



Year 4

Standardised test AUTUMN

English reading comprehension

Pupil answer booklet

First name	
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Score: / 50

Instructions

Your teacher will go through these instructions with you.

Questions and answers

Read one text in the reading booklet and answer the questions about that text before moving on to read the next text. In this booklet, there are different question types for you to answer. The space for your answer shows you what type of answer is needed.

Short answers

Some questions are followed by one dotted line. This shows that you only need to write a word or a few words in your answer.

Longer answers

Some questions are followed by two or more dotted lines. This gives you space to write more words or a sentence or two.

Other answers

For some questions, you might not need to write anything at all. You might be asked to do something like tick, circle your answer, draw lines, or put things in the correct order. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer each question.

Marks

The number under each line at the side of the page tells you the number of marks available for each question.

As this is a reading test, you must use the information in the texts to help you to answer the questions.

You have 60 minutes to read the texts in the reading booklet and answer the questions in this booklet.

The following questions are about ***Fishface Freddie and Monsters of the Deep*** (page 1 of the reading booklet).

1 How long has Fishface Freddie been at sea?

.....

1 mark

2 Circle the word that means the same as **strange**.

unusual

ugly

imagine

1 mark

3 Fishface Freddie has been at sea longer than Captain Nell. What does Captain Nell say that tells you this?

.....

1 mark

4 In her first speech bubble, Captain Nell suggests two real creatures Fishface Freddie might have seen. What are they?

1.

2.

1 mark

5 Write down the **three** creatures that Fishface Freddie says he has seen.

1.

2.

3.

3 marks

6 Write down a word that is similar in meaning to **enormous**.

.....

1 mark

7 In Fishface Freddie’s second speech bubble, he exaggerates about what he has seen. Write down **two things** he says which show this.

1.

2.

2 marks

8 Captain Nell doesn’t believe what Fishface Freddie says about jellyfish and monsters. What does she say that shows this?

.....
.....

1 mark

9 Captain Nell says that jellyfish can be big. How big?

.....

1 mark

10 Where was Fishface Freddie sailing when he saw the ugly thing?

from **to**

1 mark

11 Freddie says that he **glanced out to sea**. What does **glanced** mean?
Tick one.

sailed	<input type="checkbox"/>	looked	<input type="checkbox"/>
rowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	flew	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

12 Freddie says he saw **an ugly thing** staring back at him.
 What did Captain Nell suggest the **ugly thing** was? **Circle one.**

a white shark	a jellyfish	Freddie's face
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1 mark

13 Captain Nell asks if the sea was **like a mirror**.
 What does this phrase suggest?

.....

.....

1 mark

14 What is Captain Nell doing when she talks about the time she came **face to face with a Freddie squid**? **Tick one.**

telling Freddie a true story	<input type="checkbox"/>
playing a joke on Freddie	<input type="checkbox"/>
feeling afraid of Freddie squid	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

End of questions about
Fishface Freddie and Monsters of the Deep

The following questions are about **Whale Diary** (page 2 of the reading booklet).

1 What was the weather like on Monday 1st June?

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1 mark

2 How do you know the writer is excited as she steps on board the boat?

.....

.....

1 mark

3 Whose photos did the writer see?

.....

1 mark

4 What are the mighty beasts?

.....

1 mark

5 **Circle one word** that means the same as **magnificent**.

fascinating

large

awesome

1 mark

6 The writer also tries to describe her excitement using a sound. What is it?

.....

1 mark

7 At what time of day were the dolphins spotted?

.....

1 mark

8 Circle one word that means the same as pod.

game

group

baby

1 mark

9 Why did the writer keep mistaking the crest of every wave for a minke whale?

.....
.....

1 mark

10 Number the following events 1 - 4 to show the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

The writer boarded the ship.

The boat returned to the harbour.

The writer saw the captain's photos.

A pod of dolphins performed acrobatics alongside the boat.

1 mark

11a What do you think the writer saw as the boat returned to the harbour?

Tick one phrase to complete the last sentence of the text.

...the crest of another wave

...a group of tourists

...a pod of minke whales

...fishing boats

1 mark

11b How do you think the sighting would have made the writer feel?

.....

1 mark

12 If you hadn't read the title at the top of the page, how would you know this was from a diary?

Write down **two** things.

.....

.....

2 marks

End of questions about
Whale Diary

The following questions are about **A Guide to Whales** (page 3 of the reading booklet).

1 The blue whale is very big. What does the writer compare it to?

.....

1 mark

2 What size is a blue whale when it is born?

.....

1 mark

3 How is the blue whale able to communicate over long distances?

.....

1 mark

4 How much food can a blue whale eat in one day?

.....

1 mark

5 If you wanted to add the fact that the blue whale’s heart is as big as a small car, which heading might you put it under?

Circle one.

whale

size

food

offspring

special notes

1 mark

6 Which whale has teeth? **Circle one.**

blue whale

orca

minke whale

1 mark

7 How do orcas find their food? Find and write down **two** things they do.

1.

2.

2 marks

8 In **special notes**, the same sort of information is given for all three whales. What is it?

.....

1 mark

9 Orcas are part of the dolphin family. Tick **true** or **false**.

true

false

10 In the food section of **orca**, why has the writer added **(bouncing sound off objects)**?

.....

1 mark

11 How long can a minke whale live?

.....

1 mark

12 Explain why the minke and blue whales eat similar food.
Write down **one thing**.

.....

1 mark

13 What are orcas also known as?

.....

1 mark

14 Look at **food**. Find one word that means the same as **alone**.

.....

1 mark

15 Tick whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

statement	true	false
Baby blue whales can drink up to 150 gallons of milk every week.		
Minke whales hunt in groups.		
Orcas can live for 45 years.		
Male orcas are the leaders of their pods.		

4 marks

End of questions about
A Guide to Whales

End of AUTUMN test