

NAPLAN practice tests, Years 3 to 9: the twelve-week plan and 20 mixed questions

What each year level sits (all online except Year 3 writing)

Year	Writing	Reading	Conventions	Numeracy
3	Paper, 40 min	45 min	45 min	45 min, no calculator
5	Typed, 42 min	50 min	45 min	50 min, no calculator
7	Typed, 42 min	65 min	45 min	65 min: calculator, then non-calculator
9	Typed, 42 min	65 min	45 min	65 min: calculator, then non-calculator

The twelve-week plan (mid-December to 10 March): tick each week

Weeks	What happens	Tests	Done
1 to 2	First practice test, untimed; mark by topic; list the two weakest topics	Numeracy 1; one writing prompt, untimed	[]
3 to 6	Holidays: ten minutes a day of number facts; a chapter book; ten spelling words a week	None	[]
7 to 9	The rest of the year's strand taught in the school's order, two lessons a week; the online question types on the demonstration site	Second writing prompt, timed, marked to the criteria	[]
10	Second practice test, timed; mark by topic; the pace rules (read twice, skip and return)	Numeracy 2	[]
11	Last gaps; Years 7 and 9: the calculator / non-calculator split; conventions rules	A conventions set	[]
12	Third test for confidence; nothing new; sleep, breakfast, device charged	Numeracy 3, short	[]

Marking by topic

Test	Right / 30	Wrong, by topic (did not know / misread / slip / time)	Teach next
1			
2			
3			

Twenty mixed numeracy questions, five per year level

A quick check that the year's strand is in place, not a test. Four or five right at the child's year level: ready for a full practice test.
Two or three: the strand needs teaching first. No calculator.

Year 3

1. $348 + 275$	
2. 7×8	
3. Half of 46	
4. The time 45 minutes after quarter past 3	
5. A shape with four equal sides and four right angles is a ...	

Year 5

6. $3.6 + 2.75$	
7. The area of a rectangle 8 cm by 5 cm	
8. Three quarters of 24	
9. $1,000 - 457$	
10. A straight angle measures ... degrees	

Year 7

11. $-3 + 8$	
12. 15% of 80	
13. \$40 shared in the ratio 2 : 3	
14. Simplify $3a + 2a - a$	
15. The circumference of a circle with radius 7 cm (take pi as $\frac{22}{7}$)	

Year 9

16. Solve $3x - 5 = 16$	
17. The hypotenuse of a right triangle with legs 6 and 8	
18. $2^5 \times 2^3$ as a number	
19. The gradient of the line through (0, 1) and (2, 7)	
20. The probability of rolling more than 4 on a fair die	

Answers

1) 623 2) 56 3) 23 4) 4:00 5) square 6) 6.35 7) 40 cm^2 8) 18 9) 543 10) 180° 11) 5 12) 12 13) \$16 and \$24 14) 4a 15) 44 cm 16) $x = 7$ 17) 10 18) 256 19) 3 20) $\frac{1}{3}$

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