Free Year 4 11+ Taster: answers and explanations

For parents. Keep this away from your child until the mock is finished.

About this taster. A gentle introduction to 11+ question types for children in Year 3 or Year 4, at a Year 4 level. It is much shorter and easier than the real test, so the score cannot predict a result. Use it to see which question types are new to your child.

How to mark. One mark per question. A question left blank scores 0, and a question with more than one lozenge marked scores 0. There is no negative marking. Keep a note of how many questions in each section were not attempted, as well as how many were wrong.
What the score means. These are raw practice marks. They are not Kent standardised scores and cannot be converted into one: real scores are age-standardised against everyone who sat the live test. Use the result to find topics to practise, not to predict a pass.

Section	Q	Answer	Topic	Explanation
EN	1	**B**	Comprehension: retrieval	Correct answer: an old blue shirt. Grandad had saved "an old blue shirt", and Leo "stretched the blue cloth over the frame".
EN	2	**D**	Comprehension: retrieval	Correct answer: twelve. "He tied twelve red ribbons along a piece of string."
EN	3	**D**	Comprehension: language	Correct answer: it was a windy day, good for flying a kite. Washing only "dances" when the wind blows it about, so it was windy: just right for a kite.
EN	4	**B**	Comprehension: inference	Correct answer: There were no trees to catch the string. The story says there were "no trees to catch the string".
EN	5	**C**	Comprehension: inference	Correct answer: The kite is flying well, even though it looked floppy before. On Saturday the kite "looked rather droopy". Now it is flying high, so Grandad is joking that it is not droopy any more.
EN	6	**A**	Punctuation	Names of people, places and days of the week need capital letters, and the sentence needs a full stop at the end.
EN	7	**E**	Grammar	"Yesterday" tells us the sentence is in the past tense. The past tense of "fly" is "flew".
MA	1	**E**	Times tables	3 × 4 = 12. Watch out for 9: you get that if you use 3 × 3.
MA	2	**E**	Money	Total: 30p + 85p = £1.15. Change: £5.00 − £1.15 = £3.85. Watch out for £1.15: you get that if you give the total cost, not the change.
MA	3	**D**	Fractions	1/4 of 16 = 16 ÷ 4 = 4. So 3/4 = 3 × 4 = 12. Watch out for 4: you get that if you find 1/4 but did not multiply by 3.
MA	4	**D**	Rounding	Look at the digit to the right of the hundreds. 3,691 is nearer to 3,700 than to 3,600. Watch out for 3,600: you get that if you round the wrong way.
MA	5	**D**	Measures	There are 1,000 grams in 1 kilogram, so 2.5 kilograms = 2.5 × 1,000 = 2,500 grams. Watch out for 250: you get that if you use the wrong number of grams in one kilogram.
MA	6	**E**	Bar chart	Grapes = 13, Apple = 6. 13 − 6 = 7. Watch out for 6: you get that if you misread a half-way bar.
VR	1	**C**	Compound words	sauce + pan = saucepan.
VR	2	**C**	Word-letter codes	Each letter moves 2 places forward in the alphabet.
VR	3	**E**	Number series	The rule is: two series are interleaved: one adds 3, the other subtracts 2. The next number is 55.
VR	4	**A**	Closest meaning	stern means "serious and strict". strict means the same.
NVR	1	**C**	Series	The arrow turns 135° clockwise each time, the small shape moves one corner clockwise.

NVR	2	**E**	Reflection	Each part flips across the upright mirror line: what was on the left is now on the right, and shading stays the same.
NVR	3	**C**	Matrices	In each row, the dots in the first two figures add up to the dots in the third. 2 + 1 = 3, and the shape stays the same along the row.

Practice questions (not marked)

Section	Q	Answer	Topic	Explanation
EN	P1	**E**	Practice (not marked)	There is more than one kite, so we add -s to make the plural. No apostrophe is needed.
MA	P1	**D**	Practice (not marked)	11 × 11 = 121. Watch out for 110: you get that if you use 11 × 10.
VR	P1	**B**	Practice (not marked)	The rule is: the gap increases by 1 each time. The next number is 20.

Topic index: what to practise after this mock

Circle the question numbers your child got wrong. Any topic with a circled number is worth a short practice session, using the matching topic pack and the worked solutions.

Topic	Questions
Bar chart	MA 6
Closest meaning	VR 4
Compound words	VR 1
Comprehension: inference	EN 4, EN 5
Comprehension: language	EN 3
Comprehension: retrieval	EN 1, EN 2
Fractions	MA 3
Grammar	EN 7
Matrices	NVR 3
Measures	MA 5
Money	MA 2
Number series	VR 3
Punctuation	EN 6
Reflection	NVR 2
Rounding	MA 4
Series	NVR 1
Times tables	MA 1
Word-letter codes	VR 2