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Quest Assessments

Verbal Reasoning familiarisation materials

Quest Familiarisation Materials - Verbal Reasoning

Sample questions

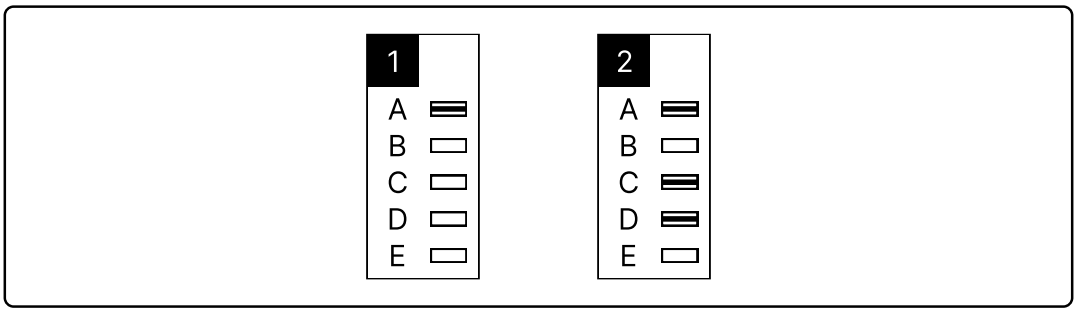
In this document you will find some sample questions for a Verbal Reasoning Quest assessment. These are designed to help you understand what the questions in your exam might look like and how to approach them. These questions will not appear in your real assessment.

Each school's assessment will be slightly different, but these examples will help you become familiar with the types of questions you could see.

Answer sheet

In your Quest assessment, you will record your answers on a special answer sheet called an OMR. You can see an example of an OMR answer sheet on **page 11**, and you can practise filling it in using your answers to the sample questions.

Choose your answers by drawing a line clearly through the rectangle with a pencil. See below for examples of how to fill in your answer sheet correctly.



If you make a mistake, rub it out and choose another answer!

Answer key

The answers to the familiarisation questions can be found on **page 12**. You can use them to check your work after completing the sample questions.

Verbal Reasoning

Familiarisation

Assessment duration: 20 minutes

Make sure you have: pencil and rubber, answer sheet

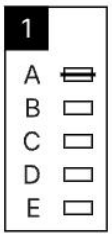
Instructions

You have **20 minutes** to answer **20 questions**.

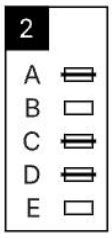
All questions are multiple choice. You will need to choose your answer from options A–E.

You should mark your answers on the answer sheet by **drawing a line** clearly through the rectangle with a pencil. Choose **one** answer for each question, unless that question asks for **more than one** answer.

Marking a question with only one answer



Marking a question with more than one answer



Mistakes should be rubbed out. Do not cross out answers.

If you are stuck on a question, move on to the next one. If you have spare time at the end of the test, go back to any questions you skipped.

1 Choose the **two** words, one from each group, that are **closest** in meaning.

topic, mess, paper | worry, issue, school

A topic **B** mess **C** paper **D** worry **E** issue **F** school

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2 Choose the **two** words, one from each group, that are **closest** in meaning.

close, open, door | window, near, far

A close **B** open **C** door **D** window **E** near **F** far

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3 Choose the **two** words, one from each group, that are **closest** in meaning.

glare, beam, shaft | plank, light, grin

A glare **B** beam **C** shaft **D** plank **E** light **F** grin

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4 Choose the **two** words, one from each group, that have **opposite** meanings.

smooth, modest, feeble | dense, frail, tough

A smooth **B** modest **C** feeble **D** dense **E** frail **F** tough

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5 Choose the **two** words, one from each group, that have **opposite** meanings.

alight, leave, relate | arrive, dampen, early

A alight **B** leave **C** relate **D** arrive **E** dampen **F** early

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6 Choose the **two** words, one from each group, that have **opposite** meanings.

cramped, unsteady, immense | spacious, askew, pressing

A cramped **B** unsteady **C** immense **D** spacious **E** askew **F** pressing

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7 Lena has always been sensible with her savings. She never buys anything without thinking about it, and researches even small purchases for days. Her friends find her overly **frugal**, but Lena sees no reason to change.

What is the meaning of 'frugal' in this paragraph?

A frustrating and unreliable
B capable and well organised
C selfish and unwilling to share
D old-fashioned and impractical
E careful when spending money

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8 Choose the **two** words, **one** from each group, that will best complete the sentence.

Wring is to (finger, twist, cloth) as knead is to (kicked, dough, require).

A finger **B** twist **C** cloth **D** kicked **E** dough **F** require

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9 Choose the **two** words, **one** from each group, that will best complete the sentence.

Wound is to (wrapped, bruise, injured) as raced is to (paced, relayed, rushed).

A wrapped **B** bruise **C** injured **D** paced **E** relayed **F** rushed

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10 Three of these words are linked in some way.

Choose the **two** odd ones out.

A crimson **B** emerald **C** ring **D** ruby **E** scarlet

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11 Three of these words are linked in some way.

Choose the **two** odd ones out.

A cap **B** eye **C** lid **D** sit **E** top

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12 Choose the word that will **best** complete the sentence below.

After the argument, she felt _____ about the way that she had behaved.

A heroic **B** weary **C** indecisive **D** curious **E** remorseful

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13 Choose the word that will **best** complete the sentence below.

He was hoping that he could _____ his old games for James's controller.

A choose **B** win **C** trade **D** pay **E** collect

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14 Which three letters will **best** complete the word, and the sentence, below?

The delicate contents of the c_____t were of great personal value to the family.

A our **B** res **C** har **D** hes **E** oas

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15 Which three letters will **best** complete the word, and the sentence, below?

The wise man s_____ly advised the boy to continue with his studies.

A mug **B** age **C** our **D** low **E** ubt

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16 Scientists were studying a patch of rainforest that had a large tree in it. During a storm, the tree fell down. Afterwards, the scientists found that the number of birds and bats recorded in the area had dropped significantly. They also found fewer small animals near the base of the tree than before.

Which conclusion can be made from this paragraph?

A Birds and bats caused the tree to fall down by nesting in its branches.
B Storms are the biggest threat to plants and wildlife in this part of the rainforest.
C The tree was providing food and a place to live that other species depended on.
D The smaller animals moved out of the area faster than the birds and bats.
E It is much safer for rainforest animals to live in the trees than on the ground.

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17 Read the information below, then answer the question.

- Two weeks from today falls in the month of August.
- The day after tomorrow is Friday.
- 7 days ago, it was July.
- The 9th of August falls on a Thursday.

Based on this information, what is today's date?

A 25th July **B** 31st July **C** 2nd August **D** 5th August **E** 8th August

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18 Read the information below, then answer the question.

- Sonya makes jam with the fruit that grows in her garden throughout the year.
- Each month she always makes jam out of the fruit that has ripened the month before.
- Her strawberries ripen first, two months before the peaches.
- The plums are ready in August, two months after the peaches.
- Blackberries and raspberries are great for autumnal jam as they ripen over two months, starting from September.

What type of jam does Sonya make in May?

A plum **B** blackberry **C** raspberry **D** strawberry **E** peach

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19 Read the information below, then answer the question.

- The library is a ten-minute walk north of the sports centre.
- The school is a fifteen-minute walk south of the sports centre.
- The shopping mall is a five-minute walk north of the school.
- The cinema is a five-minute walk south of the library.
- The theatre is a ten-minute walk south of the shopping mall.

All of the statements above are true. Which statement **must** also be true?

A The theatre is a 15-minute walk from the school.

B If you walk from the school to the sports centre, you pass the cinema.

C The library is a 25-minute walk from the theatre.

D If you walk from the shopping mall to the cinema, you pass the library.

E The shopping mall is a 15-minute walk from the cinema.

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20 Read the information below, then answer the question.

- In a flight of 12 stairs, the 4th and 7th stairs sometimes squeak if stepped on. None of the other stairs ever squeak.
- The 4th stair squeaks under a weight of 60kg or more. The 7th stair squeaks under a weight of 65kg or more.
- Sam weighs 65kg and always climbs the stairs two at a time.
- Kelly weighs 85kg and always climbs the stairs three at a time.
- Sally weighs 40kg and always climbs the stairs one at a time.
- Sally's dog weighs 20kg and has to be carried up the stairs.
- Nobody goes down the stairs; they use a fireman's pole!

All of the statements above are true. Which statement below **cannot** be true?

A The 6th and 12th steps are stepped on the most.

B When Sam climbs the stairs, the 4th step will squeak.

C The 7th stair only squeaks when Sally and Sam climb the stairs together.

D When Kelly climbs the stairs, none of them ever squeak.

E If the dog is carried by either Sam or Sally, the 4th step will squeak.

END OF TEST

Draw a line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer, like this ▭.
To change your answer, use a rubber to remove the original marking. Do not cross out.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭
C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭
D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭	D ▭
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F ▭	F ▭	F ▭	F ▭	F ▭	F ▭		F ▭	F ▭	

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭	A ▭
B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭	B ▭
C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭	C ▭
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E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭	E ▭

END OF TEST

Verbal Reasoning Answer Key

1 A, E	6 A, D	11 B, D	16 C
2 A, E	7 E	12 E	17 A
3 B, F	8 C, E	13 C	18 D
4 C, F	9 A, F	14 D	19 E
5 B, D	10 B, C	15 B	20 C