



FOUNDATION PAPERS  
VERBAL REASONING  
PAPER A1

Instructions for the pupil.

1. You have 30 minutes to complete the following 50 questions
2. Use the spaces provided for your answers. Use the paper for working out space but please ensure your answers are clearly written where they are required.
3. If you finish early, check your work and attempt all questions to ensure you haven't made any silly errors.
4. If you are having trouble with a question: leave it, move on to the next question and come back to it later.

In these sentences find a FOUR letter word hidden at the end of one word and the beginning of another word. Find the FOUR letter word and write it in the brackets.

- | <b>Eg.</b> | <b>Drink the coffee last.</b>    | <b>( feel )</b> |
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| 1.         | Rub all the ointment in.         | (            )  |
| 2.         | The rim is sharper to the touch. | (            )  |
| 3.         | Always be at the correct place.  | (            )  |
| 4.         | Ben gets bacon every week.       | (            )  |
| 5.         | The car arrived early.           | (            )  |
| 6.         | We found running laps tiring.    | (            )  |

## A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

In each of these questions you need to find the letters that complete the sequence. The above alphabet is there to help you.

7. D, F, H, J, L, ( )
  8. V, S, P, M, J, ( )
  9. J, K, M, P, T, ( )
  10. W, V, T, Q, M, ( )
  11. B, Y, C, X, D, ( )
  12. S, P, ( ), J, G
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These questions deal with numbers. Find the answers to each one and write it in the brackets on the right.

13. Ten is six more than this number. What is it? ( )
  14. If we add 3 to this number then 2 more the answer is 25. What is it? ( )
  15. If this number is multiplied by 10 the answer is 40. ( )
  16. This number is 4 more than half of 60. ( )
  17. When you divide 42 by this number the answer is 7. ( )
  18. Half of 20 is double this number. ( )
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In the examples choose one word from each group to make a sensible word. Underline both words, one from each group.

**Eg** (ride, send, fat) (go, there, her)

19. ( in, snake, shake ) ( side, slide, slid )
20. ( tub, tab, tap ) ( lot, lit, let )
21. ( be, on, so ) ( off, lid, run )
22. ( above, beneath, under ) ( link, line, lied )
23. ( sun, son, sung ) ( lead, tide, light )
24. ( term, hi, late ) ( like, story, pear )

Four children have different pets. Find out who had which one. Use the clues underneath the table to fill out the table.

	Bird	Cat	Dog	Fish
Tracy				
Ben				
Tony				
Laura				

- a) Ben's pet can't fly
- b) Tony's pet has hair, so does Laura's
- c) Laura's pet doesn't bark

- 25. Tracy's pet (            )
- 26. Ben's pet (            )
- 27. Tony's pet (            )
- 28. Laura's pet (            )

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Alex is 3. In four years Alex's dad will be 40.

- 29. How old is Alex's dad now? (            )
- 30. How old will Alex be when his dad is 45? (            )
- 31. How old was Alex's dad when Alex was born? (            )

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- 32. If yesterday was Wednesday what day was it three days ago? (            ).
- 33. If tomorrow is Friday what day will it be in six days? (            ).

The words in capitals have their letters mixed up. Each word has a connection with the two words on its right. Write the correct word with the letters in the correct order in the brackets.

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|-----|---------|-----------|------------|
| 34. | SGALS   | window(   | )drink     |
| 35. | RUSEN   | ill (     | )medicine  |
| 36. | NGLNDAE | country ( | ) Europe   |
| 37. | YGRBU   | sport (   | ) tackle   |
| 38. | OLOHCS  | learning( | ) children |
| 39. | CCBYIEL | wheels (  | ) riding   |

In each question find the two numbers which continue the sequence the most sensible way.

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
| 40. | 10, | 2,  | 12, | 2,  | 14, | 2,  | (   | ),  | (  | ) |
| 41. | 1,  | 6,  | 2,  | 7,  | 3,  | 8,  | (   | ),  | (  | ) |
| 42. | 34, | 31, | (   | ),  | 25, | 22, | (   | ),  | 16 |   |
| 43. | 4,  | 8,  | 14, | 18, | (   | ),  | 28, | 34, | (  | ) |
| 44. | 4,  | 7,  | 5,  | 8,  | 6,  | 9,  | (   | ),  | (  | ) |

In these questions underline the ONE word in each line which can be made from the letters of the word written in capital letters.

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|-----|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 45. | GOVERNMENT  | (team, groan, tent, tame, green)     |
| 46. | RESPONSIBLE | ( bold, lean, real, sense, rest )    |
| 47. | ENCOURAGE   | ( caged, cranes, raged, gain, green) |

In the questions below S=2, T=3, A=4, G=5, E=6, D=7. Use this information to solve these questions.

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| 48. | Add together the letters 'SAG'.                                                                           | ( | ) |
| 49. | Add together the letters 'GATE'.                                                                          | ( | ) |
| 50. | Add together the first two letters of 'TAGS' and take away the last letter. Write the answer as a letter. | ( | ) |

