

11 plus practice papers: the free official sources, the plan, and a 20-question set

The free official papers, with answers

Source	What	Format
GL Assessment free familiarisation materials (11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk)	About ten hours: VR, NVR, English, maths, NVR and maths, verbal skills, printable PDFs with answers	The GL layout and types; local timings and question numbers may differ
Kent County Council	The Kent Test familiarisation booklet (licensed from GL), yearly	The Kent format
Buckinghamshire Council	The familiarisation booklet, and the practice test on 8 September 2026	The Bucks format
CSSE (csse.org.uk)	Real past papers for the Essex schools, English and maths, with answers	Standard answer
Other councils and consortia	Familiarisation booklets or links to GL's	The area's format
Independent schools; ISEB	Sample papers on admissions pages; ISEB familiarisation	The school's style; online adaptive

GL's live papers are never released, so there are no real past papers for GL areas; packs sold as 'Kent past papers' are practice papers in the style. Match the format: multiple choice for GL areas, standard answer for CSSE and most independents.

The plan: about 25 to 40 full papers between the start of Year 5 and the test

When	Papers	The work between them	Done
Year 5, autumn and spring	The question types first; one familiarisation paper in the spring for pace	VR types one a week; maths a year ahead; a book a week	[]
Year 5, summer term	One a week, alternating subjects, marked by type	The two weakest types each week	[]
Summer holidays	One a week; nothing in the last week	Ten minutes of vocabulary a day; reading	[]
Last six weeks	Two a week, timed, in the area's format	Pace rules: skip and return, no blanks on multiple choice	[]

Marking grid: by question type, not by score

Paper (date, subject)	Right / total	Types wrong (count each)	Teach next

Twenty questions: VR, maths, English (20 minutes, no calculator)

Verbal reasoning

1. If CAT is written in a code as DBU, how is DOG written?
2. Odd one out: apple, banana, carrot, pear
3. One letter completes the first word and begins the second: fin (?) at
4. Hot is to cold as up is to ?
5. Next: 3, 6, 12, 24, ?
6. Next: AZ, BY, CX, ?
7. One word from each bracket makes a new word: (grass, dog) (hopper, pit)
8. Closest in meaning to rapid: slow, quick, large, quiet

Maths

9. Three quarters of 120
10. 1.5 km in metres
11. 27×13
12. A train leaves at 14:35 and arrives at 16:10. How long is the journey?
13. The mean of 7, 9 and 14
14. The perimeter of a rectangle 12 cm by 7 cm
15. $\frac{2}{5}$ as a percentage
16. Next: 1, 4, 9, 16, ?

English

17. Correct the spelling: recieve
18. The plural of child
19. Which word is the noun: 'The quick fox jumped.'
20. Punctuate correctly: its raining today

Answers

No.	Answer	Why
1	EPH	Each letter one forward
2	Carrot	A vegetable; the others are fruit
3	e	fine, eat
4	Down	Opposites
5	48	Doubling
6	DW	First letter forward, second back
7	Grasshopper	The only pair that makes a word
8	Quick	Synonym
9	90	$120 / 4 \times 3$
10	1,500 m	$1 \text{ km} = 1,000 \text{ m}$
11	351	$27 \times 10 + 27 \times 3$
12	1 h 35 min	14:35 to 16:10
13	10	$30 / 3$
14	38 cm	$2 \times (12 + 7)$
15	40%	$\frac{2}{5} = 40/100$
16	25	Square numbers
17	Receive	i before e except after c
18	Children	Irregular plural
19	Fox	The naming word; quick is an adjective, jumped a verb
20	It's raining today.	It's = it is; capital and full stop

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