

ENGLISH · YEAR 6

SATs Grammar & Punctuation Paper Prep

All the concepts you'll be tested on

What's on the GPS paper

The KS2 SATs Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper is 50 questions in 45 minutes. Topics tested: word classes, verb forms, sentence types, active and passive voice, direct and reported speech, punctuation rules, apostrophes, subject-verb agreement, and standard vs non-standard English. The spelling test is separate (20 dictation-style spelling questions).

Quick reference: word classes

- 1 Determiner**
Comes before a noun: the, a, my, this, those, several
- 2 Modal verb**
Shows possibility or necessity: can, must, should, might, will
- 3 Preposition**
Shows position or relationship: on, under, before, between, despite
- 4 Conjunction (coordinating)**
Joins equal clauses: and, but, or, so
- 5 Conjunction (subordinating)**
Introduces a subordinate clause: when, because, although, since, while

Set 1: Identify the word class



1. 1. He **QUICKLY** climbed the ladder. (the bold word)
2. 2. **SEVERAL** children waited at the door. (the bold word)
3. 3. We **MIGHT** go swimming tomorrow. (the bold word)
4. 4. The cat sat **UNDER** the table. (the bold word)
5. 5. **ALTHOUGH** she was tired, she finished. (the bold word)
6. 6. **THIS** book belongs to the library. (the bold word)
7. 7. The bell rang **LOUDLY**. (the bold word)
8. 8. Mum **BAKED** a cake. (the bold word)

Set 2: Active or passive?

1. 1. The cat chased the mouse.
2. 2. The mouse was chased by the cat.
3. 3. Sam ate the cake.
4. 4. The cake was eaten by Sam.
5. 5. The teacher marked the books.
6. 6. The books were marked by the teacher.
7. 7. The window was broken by the football.
8. 8. The wind blew the leaves.

Set 3: Direct to reported speech

1. 1. "I am tired," said Tom. → Tom said that he ___ tired.
2. 2. "We are going to the park," said the children. → The children said that they ___ going to the park.
3. 3. "I will help you," she said. → She said that she ___ help me.
4. 4. "I have lost my keys," he said. → He said that he ___ lost his keys.
5. 5. "The bus is late," said Mum. → Mum said that the bus ___ late.

Answer key



Set 1: 1. adverb 2. determiner 3. modal verb 4. preposition 5. subordinating conjunction 6. determiner 7. adverb 8. verb

Set 2: 1. active 2. passive 3. active 4. passive 5. active 6. passive 7. passive 8. active

Set 3: 1. was 2. were 3. would 4. had 5. was

