EXAMPLE

small
orange
colour

apple
red
narrow

44

hand
tree
thumb

45

heel
flat
foot

46

food
tasty
sour

sweet
baking
eat

pursue
cease
copy

47

mud
handle
shed

heavy
water
plastic

48

cot
adult
small

basket
cat
hunt

49

problem
ignore
concentrate

level
tease
insult

EXAMPLE

ball
dirt
plant
earth
universe

50

basic
core
head
open
bottom

51

dazzling
faded
radiant
pasty
light

52

move
transport
exercise
train
educate

53

flag
colours
fail
streamer
sink

54

cash
change
currency
adapt
convert

55

rap
bump
knock
disappoint
obstacle

56

A
B
C
D
E

EXAMPLE

16
11
10
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14
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2
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1
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17
19
18
21

EXAMPLE

out
by
open

bite
like
side

63

out
mid
bees

are
dill
come

64

bale
straw
pen

berry
play
rain

65

with
fir
ban

attic
hold
lies

66

cab
hunt
drag

on
our
eat

67

shin
plait
mass

hood
age
fully

68

pill
do
to

or
met
low

EXAMPLE

The film
film ended
ended happily
happily after
after all

69

Cats eat
eat mice
mice and
and small
small birds

70

Five extra
extra metal
metal rods
rods are
are required

71

Five starfish
starfish lay
lay in
in the
the pool

72

He gave
gave the
the children
children their
their tea

73

Children were
were in
in the
the biggest
biggest playground

74

After his
his cold
cold he
he got
got earache

75

4216
1536
5235
1546
4235

76

4215
6534
6231
6234
4231

77

TEAS
EAST
EATS
TANS
TAME

78

2631
2361
1563
1364
2341

79

4314
1351
3523
4354
3563

80

DARE
RIDE
RAGE
GEAR
RAID

Practice Paper 9

Verbal Reasoning

Read the following carefully:

1. **Do not open or turn over the page in this booklet until you are told to do so.**
2. This is a multiple-choice test in which you have to mark your answer to each question on the separate answer sheet.
3. The test contains a number of different types of question. Each question type starts with an explanation of what to do, usually followed by a worked example with the answer marked on the answer sheet.
4. Some questions require more than one answer to be marked. Read the instructions to each question carefully.
5. Draw a firm line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer like this . If you make a mistake, rub it out as completely as you can and put in your new answer.
6. Be sure to keep your place on the answer sheet. Mark your answer in the box that has the same number as the question.
7. You may not be able to finish all the questions, but try to do as many as you can. If you cannot do a question, **do not waste time on it but go on to the next**. If you are not sure of an answer, choose the one you think is best.
8. You may do any rough working on a separate sheet of paper.
9. **Work as quickly and as carefully as you can.**
10. You will have **50 minutes** to do the test.

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**).

1 train able

- A t B r C a D i E n

2 blend how

- A b B l C e D n E d

3 feast tore

- A f B e C a D s E t

4 buoys for

- A b B u C o D y E s

5 liven eat

- A l B i C v D e E n

6 hears sets

- A h B e C a D r E s

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

7

water apple juice biscuit milk

- A water B apple C juice D biscuit E milk

8

trainers boots tights shoes socks

- A trainers B boots C tights D shoes E socks

9

coach head car train mat

- A coach B head C car D train E mat

10

directions instructions settings measures guidelines

- A directions B instructions C settings D measures E guidelines

11

worm pigeon robin sparrow butterfly

- A worm B pigeon C robin D sparrow E butterfly

12

blend believe mix dream stir

- A blend B believe C mix D dream E stir

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 next pair of letters in the series and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example CQ DQ EP FP [?]

- A** GP **B** GO **C** HO **D** GR **E** GQ

Answer GO

13 VE YC BA EY HW [?]

- A** KU **B** FZ **C** JU **D** KY **E** LT

14 SC UG WK YO AS [?]

- A** EW **B** CU **C** EU **D** CW **E** CQ

15 VY WX YV BU FS [?]

- A** IR **B** KR **C** JU **D** KT **E** KS

16 LU QU UW XW [?]

- A** ZY **B** AY **C** BW **D** AX **E** ZW

17 JQ OV TA YF DK [?]

- A** YP **B** HO **C** IP **D** GF **E** IN

18 GN FP DT CV AZ [?]

- A** ZX **B** YB **C** ZA **D** BD **E** ZB

In these sentences, the word in capitals has had three letters next to each other taken out. These three letters will make one correctly-spelt word without changing their order. The sentence that you make must make sense. Mark the correct three-letter word on the answer sheet.

Example The cat scratched him with his **CS**.

- A LAD B LAW C HAD D RAW E RED

Answer **LAW** (The word in capitals is **CLAWS**.)

19 The doctor gave his patient some **LETS** to make him better.

- A CUT B TAB C NUT D ARM E PIE

20 He **RED** in the fishing line.

- A AID B GOT C AIL D EEL E LIE

21 The lady was a **FASTIC** singer.

- A EAT B OUR C ANT D FAN E TAN

22 They had to use a **CE** to build the very tall building.

- A LAW B RAT C FOR D RAN E PIE

23 He did not like eating **UNE** bananas.

- A RIP B ONE C DON D OLD E DUE

24 The heavy downpour **SED** the dog.

- A PEN B MAT C POT D LIE E OAK

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

25

Mohammed, Cassius, Charlotte, David and Emily have been at Mayfield Primary School since they were 5.

All Year 5 children learn the recorder.

All Year 6 children learn the violin.

Mohammed and David have piano lessons out of school.

Charlotte also learns the flute.

Only David and Charlotte are in Year 5; the others are in Year 6.

Which child is able to play the most instruments?

- A** Mohammed
 - B** Cassius
 - C** Charlotte
 - D** David
 - E** Emily
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In these questions, letters stand for numbers.

Work out the answer to each sum, then find its letter and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example If A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, D = 6, E = 8,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$A + B + C = [?]$$

- A** A
- B** B
- C** C
- D** D
- E** E

Answer **D**

26

If A = 10, B = 6, C = 40, D = 5, E = 50,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$B \times D + A = [?]$$

- A** A
- B** B
- C** C
- D** D
- E** E

27

If $A = 3$, $B = 6$, $C = 9$, $D = 12$, $E = 22$,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$D \div B \times A = [?]$$

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

28

If $A = 3$, $B = 5$, $C = 7$, $D = 9$, $E = 11$,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$D \times A - D - C = [?]$$

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

29

If $A = 2$, $B = 3$, $C = 4$, $D = 8$, $E = 12$,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$D \div C \times A + C = [?]$$

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

30

If $A = 2$, $B = 4$, $C = 5$, $D = 8$, $E = 12$,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$E \div B + A = [?]$$

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

31

If $A = 2$, $B = 4$, $C = 6$, $D = 12$, $E = 36$,
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$E \div D \times A + C = [?]$$

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

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

Example (office shop start) (work begin end)

- A office
 - B shop
 - C start

X work

Y begin

Z end

Answer start begin

32 (position last end) (place first middle)

- | | | | |
|---|----------|---|--------|
| A | position | X | place |
| B | last | Y | first |
| C | end | Z | middle |

33 (cook meal room)

(oven space eat)

34 (future seeking after)

(ahead soon leading)

- A** future **X** ahead
B seeking **Y** soon
C after **Z** leading

35 (drought heat parched)

(desert humidity warmth)

- A drought
 - B heat
 - C parched
 - D desert
 - E humidity
 - F warmth

36

(imitate aggravate initiate) (admire compliment copy)

- A** imitate
- B** aggravate
- C** initiate

- X** admire
- Y** compliment
- Z** copy

37

(start hesitation break) (stop interval broken)

- A** start
- B** hesitation
- C** break

- X** stop
- Y** interval
- Z** broken

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

38

(tonight tin) (reminds rim) (forager [?])

- A** for
- B** fee
- C** fog
- D** foe
- E** far

39

(distress dress) (textiles tiles) (mistakes [?])

- A** tasks
- B** makes
- C** teams
- D** mists
- E** mates

40

(trialled dial) (drilling gill) (steamers [?])

- A** term
- B** teas
- C** seam
- D** seas
- E** star

41

(purpose purse) (propose prose) (promise [?])

- A prose B prise C prone D poems E piers

42

(letter let) (beetle bet) (mental [?])

- A men B ten C man D met E mat

43

(scruffiest fist) (understand stud) (accustomed [?])

- A tame B same C toad D soda E some

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).

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| A small | X apple |
| B orange | Y red |
| C colour | Z narrow |

Answer **small narrow**

44

Palm is to (hand tree thumb) as **sole** is to (heel flat foot).

- | | |
|---------|--------|
| A hand | X heel |
| B tree | Y flat |
| C thumb | Z foot |

45

Vinegar is to (food tasty sour) as **sugar** is to (sweet baking eat).

- | | |
|---------|----------|
| A food | X sweet |
| B tasty | Y baking |
| C sour | Z eat |

46

Enjoy is to (hate like joke) as **follow** is to (pursue cease copy).

- | | |
|--------|----------|
| A hate | X pursue |
| B like | Y cease |
| C joke | Z copy |

47

Spade is to (mud handle shed) as **bucket** is to (heavy water plastic).

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| A mud | X heavy |
| B handle | Y water |
| C shed | Z plastic |

48

Baby is to (cot adult small) as **kitten** is to (basket cat hunt).

- | | |
|---------|----------|
| A cot | X basket |
| B adult | Y cat |
| C small | Z hunt |

49

Realise is to (problem ignore concentrate) as **flatter** is to (level tease insult).

- | | |
|---------------|----------|
| A problem | X level |
| B ignore | Y tease |
| C concentrate | Z insult |

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 (centre middle) (important essential)

- A basic B core C head D open E bottom

51 (bright illuminated) (pale discoloured)

- A dazzling B faded C radiant D pasty E light

52 (carriage convoy) (coach drill)

- A move B transport C exercise D train E educate

53 (banner standard) (fade wilt)

- A flag B colours C fail D streamer E sink

54 (modify alter) (money coins)

- A cash B change C currency D adapt E convert

55 (blow bang) (setback misfortune)

- A rap B bump C knock D disappoint E obstacle

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

56

Dominic, Elsa, Ben, Maddy and Arif have a science test.

There are ten questions.

The answers are either right or wrong.

Dominic left out three questions.

Ben and Arif got the same mark.

Elsa got all the even numbered questions correct.

Maddy got half Ben's mark.

If these statements are true, only one of the sentences below **cannot** be true.

Which one?

- A** Maddy did not have the lowest mark.
 - B** Arif got nine.
 - C** Dominic got less than Elsa.
 - D** Ben got full marks.
 - E** Elsa got the highest mark.
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In these questions, find the number that continues the series in the most sensible way and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example 2 4 6 8 [?]

- A 16 B 11 C 10 D 9 E 12

Answer 10

57 27 31 35 39 [?]

- A 42 B 45 C 43 D 44 E 35

58 1 1 2 4 7 [?]

- A 14 B 10 C 13 D 11 E 12

59 1 3 7 15 31 [?]

- A 53 B 62 C 65 D 59 E 63

60 12 10 9 9 10 [?]

- A 10 B 9 C 11 D 13 E 12

61 162 54 18 6 [?]

- A 3 B 2 C 5 D 1 E 4

62 25 24 25 23 24 21 22 [?]

- A 20 B 17 C 19 D 18 E 21

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

63 (out mid bees) (are dill come)

- A** out **X** are
 - B** mid **Y** dill
 - C** bees **Z** come

64 (bale straw pen) (berry play rain)

- | | | | |
|---|-------|---|-------|
| A | bale | X | berry |
| B | straw | Y | play |
| C | pen | Z | rain |

65 (with fir ban) (attic hold lies)

- A** with **X** attic
 - B** fir **Y** hold
 - C** ban **Z** lies

66 (cab hunt drag) (on our eat)

67

(shin plait mass)

(hood age fully)

A shin

X hood

B plait

Y age

C mass

Z fully

68

(pill do to)

(or met low)

A pill

X or

B do

Y met

C to

Z low

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**.)

69

Cats eat mice and small birds.

A Cats eat

B eat mice

C mice and

D and small

E small birds.

70

Five extra metal rods are required.

- A** Five extra
- B** extra metal
- C** metal rods
- D** rods are
- E** are required.

71

Five starfish lay in the pool.

- A** Five starfish
- B** starfish lay
- C** lay in
- D** in the
- E** the pool.

72

He gave the children their tea.

- A** He gave
- B** gave the
- C** the children
- D** children their
- E** their tea.

73

Children were in the biggest playground.

- A** Children were
- B** were in
- C** in the
- D** the biggest
- E** biggest playground.

74

After his cold he got earache.

- A** After his
- B** his cold
- C** cold he
- D** he got
- E** got earache.

Three of these four words are given in code.

The codes are **not** written in the same order as the words and one code is missing.

SENT EAST MANE TAME

1536 4235 5216

For these questions, mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

75

Find the code for the word **MANE**.

- A 4216 B 1536 C 5235 D 1546 E 4235

76

Find the code for the word **TANS**.

- A 4215 B 6534 C 6231 D 6234 E 4231

77

Find the word that has the number code **6245**.

- A TEAS B EAST C EATS D TANS E TAME

Three of these four words are given in code.

The codes are **not** written in the same order as the words and one code is missing.

GRID ARID DRAG READ

3541 4361 1342

For these questions, mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

78

Find the code for the word **GRID**.

- A 2631 B 2361 C 1563 D 1364 E 2341

79

Find the code for the word **AREA**.

- A 4314 B 1351 C 3523 D 4354 E 3563

80

Find the word that has the number code **3425**.

- A DARE B RIDE C RAGE D GEAR E RAID