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FREE PRACTICE PAPER · 2026 EDITION

11+ Free Practice Paper

12 GL-style questions covering the four areas of the 11+, with full worked explanations.

- VERBAL REASONING — 3 questions
- MATHEMATICS — 3 questions
- NON-VERBAL REASONING — 3 questions
- ENGLISH COMPREHENSION — 3 questions

Suggested time: 20 minutes · Rough paper recommended
Suitable for Year 4 – Year 5 children preparing for any GL-style 11+ assessment.

Important note:
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How to use this paper

Tips for getting the most from this practice session

1

Find a quiet space

Sit with your child if it helps them feel settled, but let them work through the questions independently. A first attempt without prompting gives you the clearest picture of which areas to focus on next.

2

Aim for 20 minutes

Most 11+ papers are timed. 20 minutes for 12 questions is roughly 100 seconds per question — a useful pace to practise. Use a timer, but don't worry if your child needs a little longer in early attempts.

3

Mark together — read the explanations

The worked explanations are more valuable than the score itself. Reading them together helps your child understand the approach, not just the answer.

4

Look at the pattern across subjects

Notice which areas felt easier or harder. Balanced practice across all four — Verbal Reasoning, Maths, Non-Verbal Reasoning and English Comprehension — is generally the most effective preparation strategy.

Our free 12-question Readiness Check is timed, marked instantly, and returns an indicative readiness benchmark — plus your child's three priority focus areas for improvement.

Independent practice indicator — not an official test score. Always verify exam requirements with your school.

Questions

12 questions · Suggested 20 minutes · Circle or write your answers on rough paper

Q1 · VERBAL REASONING · ANTONYMS

Which word is most opposite in meaning to 'loyal'?

A unreliable
B fickle
C disloyal
D unfaithful

Q2 · VERBAL REASONING · LETTER SEQUENCE

What comes next in the sequence? A C E G I ?

A K
B L
C M
D J

Q3 · VERBAL REASONING · CODES

In a code, CARE is coded as 9163, RACE is coded as 6193. What is the code for ACRE?

A 1936
B 1639
C 1963
D 1693

Q4 · MATHEMATICS · PERCENTAGES

A jumper costs £40. It is reduced by 25% in the sale. What is the sale price?

A £20
B £30
C £35
D £10

Q5 · MATHEMATICS · TIME

A film starts at 14:35 and lasts 1 hour 45 minutes. What time does it finish?

A 16:20
B 15:20
C 16:10
D 15:80

Q6 · MATHEMATICS · RATIO & SHARING

Share 24 sweets between Tom and Lily in the ratio 1 : 3. How many sweets does Lily get?

A 6

B 8

C 12

D 18

Non-Verbal Reasoning

Look at the shapes carefully — count sides, check fills, and look for transformations.

Q7 · NON-VERBAL REASONING · SEQUENCE

The shapes follow a pattern. Which shape comes next?



OPTIONS:



Q8 · NON-VERBAL REASONING · ODD ONE OUT

Four of these five shapes share a feature. Which is the odd one out?



Q9 · NON-VERBAL REASONING · ANALOGY

The first pair shows a transformation. Apply the same transformation to the third shape. Which option completes the pair?



OPTIONS:

A 

B 

C 

D 

English Comprehension

Read the passage carefully, then answer the three questions that follow.

The Secret Life of Hedgehogs

Every autumn, hedgehogs across Britain begin one of nature's most remarkable preparations. As the days shorten and temperatures fall, these small, spiny mammals must eat voraciously to build up fat reserves for hibernation. A hedgehog needs to weigh at least 600 grams before winter arrives, or it may not survive.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal creatures, emerging at dusk to forage for beetles, caterpillars, earthworms, and slugs. Their eyesight is poor, so they rely almost entirely on their acute sense of smell and excellent hearing to locate food. A hedgehog can travel up to two miles in a single night, shuffling through gardens, hedgerows, and woodland edges.

When threatened, a hedgehog curls into a tight ball, presenting its five thousand or more spines to any predator. Each spine is a modified hair, made of keratin — the same protein found in human fingernails. This defence is remarkably effective against foxes and badgers, though modern dangers like roads and garden chemicals pose far greater threats.

Q10 · ENGLISH COMPREHENSION · FACT RETRIEVAL

What minimum weight does a hedgehog need to reach before winter arrives?

A 300 grams

B 600 grams

C 1 kilogram

D 900 grams

Q11 · ENGLISH COMPREHENSION · VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

In the passage, the word 'voraciously' (paragraph 1) is closest in meaning to:

A greedily and hungrily

B carefully and slowly

C occasionally

D quietly

Q12 · ENGLISH COMPREHENSION · INFERENCE

What can we infer about hedgehogs from paragraph 3?

A Their spines protect them from natural predators but not from man-made dangers

B Foxes and badgers no longer hunt hedgehogs

C Hedgehogs lose their spines in winter

D Hedgehog spines are made of bone

Answer key & explanations

Read each explanation with your child — this is where the learning happens.

Q1 **C**

VERBAL REASONING · ANTONYMS

Which word is most opposite in meaning to 'loyal'?

'Disloyal' is the direct opposite of 'loyal'. The other words describe related qualities (untrustworthy or inconstant) but only 'disloyal' names the precise antonym.

Q2 **A**

VERBAL REASONING · LETTER SEQUENCE

What comes next in the sequence? A C E G I ?

The pattern skips one letter each time (A, _, C, _, E, …). The next letter after I, skipping J, is K.

Q3 **C**

VERBAL REASONING · CODES

In a code, CARE is coded as 9163, RACE is coded as 6193. What is the code for…

From the two given codes, each letter has one digit: C=9, A=1, R=6, E=3. So ACRE = 1-9-6-3 = 1963.

Q4 **B**

MATHEMATICS · PERCENTAGES

A jumper costs £40. It is reduced by 25% in the sale. What is the sale price?

25% of £40 = £10 (the discount). Sale price = £40 " £10 = £30. Alternatively, the customer pays 75% of £40 = £30.

Q5 **A**

MATHEMATICS · TIME

A film starts at 14:35 and lasts 1 hour 45 minutes. What time does it finish?

Add the hours first, then the minutes. 14:35 + 1 hour = 15:35. 15:35 + 45 minutes = 16:20.

Q6 **D**

MATHEMATICS · RATIO & SHARING

Share 24 sweets between Tom and Lily in the ratio 1 : 3. How many sweets does Lil…

Total parts = 1 + 3 = 4. Each part = 24 ÷ 4 = 6 sweets. Lily gets 3 × 6 = 18 sweets.

Q7 **A**

NON-VERBAL REASONING · SEQUENCE

The shapes follow a pattern. Which shape comes next?

The number of sides increases by 1 each step: 3 (triangle), 4 (square), 5 (pentagon), 6 (hexagon) !' next has 7 sides (a heptagon). Look for the simplest rule first — count the sides.

Q8 **C**

NON-VERBAL REASONING · ODD ONE OUT

Four of these five shapes share a feature. Which is the odd one out?

Four of the shapes are filled (shaded). The odd one out is C — it is the only outline-only shape. The number of sides is a distractor; the shared feature is the fill.

Q9 **A**

NON-VERBAL REASONING · ANALOGY

The first pair shows a transformation. Apply the same transformation to the third…

In the first pair, the shape stays the same but a small dot is added to its centre. Apply the same to the triangle: triangle stays the same, a dot is added inside. Answer: A.

Q10
B

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION · FACT RETRIEVAL

What minimum weight does a hedgehog need to reach before winter arrives?

Paragraph 1 states directly: 'A hedgehog needs to weigh at least 600 grams before winter arrives, or it may not survive.'

Q11
A

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION · VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

In the passage, the word 'voraciously' (paragraph 1) is closest in meaning to:

The hedgehog is eating to build up fat for hibernation, so it must eat a great deal. 'Voracious' means having a huge appetite — eating greedily and hungrily.

Q12
A

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION · INFERENCE

What can we infer about hedgehogs from paragraph 3?

The passage says the spines are 'remarkably effective against foxes and badgers' but that 'modern dangers like roads and garden chemicals pose far greater threats' — so spines work against natural predators, not against man-made hazards.

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