

Instructions for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test

The Key Stage 2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test is split into two papers. These papers should be done in this order.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: questions (pages 20–34)

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2: spelling (pages 35–36)

Instructions for Paper 1: questions

You have 45 minutes to answer the questions in Paper 1. There will be questions on grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.

You will find different types of question and you will need to answer these in different ways. Always read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer each question. The space for your answer shows the type of answer you need to write.

Selected answers

For some questions you do not need to do any writing. You just need to select the right answer from those given. For example, you might need to tick the right answer, circle certain words, label or underline part of a sentence.

Note: When answering these questions, make sure you only tick the required number of boxes or circle or underline the required words. You will not get the mark if you select any additional words.

Short answers

For some questions you need to write a word, a few words or a sentence. These questions have a line or a box for you to write your answer.

Note: If you write a sentence, make sure it is punctuated correctly, beginning with a capital letter and with the right punctuation mark at the end. Do not use capital letters for words in the middle of sentences unless needed.

With questions involving contracted forms, plurals, verb tenses and prefixes and suffixes, correct spelling is generally required even on Paper 1. You cannot use a dictionary or spell checker.

Work through the paper until your time is up. Try to answer all of the questions. If you can't answer a question, move on to the next one and then go back to it later.

Work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you finish before the time is up, go back and check your work.