

## Verbal Reasoning

Verbal reasoning is the ability to understand and reason using concepts that are framed in words. It aims to assess a child's ability to think constructively with a series of verbal reasoning questions. The types of questions a child might be asked could include:

- find synonyms and antonyms;
- find a letter that will complete two words, e.g. woo (d) oor;
- find a word hidden inside another word, e.g. **independent**;
- spot the odd one out in a list of words;
- break a code where each letter of the alphabet is represented by a different letter or number.

Here is an example of the type of question you may get in this section:

1. Circle the pair of words which are closest in meaning:

mean, scary

horrible, repulsive

repugnant, repulsive

scary, repulsive

The answer to this question would be 'repugnant, repulsive' as they both can mean strong feelings of disgust.

Children perform best in verbal reasoning tests if they have read widely and have an extensive vocabulary. Playing lots of words games at home can help your child with verbal reasoning tests such as: letter tile games, crosswords, word searches, etc.

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<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-pa-91-11-survival-guide-for-parents-carers-guide>

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## 11+ Verbal Reasoning Quiz **Compound Words – Test 1**

A compound word is a word that is made up of one or more words. For example, fingerprint is made using finger and print. In this test, you have to find one word from each set of words in brackets, that can be put together to make a compound word.

For example,

**(hand life finger) (time print clock)**

The correct answer would be fingerprint as those are the two words that can be combined together to make a compound word.

For each question, there will be a choice of four answers. Place a tick by the answer you think is correct.

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a. Which two words can make a new compound word?

**(hand toe foot) (sun some sum)**

hand sun

toe sun

foot some

hand some

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b. Which two words can make a new compound word?

**(sun moon butter) (pass fly path)**

sun pass

moon path

butter fly

moon pass

c. Which two words can make a new compound word?

**(fire ice water) (watch work wind)**

fire wind     water watch     ice wind     fire work

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d. Which two words can make a new compound word?

**(eye finger foot) (board patch storm)**

eye patch     finger patch     foot board     eye storm

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e. Which two words can make a new compound word?

**(watch book honey) (mat script dog)**

honey mat     book script     watch dog     honey script

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f. Which two words can make a new compound word?

**(head grand grave) (fish storm yard)**

grave storm     grand fish     head yard     grave yard

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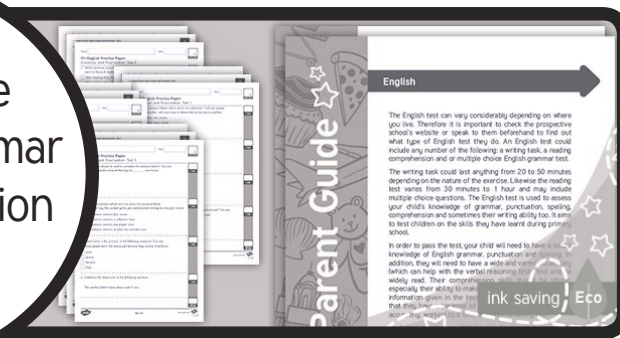
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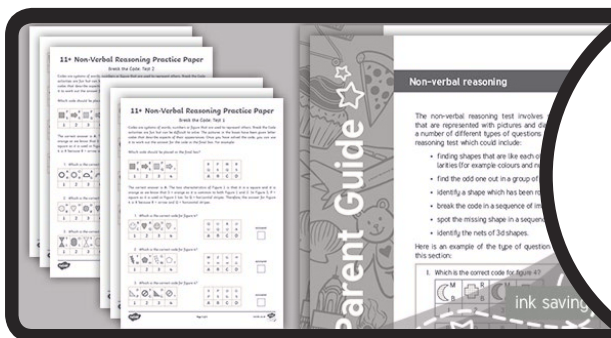
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- b. butter fly
- c. fire work
- d. eye patch
- e. watch dog
- f. grave yard

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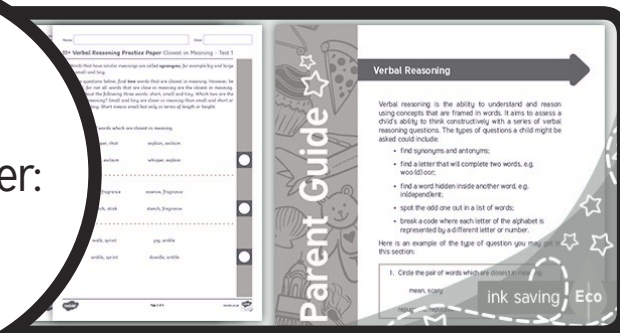
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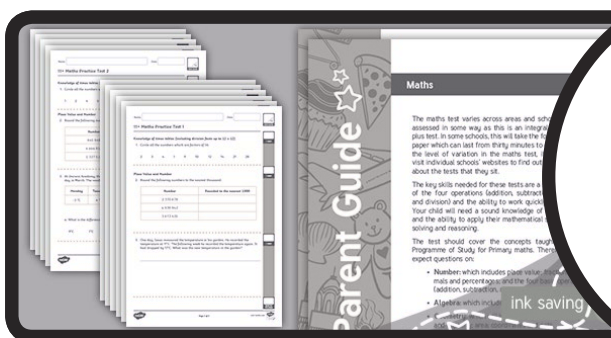
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