

Parent Guide

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What is this resource and how do I use it?

This assessment pack features a quick guide to the verbal reasoning tests, as well as an introduction to the 'compound words' questions your child might encounter. Then, there are two sets of questions for your child to have a go at. We have included an answer guide too so that you can help your child to spot patterns and similarities.

What skills does this practise?

Verbal Reasoning

Compound Words

Vocabulary

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

For more verbal reasoning practice, check out this [11+ Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper: 3 Letter Words 2 Assessment Pack](#) and this [11+ Week of Workouts - Verbal Reasoning](#). You can encourage your child to get in some bite-size practice of all the 11+ skills with this set of [11+ Activity Mats](#).

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Compound Words

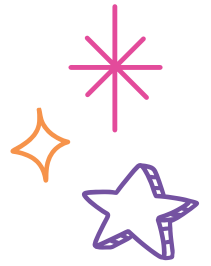


Verbal reasoning is the ability to understand and reason using concepts that are framed in words. It aims to assess a child's ability to think constructively with a series of verbal reasoning questions.

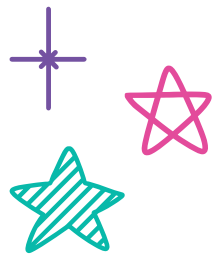
Children perform better in verbal reasoning tests if they read widely and have an extensive vocabulary. Playing lots of word games at home can also help your child with verbal reasoning tests. Try activities such as letter tile games, crosswords and word searches.

The types of questions a child might be asked could focus on:

- finding synonyms and antonyms;
- finding a letter that will complete two words, e.g. woo (d) oor;
- finding a word hidden inside another word, e.g. the word pen hidden inside independent;
- spotting the odd one out in a list of words;
- breaking a code where each letter of the alphabet is represented by a different letter or number.

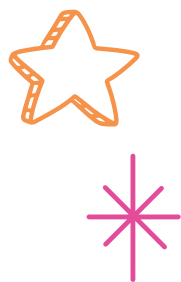


Here is an example of the type of question you may get in this section:



Which two words can make a new compound word?

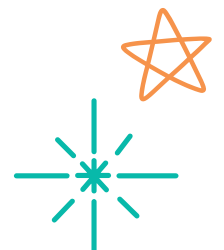
(hand head eye) (time print walk)



The answer is **hand** and **print** because they can be put together to create the compound word **handprint**.



For a thorough guide to all aspects of the 11+ test, try our **Survival Guide for Parents/Carers**.





Compound Words



A compound word is a word that is made up of one or more words.



Some examples of compound words include:



handprint

lifetime

barnyard



gingerbread

starfish



In the questions on this test, you will need to find the two words that can be put together to create a compound word.

You will usually be given two sets of brackets, each with a selection of words inside. You will need to choose one word from within each set. Read the question carefully, as it might ask you to circle or underline a word from each set.

For example:



Underline one word from each set of brackets to create a compound word.

(run dance stand) (roof door floor)



You might also be given some options to choose from.

For example:

Which two words can make a new compound word?

(bath sink tap)

(soap mat hair)

bath hair

sink tap

bath mat

tap soap



11+ Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper

Compound Words: Test 1

Which two words can make a new compound word?

1.

(hand toe foot)

(sun some sum)

hand sun toe sun foot some hand some

2.

(sun moon butter)

(pass fly path)

sun pass moon path butter fly moon pass

3.

(fire ice snow)

(watch work wind)

fire wind snow watch ice wind fire work

4.

(eye finger foot)

(pack patch storm)

eye patch finger patch foot pack eye storm

5.

(watch book honey)

(mat script dog)

honey mat book script watch dog honey script

6.

(head grand grave)

(fish storm yard)

grave storm grand fish head yard grave yard

7.

(group squad band)

(hop stand sit)

group stand squad hop band hop band stand

8.

(tear sob rip)

(drop fall spill)

tear drop tear spill rip drop sob fall



11+ Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper: Compound Words: Test 1 Answers

1.

(hand toe foot)

(sun some sum)

hand sun toe sun foot some hand some

The words **hand** and **some** create the compound word **handsome**.

2.

(sun moon butter)

(pass fly path)

sun pass moon path butter fly moon pass

The words **butter** and **fly** create the compound word **butterfly**.

3.

(fire ice snow)

(watch work wind)

fire wind snow watch ice wind fire work

The words **fire** and **work** create the compound word **firework**.

4.

(eye finger foot)

(pack patch storm)

eye patch finger patch foot pack eye storm

The words **eye** and **patch** create the compound word **eyepatch**.

5.

(watch book honey)

(mat script dog)

honey mat book script watch dog honey script

The words **watch** and **dog** create the compound word **watchdog**.

6.

(head grand grave)

(fish storm yard)

grave storm grand fish head yard grave yard

The words **grave** and **yard** create the compound word **graveyard**.

7.

(group squad band)

(hop stand sit)

group stand squad hop band hop band stand

The words **band** and **stand** create the compound word **bandstand**.

8.

(tear sob rip)

(drop fall spill)

tear drop tear spill rip drop sob fall

The words **tear** and **drop** create the compound word **teardrop**.

11+ Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper

Compound Words: Test 2

Find and underline two words, one from each group, that form a new compound word.

1.

(room kitchen hall)

(phone way door)

2.

(farm field shed)

(garden yard moor)

3.

(arts crafts draws)

(boy dog man)

4.

(base stand grip)

(bat ball goal)

5.

(shore sea ocean)

(gull crow heron)

6.

(wind gust air)

(plug port station)

7.

(up in on)

(stream play watch)

8.

(blue red green)

(hut cabin house)



11+ Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper: Compound Words: Test 2 Answers

1.

(room kitchen hall)

(phone way door)

hallway

The words **hall** and **way** create the compound word **hallway**.

2.

(farm field shed)

(garden yard moor)

farmyard

The words **farm** and **yard** create the compound word **farmyard**.

3.

(arts crafts draws)

(boy dog man)

craftsman

The words **crafts** and **man** create the compound word **craftsman**.

4.

(base stand grip)

(bat ball goal)

baseball

The words **base** and **ball** create the compound word **baseball**.

5.

(shore sea ocean)

(gull crow heron)

seagull

The words **sea** and **gull** create the compound word **seagull**.

6.

(wind gust air)

(plug port station)

airport

The words **air** and **port** create the compound word **airport**.

7.

(up in on)

(stream play watch)

upstream

The words **up** and **stream** create the compound word **upstream**.

8.

(blue red green)

(hut cabin house)

greenhouse

The words **green** and **house** create the compound word **greenhouse**.