

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 **Complete the word – Test 2**

'Complete the Word' is a challenge where you have to find the missing word. In the English language, there are a multitude of three-letter animal names. In each of the sentences below, a three-letter animal word is missing. Your challenge is to choose the correct missing creature to complete the sentence so that it makes sense.

For example, if the sentence said:

The football supporters began to CH

The missing three-letter word would be ANT (making CHANT) so that the sentence makes sense.

Circle the three-letter word that would complete the word in capital letters so the sentence makes sense.

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a. The car ACCELEED along the race track

RAT

CAT

ANT

DOE

.....
b. The people at the IQUE fair were hoping to get lots of money for their old vase.

RAT

CAT

ANT

DOE

.....
c. All the men wore TUXES for the charity ball.

RAT

CAT

ANT

DOE

.....
d. Johnny FABRIED the entire story about going on holiday.

RAT

CAT

HEN

DOE

e. The police APPREDED the criminals after they escaped.

RAT

CAT

HEN

DOE

f. Mum bought lots of AVOCAS at the supermarket because they were on special offer.

RAT

BEE

HEN

DOE

g. It was late W we got there.

RAT

BEE

HEN

DOE

h. Granny uses TROOT as her secret ingredient when making chocolate cake.

RAT

BEE

ANT

EWE

i. The park had FR visitors this year than last year.

RAT

BEE

ANT

EWE

j. The teacher told the children that they had to COOPEE in order to complete the task.

RAT

BEE

ANT

EWE

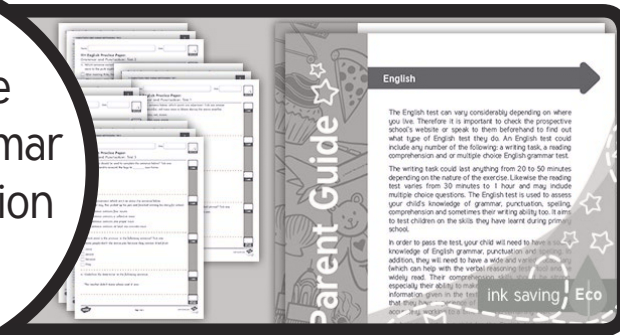
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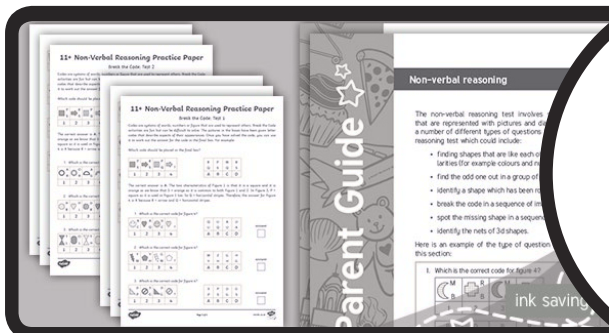
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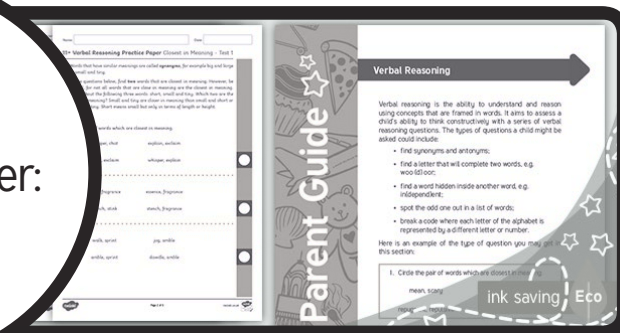
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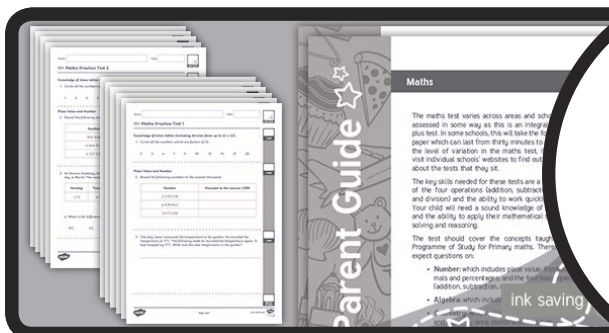
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