
Minimum Standard Reading Test

Sample Questions

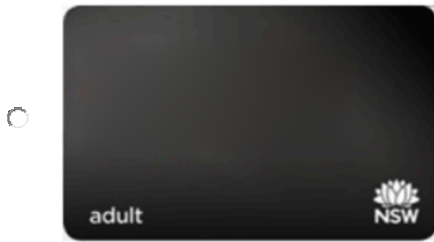
1. Which is the correct punctuation to complete the sentence to show surprise?

That's amazing

- !
- ?
- :
- ,

Level	1
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Recognises the use of basic punctuation with some accuracy – exclamation marks

2. Which travel card should a 12-year-old use?



Adult
if you're 16 years of age, or older, and normally pay full fare



Child/Youth
if you're aged 4-15 years old, or a full time NSW/ACT school student aged 16 years or older



Senior/Pensioner
for eligible NSW seniors, interstate seniors, pensioners and asylum seekers



Concession
for eligible tertiary students, apprentices and trainees, job seekers and Centrelink customers

Level	1
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Locates one or two pieces of information from a simple text

3. *Did you know he _____ won the award for best player three times?*

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

- did
- has
- have
- will

Level	1
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Uses grammar with some accuracy

4. There is an extra word in this sentence. Which word is not needed?

A towbar is used to attach together a trailer to a car.

- used
- attach
- together
- to

Level	2
Key	C
Reporting descriptor	Demonstrates an expanding bank of words

5. The following sentences are missing the punctuation mark at the end.

Which sentence is a question?

- Sam questioned his best friend
- Sam, are you still my best friend
- Sam asked me if he is my best friend
- Sam requested Joe to step off his foot

Level	2
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Recognises the use of basic punctuation with some accuracy – question marks

6. *After following the path for quite a while, we wondered _____ we would end up.*

Which word would complete this sentence accurately?

- wear
- were
- where
- we're

Level	2
Key	C
Reporting descriptor	Spells with some accuracy

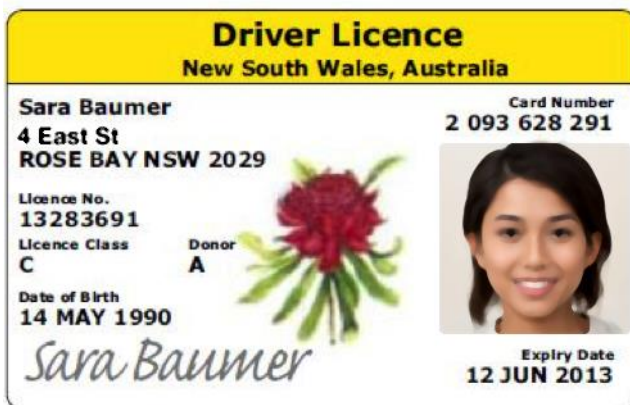
7. The supervisor wanted me to work **additional** hours last weekend.

Which of the words is closest in meaning to *additional* in this sentence?

- extra
- most
- some
- total

Level	2
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Demonstrates an expanding bank of words

8. Sara's driver licence is shown.



What is Sara's licence number?

- 12062013
- 13283691
- 14051990
- 2093628291

Level	2
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Extracts specific information from text

9. The table shows the settings for various wash programs in a washing machine.

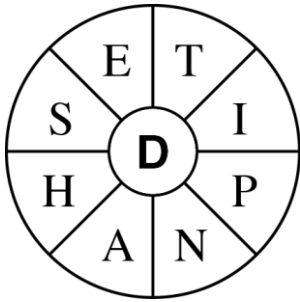
Program	Select this Program	Water Level	Temperature	Soak	Rinse Option
Regular wash	For an average domestic load of mixed fabrics	Full	Warm	No Soak	Eco Rinse
Cold wash	For synthetic or mixed fabrics, underwear, coloured garments, non-shrink shirts, blouses	High	Cold	No Soak	Deep Rinse
Fast Wash	For a very small load of mixed fabrics	Medium	Warm	No Soak	Deep Rinse
Delicates	For lingerie, lace, trimmed and embroidered items	Full	Cold	No Soak	Deep Rinse
Heavy Duty	For a heavily soiled cotton wash load	Full	Warm	No Soak	Deep Rinse
Colours	For coloured items of mixed fabrics	High	Cold	No Soak	Deep Rinse
Woollens	For woollen fabrics labelled 'Machine Washable'	High	Cold	No Soak	Deep Rinse
Hand Wash	For articles of clothing whose label indicates that they must be hand-washed	High	Warm	15 Min.	Deep Rinse
Bedding	For bedding fabrics labelled 'Machine Washable'	Full	Hot	No Soak	Deep Rinse

Which program has a full water level and a cold wash temperature setting?

- Delicates
- Woollens
- Hand Wash
- Bedding

Level	2
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Extracts specific information from text

10. This word wheel game has 9 letters. The aim is to make words that have 4 or more of these letters. Each word must contain the letter in the middle of the circle. Players need to make as many words as they can.



According to the rules, which of these words would be counted in the game?

- TEN
- HANDS
- SPAN
- SPENT

Level	2
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Extracts specific information from text

11. *It is a country with snow-capped alps, tranquil fiords and luscious rainforests.*

What part of speech is *luscious*, as used in this sentence?

- adjective
- adverb
- noun
- verb

Level	3
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Uses grammar with accuracy - identifies adjective

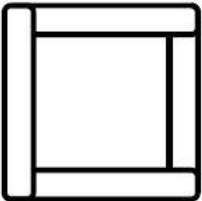
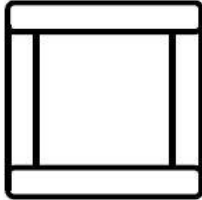
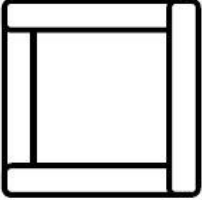
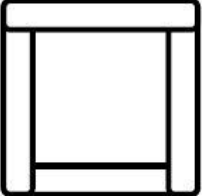
12. These are instructions for making a frame from sticks.

How to make a stick frame

Place 2 sticks in a vertical parallel position flat on the table.

Then place 2 more sticks on top of them at the upper and lower edges to form a square.

Which one of these frames matches the instructions?

- 
- 
- 
- 

Level	3
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Integrates information from a range of sources, utilising appropriate visual support materials

13. Which sentence is written correctly?

- 'Do you want me to pick you up after work tonight', asked Charlie.
- 'Do you want me to pick you up after work tonight?' Asked Charlie.
- 'Do you want me to pick you up after work tonight?' asked Charlie.
- 'Do you want me to pick you up after work tonight.' Asked Charlie.

Level	3
Key	C
Reporting descriptor	Recognises the use of punctuation with reasonable accuracy – quotation marks

14. The _____ candidate has to appeal to the majority of voters.

Choose the correctly spelt word to complete this sentence.

- sucesfull
- successful
- succesfull
- successful

Level	3
Key	D
Reporting descriptor	Spells with reasonable accuracy

15. Police Boys Clubs were established in New South Wales in 1937 to provide young boys a safe and positive alternative to the streets. Today, the Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) operate more than 64 clubs and centres through the state and one of the largest youth organisations in Australia. They are now community centres providing young people, both boys and girls, with sports, recreational and educational facilities, as well as having fitness classes for adults.

How are these clubs today different from when they were first started?

- They now include girls.
- There are fewer clubs now.
- They now offer sports as an activity.
- Their goals have changed over the years.

Level	3
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Locates and comprehends explicit information in written material of relative complexity

16. A job advertisement for an apprentice is shown.

1st YEAR JUNIOR APPRENTICE CHEF

A well-established company is looking for a 1st Year Junior Apprentice Chef.

This is a 4-year apprenticeship and all on the job and off the job training will be provided.

Experience is not required but a demonstrated commitment to the trade is essential.

Duties include preparing and cooking meals.

This is a full time position to which Award wages apply; an immediate start is available.

Please forward your application to info@atep.org.au.

Which statement is true from the advertisement?

- This is a part-time job.
- Applications cannot be emailed.
- The job does not start for 4 years.
- You do not need to have been a chef before.

Level	3
Key	D
Reporting descriptor	Locates and comprehends explicit information in written material of relative complexity

17. The extract shows some posts in a blog for teenagers.

Tattoos. Good or Bad?
<p>Dreamer. <i>posted this thread...</i> Jun. 24, 2018 at 6:41 pm I personally love tattoos. Other people's opinions?</p>
<p>Jonno. <i>replied...</i> Jun. 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm I just don't think tattoos are a good idea... I mean, once they're on, they're on for good!</p>
<p>Dreamer. <i>replied...</i> Jun. 24, 2018 at 7:32 pm But I think tattoos are a lovely way of self expression and people should get them if they want them :) Personally, I would only get incredibly meaningful tattoos.</p>
<p>Cool-luke. <i>replied...</i> Jun. 27, 2018 at 10:02 am My oldest brother has two on his left bicep. They have vines and things on them, and his son and daughter's names. One for each of them.</p>
<p>Smiley <i>replied...</i> Jun. 29, 2018 at 10:42 am I of course mean no offence to people who have tattoos or are planning to get them, but I really do not like them. Truth be told, I have seen so many cheesy-looking tattoos. It just doesn't appeal to me. There are also so many people that have them now, that it kind of loses its significance in my opinion.</p>

Which blogger does not express an opinion on the subject?

- Dreamer
- Jonno
- Cool-luke
- Smiley

Level	3
Key	C
Reporting descriptor	Identifies fact and opinion

18. Read the following quote.

One of the **most courageous** things you can do is identify yourself, know who you are, what you believe in and where you want to go.

– Sheila Murray Bethel

Which of the following can best replace *most courageous* in this quote?

- bravest
- cleverest
- most eloquent
- most isolated

Level	3
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Predicts the meaning of unknown words by considering surrounding words, phrases and sentences

19. Which is the best way to combine all the information in these sentences into one sentence?

Western Australia is Australia's largest state.

Western Australia has many different attractions.

Western Australia's wildlife is very diverse.

- Western Australia, Australia's largest state, has diverse wildlife and many different attractions.
- Western Australia has many attractions because of the diverse wildlife and it is Australia's largest state.
- Australia's largest state is Western Australia because it has different attractions and diverse wildlife.
- Western Australia is Australia's largest state and it has many different attractions but its wildlife is very diverse.

Level	4
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Comprehends simple and complex syntactic structures

20. Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- The teacher collected the students' permission notes for the excursion.
- The teacher collected the student's permission note's for the excursion.
- The teacher collected the students permission notes' for the excursion.
- The teacher collected the students permission note's for the excursion.

Level	4
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Recognises the use of punctuation accurately and effectively – apostrophe of possession

21. *My friend said that she was _____ going to the game on Saturday.*

Which is the correct spelling of the word that will fill the blank?

- definitely
- definitly
- definitley
- definatly

Level	4
Key	A
Reporting descriptor	Spells with accuracy

22.



Cycle Trails Australia – Judbarra/Gregory National Park, NT

This is a great rugged track winding through remote bushland in the heart of the Judbarra/Gregory National Park for those liking some **solitude**. It's a challenge for those who appreciate, and are prepared for, the really tough mountain bike stuff. Maybe two 4WDs a day traverse the track in the short time it's open each year. Not many other people are out there at all. Ownership of the national park was returned to the Traditional Owners. From 2021, it will be known as Judbarra National Park.

What is the meaning of the word *solitude* as used in the text?

- action
- adventure
- isolation
- space

Level	4
Key	C
Reporting descriptor	Demonstrates an expanding bank of words

23. Some Aboriginal communities have published dictionaries to help in reviving their languages. For example, a Wiradjuri Language dictionary explains the counting system:
- *ngumbaay* (one)
 - *bula* (two)
 - *bungu* or *bula bula* (four)
 - *marra* (five)

For the number three, you say *bula ngumbaay*.

Based on this information, how would you say 'six' in Wiradjuri?

- ngumbaay bula*
- marra ngumbaay*
- bula marra*
- marra bungu*

Level	4
Key	B
Reporting descriptor	Comprehends texts of relative complexity - draws conclusion from text

24.

Car racing calendar				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Sprint Cars</i>	<i>Monster Trucks</i>	<i>Stock Cars</i>	<i>Kart Racing</i>
Dec 20	*	*		
Dec 23		*	*	*
Jan 1		*	*	
Jan 3	*		*	*
Jan 5		*		*
Jan 6	*	*	*	*

Scott likes watching Monster Trucks and Kart Racing at the speedway.

What is the first date in January when he can see both on the same day?

- Dec 23
- Jan 1
- Jan 5
- Jan 6

Level	4
Key	C
Reporting descriptor	Compares and contrasts information found in tables and charts