GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRANCE TESTS FAMILIARISATION GUIDE

This guide tells you about the different types of questions you will be asked when you take the test for real. It will also help you to understand how to use an answer sheet correctly.

You may print copies of this book, for your own use, to practise answering questions and marking your answers on the answer sheet.

WORD CHOICE

What equipment are you allowed to use in the test?

You will be allowed to use these things in the test:

- an HB pencil
- a rubber
- a pencil sharpener

You will **NOT** be able to use any of the following things in the test:

- a ruler
- a calculator
- scrap paper
- a protractor
- a mobile phone

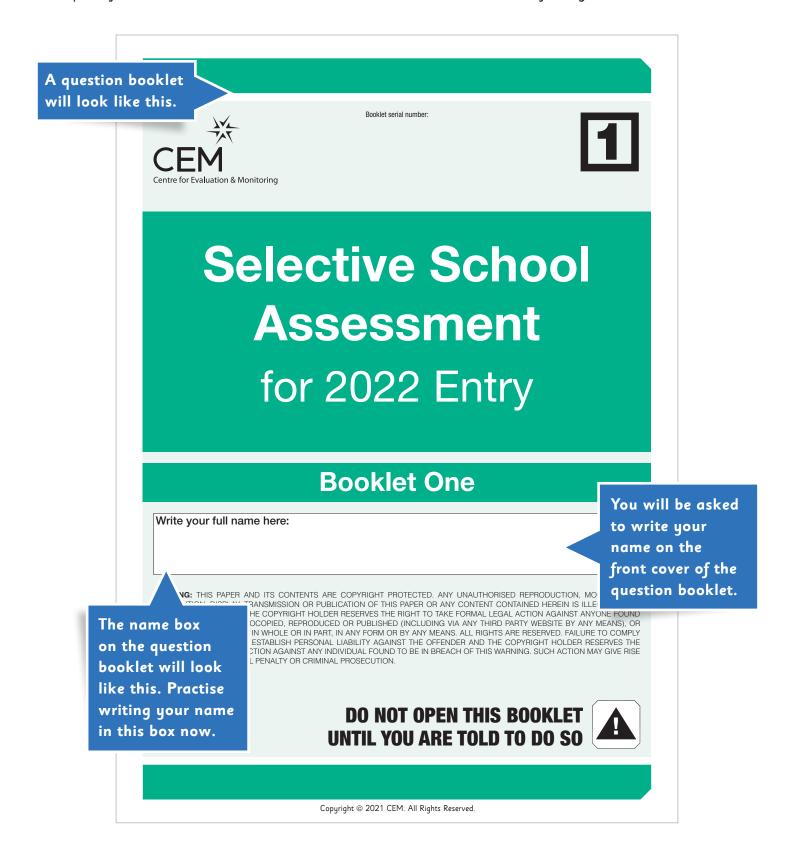
- a camera
- a watch
- any electronic devices
- recording equipment or study notes

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The test booklets

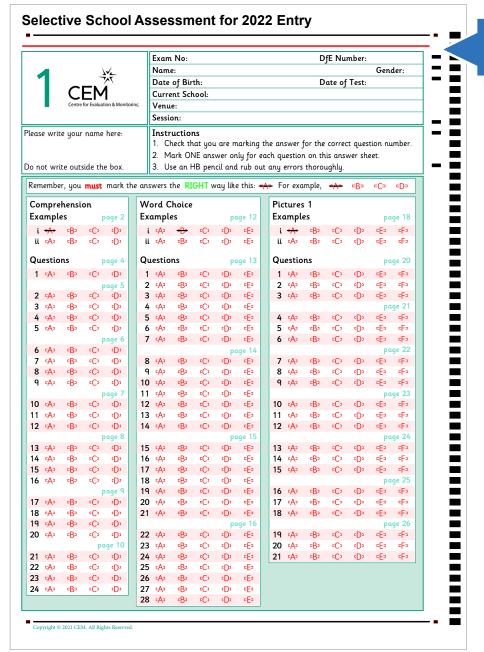
In the real test, you will be asked to work through **two** question booklets.

You must read the questions in these booklets and then mark your answers on a separate answer sheet. Examples of these booklets and answer sheets are included towards the end of this guide.



The answer sheets

The answer sheet will have your name and some information about you already printed on it. Check that the information shown is correct.



An answer sheet will look like this.

You should tell an adult if there are any mistakes on your sheet, or the information is missing.

If you have to write the information on the sheet, do this neatly and carefully. Ask an adult if you need help.

If you have to write your date of birth on the sheet, take care to write your actual date of birth and **NOT** the date you are taking the test.

You will be asked to write your name here, in the small box. Exam No: DfE Number:
Name: Gender:
Date of Birth: Date of Test:
Current School:
Venue:
Session:

Please write your name here:

Instructions
1. Check that you are marking the answer for the correct question number.
2. Mark ONE answer only for each question on this answer sheet.
3. Use an HB pencil and rub out any errors thoroughly.

Information about using the question booklets

Each page of the question booklet will have information to help you shown on it.

- The page number is in the top corner of each page.
- The title of each section is shown on the top line of each page.

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Word Choice

Instructions at the bottom of the pages include the following symbols and words to explain what you need to do:





Go to the next page



Do not turn the page until you are told to do so



Stop working and await instructions

You will also be given instructions about what to do before the test starts by a voice recording, which may be played through a CD player or a computer. Sometimes an adult in the room may read the instructions to you.

What kind of questions are in the question booklets?

In the test, it will take about an hour to answer the questions in each booklet.

There are a number of sections in each booklet. You may be asked questions about reading, sentences, words and their meanings, mathematics and you will also be asked to solve some shape puzzles.

Each section starts with some examples, showing how to answer the different types of questions.

Example questions are numbered using Roman numerals from i up to vi.

Roman numeral	number
i	1
ii	2
iii	3
iv	4
v	5
vi	6

Please note, these numbers will be read-out on the voice recording as 'one', 'two', 'three' etc.

Within each section, you can look back to the example page as often as you wish.

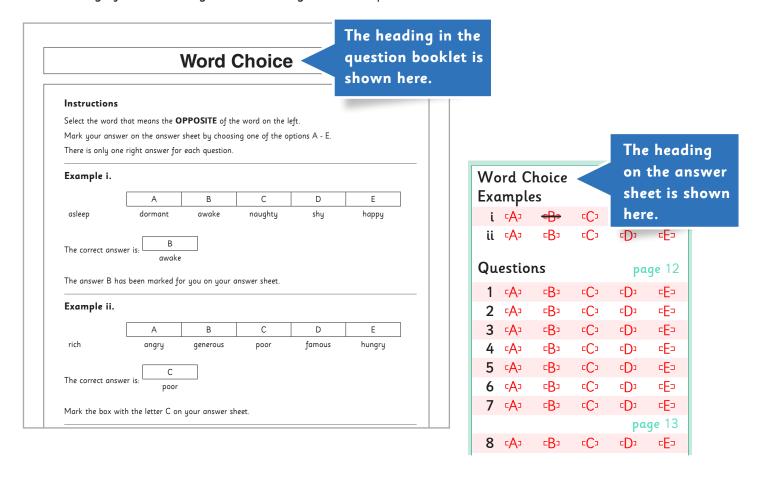
The time available to answer the questions is shown at the start of each section, at the bottom of the example page.



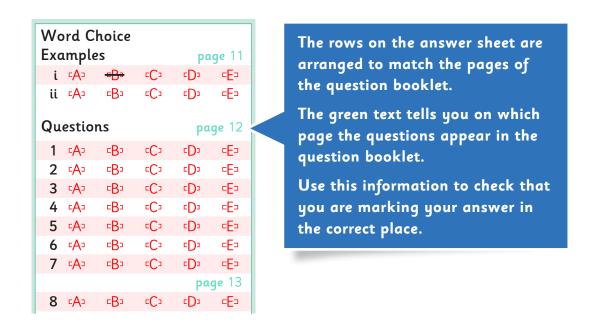
You have 20 minutes for this section.

How to answer the questions

The heading of the section you are working on in the question booklet will be the same on the answer sheet.



You must make sure that you mark your answers in the CORRECT SECTION of the answer sheet.

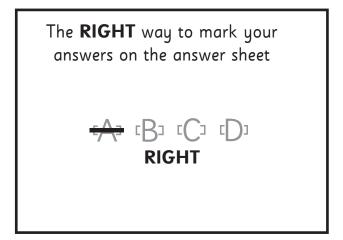


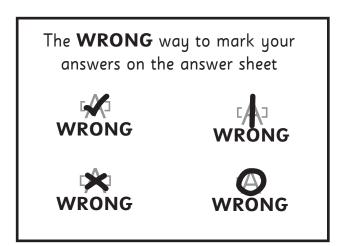
Take care!

If you miss out an answer, remember to leave a gap and mark your next answer on the correct line.

Remember:

- In the real test, you will be given a separate answer sheet for each question booklet.
- You DO NOT mark your answers in the question booklet. Following the real test, a computer is used to
 mark your answer sheets, your question booklets will not be marked, so it is not a good use of your time to
 be writing answers into the question booklets.
- Mark your answers carefully with one straight line, using a pencil





- Mark only one answer on each line.
- If you don't know an answer, move-on, but take care to mark your next answer on the correct line.
- If you make a mistake, or change your mind, rub-out your answer carefully and clearly mark the new answer.

What will a Word Choice section be like?

The Word Choice section tests your vocabulary skills, that is your knowledge of words and their meanings and how words relate to each other.

This guide includes a section of Word Choice questions for you to answer.

There are 25 questions and you have 6 minutes to answer.

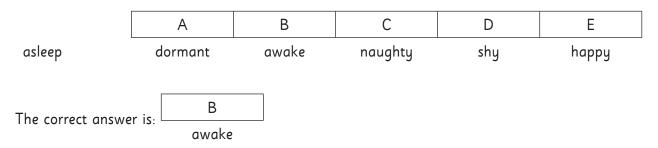
Find the 'Word Choice' section (it starts on page 11 of this guide) and also find the answer sheet on page 17.

You may want to remove the answer sheet from this guide to make it easier to use.

Word Choice questions: Example i

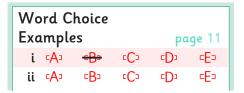
- Find the beginning of the Word Choice section on page 11 of this guide and also look at your answer sheet.
- You are given a word and are asked to find a word with an OPPOSITE meaning from a group of five other words.
- In Example i, you must find the word which has the **OPPOSITE** meaning to 'asleep'. The correct choice is 'awake', because asleep and awake have opposite meanings.

Example i.



The answer B has been marked for you on your answer sheet.

- The correct answer to Example i, 'B', has been marked in the example answer sheet shown below.
- Because the letter 'B' appears above the word 'awake', a line has been marked across the letter 'B' on the answer sheet in the 'Word Choice' section.

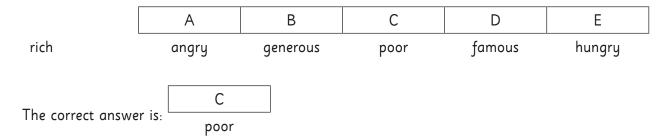


Word Choice questions: Example ii

In Example ii, you must find the word which has the OPPOSITE meaning to 'rich'.

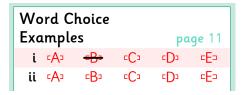
• The correct answer is 'poor', because rich and poor have **OPPOSITE** meanings.

Example ii.



Mark the box with the letter C on your answer sheet.

• As the letter 'C' appears above the word 'poor', you should use an HB pencil to clearly mark a straight line across the letter 'C' on your answer sheet, on row ii of the 'Word Choice' section. Try this in the example here ii [A] [B] [C] [D] [E] and also on your practise answer sheet.



question booklet like this:

How long will you have to answer the Word Choice questions?

In this Word Choice exercise, there are 25 questions and you are allowed 6 minutes to answer them. In the real test you will be told how long you have to answer the questions in a section by a message in the



You have 20 minutes for this section

The recorded voice instructions will also provide you with a reminder.

Helpful things to remember

- You must work quickly and carefully if you are to answer all of the questions, always remembering to mark the correct answer in the right place on your answer sheet.
- Try to answer as many questions as you can. If you cannot answer a question, do not worry, just move on to the next question within the section.
- The answers are grouped to match the pages on which the questions appear. There is a gap between the answers where one page of questions ends and the next starts.
- If you find a mistake, carefully rub-out the incorrect answer and replace it with your new choice.
- If you miss-out a question, be careful to leave a gap on your answer sheet and mark the answer to the next
 question in the correct place.

Now try answering some Word Choice questions.

- Between pages 11 and 15 there are some Word Choice questions for you to answer.
- Remember to use the correct part of your answer sheet.
- When you have decided on the correct answer, look to see which letter appears below your chosen shape.
- Then, use an HB pencil to mark a straight line across this letter on the appropriate row 1 of the 'Word Choice' section ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.
- For example, mark the answer to question 1 here:
- You DO NOT have to mark the answer in the question booklet. In the real test, a computer marks your answer sheet, your question booklet will not be marked.
- **Word Choice** Examples page 11 i A cD3 Œ= Œ: Questions page 12 1 cA3 cE= 2 A □B□ cD_{3} cE= 3 ^cA³ □B□ cC⊐ cD3 cE∍
- Once you have answered question 1, move quickly to question 2.
- You will NOT be asked to move-on to the next question, just keep working through the questions as quickly
 as you can.
- When you have finished, you can check your answers using the table on page 18 of this guide.

Word Choice

Instructions

Select the word that means the **OPPOSITE** of the word on the left.

Mark your answer on the answer sheet by choosing one of the options A - E.

There is only one right answer for each question.

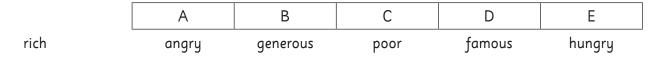
Example i.



The correct answer is: B

The answer B has been marked for you on your answer sheet.

Example ii.



The correct answer is:

Mark the box with the letter C on your answer sheet.



You have 6 minutes for this section.

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Word Choice

	Α	В	С	D	E
exhausted	puzzled	worried	determined	starving	refreshed
	Α	В	С	D	Е
comfort	dismiss	discharge	distress	disagree	distaste
	A	В	С	D	E
polluted	fast	clean	shiny	grand	safe
1	A	В	С	D	E
discard	display	steal	melt	keep	destroy
	А	В	С	D	E
disruptive	friendly	generous	cheerful	lazy	obedient
	Α	В	С	D	Е
grouchy	calm	pleasant	hostile	delicate	sickly
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- 1-11-	A	В	C	D D	E
subtle	unusual	obvious	important	friendly	expensive

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	А	В	С	D	E
valley	hill	nook	arch	scene	track
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unite	A decide	B dismiss	C distract	D define	E divide
	А	В	С	D	Е
reckless	ambitious	fictitious	cautious	suspicious	tremendous
	А	В	С	D	E
timid	bold	funny	unhappy	smart	weak
	A	В	С	D	E
muffle	accelerate	aggravate	agree	amplify	amuse
	Δ.	D			
dishevelled	A brave	B tidy	C friendly	D empty	simple
	А	В	С	D	Е
vibrant	dull	smooth	silent	delicate	still



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Word Choice

		Α	В	С	D	Е
,	vulnerable	intelligent	magnificent	permanent	innocent	protected
		Α	В	С	D	E
	strenuous	crazy	funny	heavy	naughty	easy
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		A	В	C	D	E
	monumental	invisible	inappropriate	infinite	insignificant	ineffective
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	resourceful	destructive	unresponsive	extensive	reactive	unimaginative
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	bliss	previous	misery	privacy	madness	darkness
		А	В	С	D	E
	detest	check	belong	weaken	love	bend
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		Α	В	С	D	Е
	obstruct	hide	treat	assist	empty	find

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juvenile	elderly	antisocial	typical	substantial	deliberate
	Α	В	С	D	E
exceptional	intense	permissible	abrupt	ordinary	conclusive
	А	В	С	D	E
experienced	naïve	nimble	naughty	negative	natural
	Α	В	С	D	Е
prominent	foreign	distant	unimportant	wealthy	exciting

STOP WORKING. You may check your work from this section only.



Answer sheets

The following pages contain the answer sheets, which you can remove from the booklet.

Remember

The **RIGHT** way to mark your answers on the answer sheet

RIGHT

The **WRONG** way to mark your answers on the answer sheet









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4	D		13	В		22	А
5	Е		14	А		23	D
6	В		15	Е		24	А
7	В		16	Е		25	С
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9	E		18	E]		

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Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring

Exam No:

DfE Number:

Name:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Current School:

Venue:

Session:

Please write your name here:

Do not write outside the box.

Instructions

1. Check that you are marking the answer for the correct question number.

Pictures

- 2. Mark ONE answer only for each question on this answer sheet.
- 3. Use an HB pencil and rub out any errors thoroughly.

Remember, you must mark the answers the RIGHT way like this: -A For example, -B -C - D

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