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Note for parents, tutors, teachers and other adult helpers

A pull-out answers section (pages A1 to A12) appears in the centre of this book, between pages 26 and 27 (Paper 3). This provides answers to all the **English skills** and **Comprehension** questions, as well as guidelines for marking the **Short writing tasks**. It also gives simple guidance on how best to use this book. Remove the pull-out section before the child begins working through the practice papers.

You may wish the child to have access to a dictionary – either while he or she is working through the papers or after you have marked them. Make a decision on this before the child begins work. You may also give the child some separate sheets of lined paper for continuing the **Short writing task** if needed.