# The importance of SATS

# When are SATs?

- SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- The SATs take place over four days, starting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May ending on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday this year.
- The SATs papers consist of:
  - Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1: GPS) Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>
     May
  - Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 2: Spelling) Tuesday
     9<sup>th</sup> May
  - Reading Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test. Writing will continue after SATs and will become our focus (along with Summer show!)

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

## Year 6- SATS

- Children will have practice assessments throughout the year
- ► Teachers create QLA documents and redesign the curriculum, boosters and intervention groups
- ➤ 2x MOCK exams- children to practice the emotional side of assessment and the timed elements- also won't hurt to practice the style of questions and get personalised outcomes and targets to guide them and encourage them to beat their score next time!
- For the next MOCK SATs we will do things exactly as the SATS week would be- breakfast club at 8:30am, take the tests in the appropriate rooms with the appropriate staff.
  - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

## Things to remember about SATs

#### SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English.

They will not reflect how talented they are at science, geography, art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all of their amazing personal characteristics.

#### SATs don't tell the whole story.

Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year. Your school may be able to provide you with more detailed feedback.

SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career. In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.

# Why are SATs important?

- Standard Assessment Tests
- ► They are key measures and 'milestones' for individual pupils, groups, the whole class and the whole school!
- We are judged as a school on our Y2 and Y6 results
- They create a starting point (and progress paths) for each child in KS2 or at Secondary School
- ► Children enjoy seeing the result of all their hard work during their primary school journey and the progress they have made.
- ► *Most* children enjoy them! ◎

## When and how the SATs are completed

- The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.
- Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.
- After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- The results are then sent to the school in July.
- Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) - 45 minutes
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) 15 minutes
  - Reading 60 minutes
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) 30 minutes
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) 40 minutes
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) 40 minutes

#### Specific arrangements for SATs

Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:

- Additional (extra) time;
- An adult to scribe (write) for them;
- An adult to read for them (including a translator);
- The use of prompts or rest breaks;
- Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

Pupils with an EHCP are automatically allowed up to 25% additional time (except for the spelling paper, which is not strictly timed). Pupils who use the modified large print or braille versions of the tests are automatically allowed up to 100% additional time.

#### The results

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (see below);
- A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.

Example of how pass marks change each year in maths.

KS2 Maths SATs papers analysis	2016	2017	2018	2019
% required to 'pass'	55	52	55	53
% of questions from Years 3-5 curricula	57	58	53	52

#### KS2 MOCK SATs results 2 - Spring 2023

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#### Name:

SPAG – Spelling Test	/20	
SPAG – Punctuation and Grammar Test	/50	
SPAG TOTAL Pass mark: 38 Greater Depth: 56+	/70	
Scale score		
Level achieved	Working Towards/ At / Greater Depth	
<u>READING TOTAL</u> Pass Mark: 28  Greater Depth 40+	/50	
Scale score		
Level achieved	Working Towards/ At / Greater Depth	
Maths – Arithmetic	/40	
Maths – Reasoning 1	/35	
Maths – Reasoning 2	/35	
MATHS TOTAL  Pass mark: 61  Greater Depth: 96 +	/110	
Scale score		
Level achieved	Working Towards/ At / Greater Depth	

#### SPAG - (2 papers)

- Grammar and Punctuation- 45mins 50 questions
- Spelling-20 spellings (approx .15mins)

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READING - 1 paper /50 60mins RAW score /50
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MATHS - (3 papers)

Arithmetic - /40 30mins

Reasoning 1 - /35 40mins

Reasoning 2 - /35 40mins

RAW score is the total of all three papers.

WRITING - teacher assessed (10% of schools being moderated)

# **Scaled Scores**

English Reading				
Raw score	Scaled score			
0				
1	No scaled score (N)			
2				
3	80			
4	80			
5	81			
6	82			
7	83			
8	84			
9	85			
10	86			
11	87			
12	88			
13	89			
14	90			
15	90			
16	91			

English Reading				
Raw score	Scaled score			
17	92			
18	93			
19	93			
20	94			
21	95			
22	96			
23	96			
24	97			
25	98			
26	98			
27	99			
28	100			
29	101			
30	101			
31	102			
32	103			
33	104			

English Reading				
Raw score	Scaled score			
34	105			
35	106			
36	107			
37	107			
38	108			
39	109			
40	110			
41	112			
42	113			
43	114			
44	115			
45	117			
46	118			
47	120			
48	120			
49	120			
50	120			

Past pass requirements - % of question they need to answer correctly to gain each standard.

	Mathematics	Reading	GPS
Marks to meet Expected Standard (Scaled Score 100+)	61	28	38
Marks to meet Greater Depth* (Scaled Score 110+)	96	96 40	
Total Marks Possible	110 50		70
	Mathematics	Reading	GPS
Percent to meet Expected Standard (Scaled Score 100+)	55%	56%	54%
Percent to meet Greater Depth* (Scaled Score 110+)	87%	80%	80%

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Grammar, punctuation and spelling consists of two papers.

- Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (grammar, punctuation and spelling or GPS). The paper lasts for 45 minutes.
- Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately 15 minutes, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

The children will have been working hard with their class teacher on developing and securing their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test.

#### This test focuses on:

- Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

This test requires a range of answer types but does not require longer formal answers.

#### Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1 (GPS)

#### Example questions:

Which sentence must end with a question mark?

	non one.
Shall we go round the fitness trail in the park	$\checkmark$
We could go tomorrow if you like	
What I really like is the rope bridge	
Let me know what you would like to do	

Tick one

Complete the sentence below with an appropriate subordinating conjunction.

1 mark

e.g. Although, While it rained all afternoon, the picnic was a success.

1 mark

The teacher wants to write a sign to remind children to turn the lights off.

Write the **command** that the teacher might use on the sign. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

e.g. Switch off the lights!

Tomorrow turn off the lights for me.

1 mark

#### Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 2 (spelling)

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on spellings.

Example questions:

#### **Spelling**

- 1. The children were \_\_\_\_\_\_ the objects from smallest to largest.
- 2. Do not show \_\_\_\_\_\_ to anyone.
- 3. I was given a \_\_\_\_\_ award.

#### 2022 Spelling script

Spelling 1: The word is ordering.

The children were **ordering** the objects from smallest to largest.

The word is ordering.

Spelling 2: The word is disrespect.

Do not show **disrespect** to anyone.

The word is disrespect.

Spelling 3: The word is special.

I was given a special award.

The word is special.

#### Reading: Wednesday 10th May

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/ or poetry.

The test covers the following areas (known as Content Domains):

- Give/ explain the meaning of words in context;
- Retrieve and record information/ identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- Make comparisons within the text.

The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example questions:

Questions 1-11 are about The Parsnips (pages 4-6)

1 Veronika's football team has two names.

What are the two names?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE CLUB – THE FACTS

Name: Parrs Under 11s, also known as "The Parsnips" Ground: Lornton FC, Low Road, Lornton Capacity: 500 Plays in: The Nettie Honeyball Women's League Sponsor: Sweet Peas Garden Centre, Mowborough Coach: Hannah Preston Assistant coach: Katie Regan

1 mark

Qu.	Requirement	Mark		
1	Veronika's football team has two names.	1m		
	What are the two names?			
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction			
	Award 1 mark for reference to Parrs Under 11s and The Parsnips, e.g.			
	The Parsnips			
	Parsnips			
	Parrs under 11s			
	Parrs.			

#### Example questions: Based on text 2: My Circus Life

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Look at page 9.

Vladik is always changing his Dralion performance.

Give two ways that these changes to his performance happen.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 marks

# Do those changes happen naturally, or are you looking for ways to change it?

Sometimes those changes happen naturally, yeah. Sometimes I say to myself, "Wait a minute! I'm doing this differently." I don't know how it even happens. Some things, of course, I modify deliberately; I add a trick in or something. It's easy to do it in practice. I have many, many tricks in training. But when you're on stage, it's different because you really have to have it perfect. Especially because you get used to doing the same things for that long. So when you start to put in something new, you automatically feel your body doing something wrong. [Laughs]

Qu.	Requirement	Mark			
17	Look at page 9.	Up to			
	Vladik is always changing his Dralion performance.	2m			
	Give two ways that these changes to his performance happen.				
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction				
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:				
	<ol> <li>Vladik's performance changing naturally / without him knowing how it happens, e.g.</li> </ol>				
	changes happen naturally				
	<ul> <li>he just does the changes and he doesn't even realise.</li> </ul>				
	2. Vladik deliberately making changes to his performance, e.g.				
	he modifies them on purpose				
	they happen deliberately.				
	3. Vladik adding a trick, e.g.				
	putting in a new trick.				

#### Example questions: Based on the whole text

Think about the whole text.

What impressions do you get of Penelope as she describes her unusual experience?

Give two impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1.	
2.	

Mark 33 Think about the whole text. Up to What impressions do you get of Penelope as she describes her unusual experience? Give two impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer. Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Acceptable points: 1. curious 2. imaginative 3. confused 4. unafraid 5. solitary / content with her own company 6. observant Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g. • 1. She has a big imagination because she thinks that she is in a forest when she is sitting in the stairway. [AP2 + evidence] 2. That she is good at noticing things that go on. [AP6] . 1. I think she is just a curious girl who wants to know everything that is going on. [AP1] 2. She is very confused. 'I never felt them touch me and this gave me a curious sensation.' [AP3 + evidence] Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence, e.g. 1. Brave because she did the right thing in the situation. [AP4] 2. She was a person who definitely kept herself to herself. [AP5] • 1. She is not afraid. 'Ran downstairs and pushed open the door... expecting to see her.' [AP4 + evidence] Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.

1. She likes to find out about other people. [AP1]

3 mark

Requirement

Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

In the 2022 Reading SATs paper,

- 10% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- 38% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- 44% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence.

(Remaining % for summarising or explaining.)

#### Maths: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes) Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

#### KS2 Maths SATs papers analysis

# Percentage of questions from each year group curriculum across Arithmetic and Reasoning

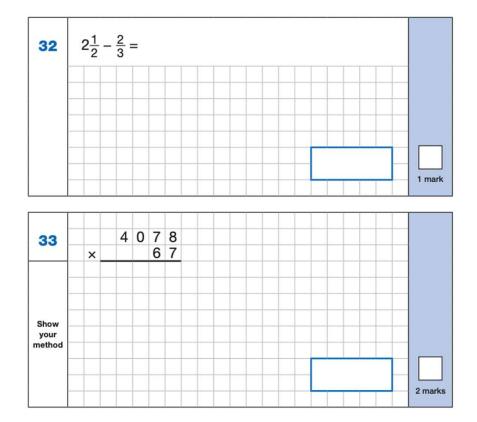
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022
3	16	7	9	10	8
4	17	26	18	21	23
5	27	25	26	21	32
6	43	41	47	47	37

#### Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks and lasts for 30 minutes. 30 or above is a good mark to aim for!

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

#### Example questions:



Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
32	$1\frac{5}{6}$ OR $\frac{11}{6}$	1m	Accept equivalent mixed numbers, fractions or an exact decimal equivalent, e.g. 1.83 (accept any unambiguous indication of the recurring digits).  Do not accept rounded or truncated decimals.
33	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 273,226  If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for a formal method of long multiplication with no more than <b>ONE</b> arithmetic error, e.g.  4078  × 67  28546  244680 273126 (error)  OR  4078  × 67  28544 (error)  244680 273224	Up to 2m	Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark. <b>Do not</b> award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the zero when multiplying by tens: $ \frac{4078}{28546} \times \frac{67}{28546} \times \frac{24468}{53014} (place value error) $

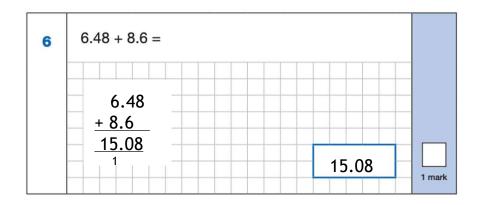
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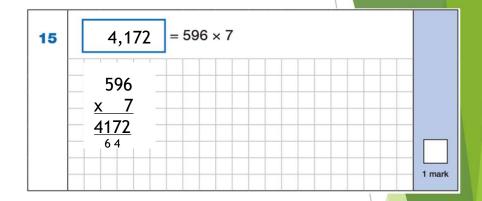
#### Percentage of questions by content domain

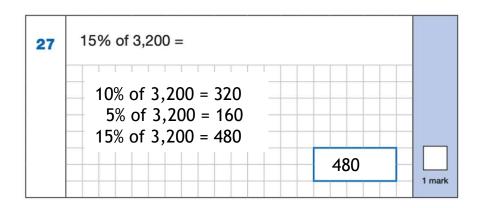
Content domain	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022
Number & PV	17	9	10	9	9
Calculations	17	22	29	30	38
FDP	15	14	14	24	25
Ratio & prop.	4	9	6	8	6
Algebra	8	9	9	6	3
Measurement	15	14	13	9	7
Shapes	12	9	10	7	6
Pos. & direction	4	3	4	3	2
Statistics	8	11	6	4	3

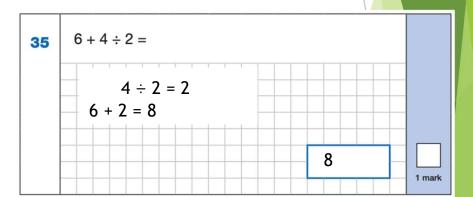
#### Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

#### Example 1 mark questions:



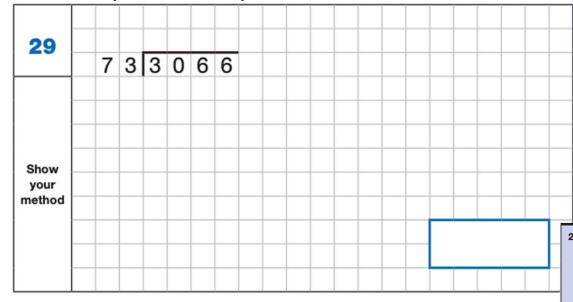






#### Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

#### Example 2 mark question:



Award **TWO** marks for the correct answer of 42

If the answer is incorrect, award **ONE** mark for the formal methods of division with no more than **ONE** arithmetic error, i.e.

· long division algorithm, e.g.

OR

· short division algorithm, e.g.

Up to 2m

Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of **ONE** mark.

Short division methods **must** be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm, and be a complete method. The carrying figure **must** be less than the divisor.

#### Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

Paper 2 will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and paper 3 will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each and lasts for 40 minutes each. 15 or above is a good mark to aim for!

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning.

They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

#### Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

#### Example questions:

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Emma has a 5 litre bag of compost.



She uses 2.75 litres.

How much compost does Emma have left?

2.25 litres

1 mark

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In a race, Ali completes a swim, a run and a bicycle ride.

The swim is  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the total distance.

The run is  $\frac{3}{10}$  of the total distance.

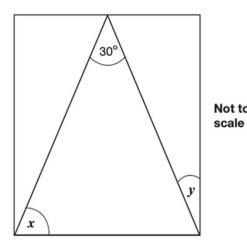
What fraction of the total distance is the bicycle ride?

 $\frac{6}{10}$ 

#### Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

#### Example question:

Here is an isosceles triangle inside a rectangle.



Not to

Award TWO marks for the correct answer of x = 75 AND y = 15

> If the answer is incorrect, award ONE mark for evidence of an appropriate method calculating both angles, e.g.

OR

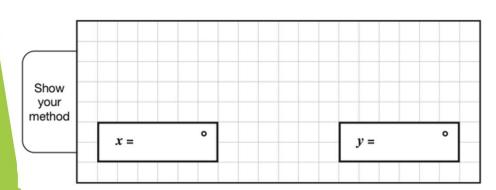
Award **ONE** mark for either correct x **OR** y.

Up to 2m

> Answer need not be obtained for the award of ONE mark.

If there is no evidence of an appropriate method and the values for x **AND** y are incorrect, accept for ONE mark x + y = 90, unless x is between 65–69 (inclusive) AND y is between 21-25 (inclusive).

Calculate the sizes of angles x and y.



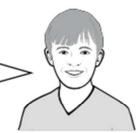
2 marks

#### Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

#### Example questions:

19 Jack says,

When you square a prime number, the answer has only two factors.



- Award ONE mark for a correct explanation, e.g.
  - It has 3 factors the prime number, 1 and the square of the prime number.
  - The prime number has 2 factors; the squared prime number will be divisible by one, itself and the prime number.
  - All prime numbers squared have 3 factors.

#### OR

A correct explanation that gives a counter example, e.g.

- 5 is prime 5<sup>2</sup> = 25
- 25 has 3 factors: 1, 5 and 25, not two
- 7<sup>2</sup> has more than 2 factors 1, 7 and 49
- 121 = 1 × 121 = 11 × 11
- 3<sup>2</sup> = 9 9 - 1, 9, 3
- $5^2 = 25$

Factors of 25 = 1, 5, 25 All squared primes have 3 factors. 1m

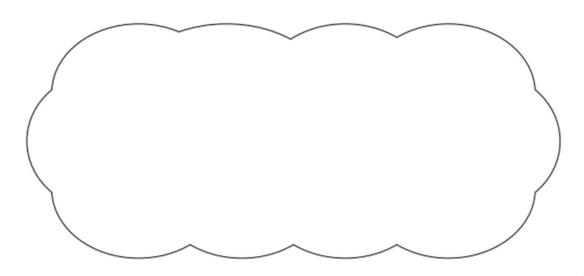
**Do not** accept vague or incomplete explanations, e.g.

- A square number doesn't have 2 factors (repeat of the question)
- 2<sup>2</sup> = 4 (incomplete)
- Prime numbers have 2 factors only (incomplete)
- Prime numbers squared have more than 2 factors (vague)

**Do not** accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information relevant to the explanation, e.g.

- $\bullet$  49 = 1, 7, 49
- 5 squared is 25
  1, 5, 5, 25
  25 has four factors
- All prime numbers squared have more than 3 factors

#### Explain why Jack is not correct.



1 mark

#### Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

#### Example question:



This table shows how many people finished the New York Marathon in each of the first four decades it was held.

New York Marathon				
Decade	Total number of people who finished			
1st decade	24,863			
2nd decade	170,932			
3rd decade	282,420			
4th decade	350,824			

What is the mean number of people who finished the marathon per decade? Round your answer to the **nearest hundred**.

Show			
Show your method			
			people

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance			
20	Award <b>THREE</b> marks for the correct answer of 207,300	Up to 3m				
	If the answer is incorrect, award <b>TWO</b> marks for:					
	<ul> <li>evidence of an appropriate complete method which contains no more than one error, e.g.</li> </ul>					
	24,863 170,932 282,420 + <u>350,824</u> 828,939 (error)					
	828,939 ÷ 4 = 207,234 r3					
	Rounded to the nearest hundred = 207,200					
	OR					
	• sight of 207,259 r3 <b>OR</b> 207,259 $\frac{3}{4}$ <b>OR</b> 207,259.75					
	Award ONE mark for:     evidence of an appropriate method with more than one error.		Answer need not be obtained or rounded for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark.			
			A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the mathematics is simplified.			
			<b>TWO</b> marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly.			
			<b>ONE</b> mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one error.			

3 marks

#### Suggestions to support your child in preparing for the SATs

Give them as much encouragement and support as you can (but we don't need to tell you that)!

#### Tips:

- Encourage children to use Times tables Rockstars and Mathletics.
- Go over key skills (times tables, real world mental maths as you are shopping or cooking) is a good way to keep revision light.
- Remind them to do their revision books.
- Please don't use past papers as they are used in school to prepare the children.
- Encourage your child to come to breakfast club they don't have to have the breakfast.
- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns

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