



2026 KS1 Reading

Non-statutory

2026 Non-statutory Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 1 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
2	14	0	4	0
10%	70%	0%	20%	0%

90% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
(2026 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, pp4-5)

2026 Non-statutory Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 2 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
2	13	1	4	0
10%	65%	5%	20%	0%

85% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

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Content Domain Coverage - Papers 1 and 2 combined

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
4	27	1	8	0
10%	67.5%	2.5%	20%	0%

87.5% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

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**Compared to previous
years ...**



2025 Non-statutory Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 1 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
3	10	0	7	0
15%	50%	0%	35%	0%

85% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
(2025 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, pp4-5)

2025 Non-statutory Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 2 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
3	13	0	4	0
15%	65%	0%	20%	%

85% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
(2025 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, pp4-5)

2025 Non-statutory Reading Tests Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Papers 1 and 2 combined

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
6	23	0	11	0
15%	57.5%	0%	27.5%	0%

85% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

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(2025 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, pp4-5)

2024 Non-statutory Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 1 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
3	13	0	4	0
15%	65%	0%	20%	0%

85% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
(2024 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, pp4-5)

2024 Non-statutory Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 2 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
2	10	0	8	0
10%	50%	0%	40%	0%

90% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

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(2024 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, pp4-5)

2024 Non-statutory Reading Tests Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Papers 1 and 2 combined

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
5	23	0	12	0
12.5%	57.5%	0%	30%	0%

87.5% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
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2023 Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 1 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
2	13	0	5	0
10%	65%	0%	25%	0%

90% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
(2023 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, p4)

2023 Reading Test Key Stage 1

Content Domain Coverage - Paper 2 only

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
3	12	1	3	1
15%	60%	5%	15%	5%

75% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

Note: Some questions assess more than one area of the content domain. Any secondary content domain references are indicated in the mark schemes.
(2023 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, p4)

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Content Domain Coverage - Papers 1 and 2 combined

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e
<i>Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.</i>	<i>Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as characters, events, titles and information.</i>	<i>Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.</i>	<i>Make inferences from the text.</i>	<i>Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</i>
5	25	1	8	1
12.5%	62.5%	2.5%	20%	2.5%

82.5% of questions assessed retrieval and inference.

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(2023 KS1 English Reading Test Mark Schemes, STA, p4)