

Introduction

This book will help you to prepare for the English part of your 11+ exam. It will help you improve your English knowledge and practise a range of English skills, focusing on key areas, such as homophones and apostrophes, to help you avoid common mistakes.

The topics are grouped into six sections:

- grammar
- punctuation
- spelling
- vocabulary
- comprehension
- writing.

You might not be tested on all these topics in your 11+ exam, but it is important to revise them in case they do come up.

If you are sitting an 11+ exam set by CEM, the verbal reasoning section of your exam may include some comprehension questions, which are explained in this book. Explanations and examples of other verbal reasoning question types can be found in the **11+ Verbal Reasoning Study and Practice Book**, which is also available from Schofield & Sims.

How to use this book

Before you start using this book, write your name in the box on the first page. Then decide how to begin. If you want a complete course in English, work right through the book. If you want to find out about a particular type of question, use the Contents page or the Index to find the pages you need. Whichever way you choose to use the book, don't try to cover too much at once – it is better to work in short bursts.

Most questions have space to write the answers directly in the book. However, you will need rough paper to answer some questions, particularly in the Comprehension and Writing sections.

As you make a start, look out for the symbols below, which mark different parts of the text. Find out about words in **grey** by turning to the Glossary on pages 154 to 156.



Activities

These are the questions that you should complete after you have read the explanations and examples for each question type. After you have worked through all the questions, turn to pages 134 to 153 to check your answers. If you got any of the answers wrong, read the topic again, and then have another go at the questions. When you are sure that you understand a topic, tick the box beside it on the Contents page.



Tip

This text gives you helpful tips on how to tackle a particular question type.



Important

This text gives you useful information, rules and techniques you should remember.



Rough paper

This symbol shows that you will need to answer the question on rough paper.

At the end of the book, there is a timed Practice test. You should attempt this once you are sure that you understand all the question types.