2022 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English reading test mark schemes

Reading answer booklet



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1. Introduction

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for the development and delivery of statutory tests and assessments. STA is an executive agency of the Department for Education.

The 2022 tests assess the national curriculum. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the <u>test framework</u>¹ for English reading at key stage 2. It assesses the aspects of comprehension that lend themselves to a paper test.

A new test and new mark schemes will be produced each year.

Key stage 2 tests are marked by external markers, who receive training to ensure the mark schemes are applied consistently and fairly. The mark schemes are provided to show teachers how the tests are marked. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standards maintenance process. <u>Scaled score conversion tables</u>² for the 2022 tests will be published in July 2022. The standards confirmation meeting will take place in June 2022.

2. Structure of the test

The key stage 2 English reading test comprises:

- a reading booklet containing three texts that increase in demand throughout the booklet
- a reading answer booklet containing questions (50 marks)

¹ www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-english-reading-test-framework

² www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2

3. Content domain coverage

The 2022 test meets the specification set out in the test framework. Table 1 sets out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in the test.

Table 1: Content domain coverage for the 2022 key stage 2 English reading test

	2 a	2 b	2c	2d	2 e	2 f	2 g	2h
	Give or explain the meaning of words in context.	Retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.	Make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.	Identify and / or explain how information or narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.	Identify and / or explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.	Make comparisons within the text.
Qu.				Section 1: T	he Parsnips			
1		1						
2		1						
3a		1						
3b				1				
4		1						
5				1				
6a	1							
6b				2				
7				2				
8	2							
9				1				
10						1		
11			1					
Qu.				Section 2: M	y Circus Life			
12		1						
13		1						
14		1						
15	1	, a						
16		1						
17		2						
18		1						
19		_		1				
20		1						

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21		2						
22		2						
23			1					
Qu.		ı	S	ection 3: A Tr	aveller in Tim	e	ı	
24				1				
25				1				
26	1							
27				1				
28				1				
29				2				
30a		1						
30b		1						
31				1				
32a		1						
32b				1				
33				3				
34					1			
35				3				
Total	5	19	2	22	1	1		

4. Explanation of the mark schemes

The number of marks available for each question is given at the side of the page in the reading answer booklet. Incorrect or unacceptable answers are given a mark of 0. No half marks are awarded.

The mark scheme for each question contains acceptable points, which are indicated either by a numbered list or a square bullet point (if there is only one possible answer). These must be treated as marking principles, not the exact response a pupil needs to give.

They also contain examples of some frequently occurring correct answers given by pupils in the trials. These are shown in italics and are introduced by round bullet points. Many pupils will, however, have different ways of wording an acceptable answer. In assessing each answer, markers focus on the content of what has been written and not on the quality of the writing, expression or grammatical construction.

For 'find and copy' questions, the correct answer is indicated by the word(s) outside the brackets. The word(s) inside the brackets indicate the maximum quotation that is allowed. Copying must be accurate but minor copying errors or introductions such as 'The answer is...' or 'It's...' will be permitted.

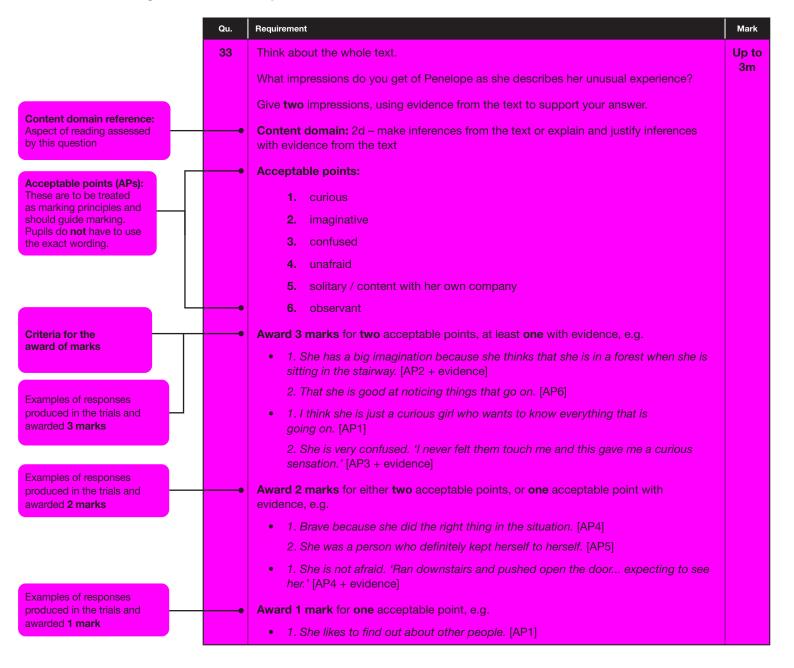
The mark schemes may also indicate commonly occurring but incorrect answers that should not be accepted.

Recording marks awarded

Pupils' test papers are scanned so that marking can be conducted on screen by trained markers.

For each question, markers record the award of 3, 2, 1 or 0 marks as appropriate, according to the mark scheme criteria. There is provision in the software to record questions not attempted. The software aggregates marks automatically.

The diagram below exemplifies the content of the mark schemes:



5. Mark schemes for the English reading test

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	Veronika's football team has two names.	1m
	What are the two names?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to Parrs Under 11s and The Parsnips, e.g.	
	The Parsnips	
	Parsnips	
	Parrs under 11s	
	• Parrs.	

2	What effect did the knock on the door have on Veronika and her family?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. they were startled / surprised, e.g.	
	it startled them all	
	it gave them a shock	
	• made them jump.	
	2. they were interrupted / disturbed, e.g.	
	it stopped their conversation.	
	Do not accept reference to them being excited.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
3(a)	Who knocked on the door?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to Megan / the team captain, e.g.	
	 Megan Fawcett Megan her captain the captain. 	
3(b)	How can you tell this person was in a good mood?	1m
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. her smiling, e.g.	
	Megan beamed at Veronika	
	• she was smiling.	
	2. the excitement in her facial expression, e.g.	
	she had her face lit up	
	her face shiny and excited.	
	3. her playfulness / the enthusiasm in her voice, e.g.	
	because she spoke joyfully and was very excited	
	because she made a joke.	

4	The Parsnips were going to a tournament.	1m
	Where was it being held?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to Sherburn Sands, e.g.	
	Sherburn SandsSherburn.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
5	Look at page 6.	1m
	"I just have to"	
	Veronika stopped speaking in the middle of a sentence.	
	What was she going to say?	
	I just have to	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to Veronika fetching / packing what she needs, e.g.	
	pack my stuff for the tournament set my teethbrish and my kit	
	get my toothbrush and my kitget my stuff.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
6(a)	Find and copy one word which shows that Yuri was not very careful when he put Veronika's bag down.	1m
	Content domain: 2a – give or explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ dumped.	
6(b)	How can you tell that Veronika did not trust Yuri to pack her bag properly?	Up to
	Give two ways.	2m
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. Veronika thinking it was a trick / Yuri sometimes tricks Veronika, e.g.	
	because he could be tricking her	
	he might have played a prank on her	
	he has played tricks on her before	
	• he plays tricks.	
	2. Veronika questioning him (to check everything she needs is there), e.g.	
	 she kept on asking if everything was in the bag 	
	she said to him 'you're sure?'	
	3. Veronika's surprise at Yuri's helpfulness / Yuri's helpfulness being unusual, e.g.	
	she could not believe her brother was being helpful	
	she thought 'What was this? My brother being helpful!'	
	her brother never usually is helpful	
	he did not usually do anything like that.	
	4. Veronika frowning, e.g.	
	Veronika frowned at him when he put it down	
	• she frowned at him.	
	5. Veronika's anxiety, e.g.	
	she talked anxiously	
	she was very worried.	

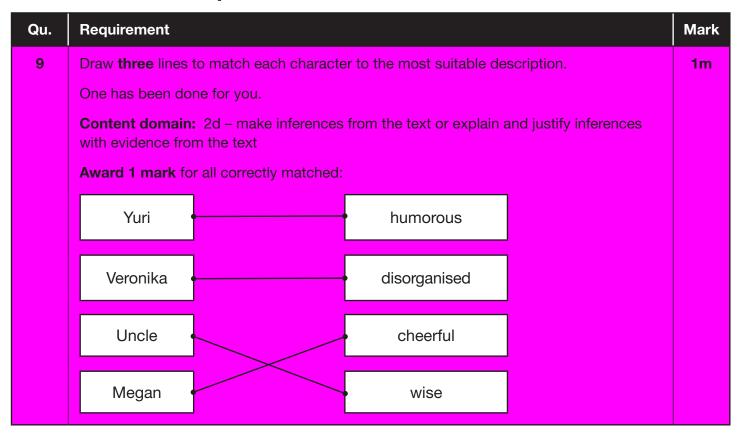
Qu.	Requirement	Mark
7	Look at the paragraph beginning: "I believe you" (page 6).	Up to
	How can you tell that Veronika was feeling excited?	2m
	Give two ways.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. Veronika rushing / moving quickly, e.g.	
	she was dashing and darting all round the house	
	she was being very quick	
	Veronika gave him a quick kiss.	
	2. Veronika's heart beating fast, e.g.	
	her heart began to race.	
	3. "(World Cup tournament) here I come!", e.g.	
	• she said, 'here I come!'	
	World cup, here I come.	
	4. Veronika's disbelief / realisation that the moment has arrived, e.g.	
	she couldn't believe it was actually happening	
	• it was actually happening.	
8	My heart began beating fast (page 6).	Up to
	Find and copy two other words from the same paragraph which mean that something is quick.	2m
	Content domain: 2a – give or explain the meaning of words in context	

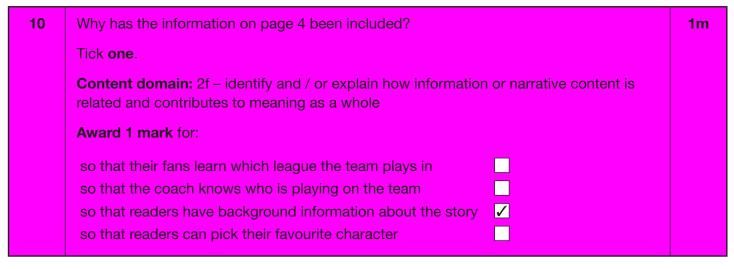
Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:

1. (a) swift or swift (kiss)

2. (I) dashed or dashed (into)

3. (then) darted **or** darted (back).





Qu.	Requirement	Mark
11	Number the following events 1 – 5 to show the order in which they happened.	1m
	The last one has been done for you.	
	Content domain: 2c – summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	
	Award 1 mark for the correct sequence:	
	Veronika waved to her family. 5	
	Yuri handed Veronika her kit bag. 3	
	Veronika met Sofi.	
	Veronika walked out to the bus.	
	Veronika helped Uncle up the steps. 2	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
12	When Vladik was still a child, he was so skilled that he was allowed to	1m
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	perform at the circus. go to Monte Carlo. give his parents advice. join the cast of <i>Dralion</i> .	
13	What two skills did Vladik show a natural talent for as a child?	1m
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	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to both of the following:	
	1. juggling, e.g.	
	• juggling skills.	
	2. acrobatics, e.g.	
	• natural acrobatics.	
	Do not accept reference to dance.	
14	Name two cities where Vladik has performed.	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to both of the following:	
	1. Paris	
	2. Monte Carlo.	
	Also accept Moscow.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
15	Underline one word in the quotation below that suggests that Vladik's performances are carefully rehearsed.	1m
	Combining a seamless mix of acrobatics, dance and juggling, the star has performed with a range of companies	
	Content domain: 2a – give or explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ seamless.	

16	Look at Vladik's answer to the question: What will most appeal to kids about this show?	
	How does the text suggest that it is very active on the stage?	
	Give two ways.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any two of the following:	
	1. there is always something going on	
	2. there is a lot of movement	
	3. there are a lot of acrobatics / acrobats.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
17	Look at page 9.	Up to
	Vladik is always changing his <i>Dralion</i> performance.	2m
	Give two ways that these changes to his performance happen.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	 Vladik's performance changing naturally / without him knowing how it happens, e.g. 	
	changes happen naturally	
	 he just does the changes and he doesn't even realise. 	
	2. Vladik deliberately making changes to his performance, e.g.	
	he modifies them on purpose	
	• they happen deliberately.	
	3. Vladik adding a trick, e.g.	
	• putting in a new trick.	

18	Look at page 9.	1m
	According to the text, what makes it difficult for Vladik to do a new trick on stage?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. the new trick has to be perfect / there is more pressure to get it right, e.g.	
	it makes it hard because everything needs to be perfect	
	because on stage he has to perfect it	
	you have to get it exactly right.	
	2. changing tricks feels wrong / is uncomfortable, e.g.	
	you feel your body is doing something wrong.	
	3. his previous / usual routine is automatic, e.g.	
	 he's really used to his old routine so adding a new trick is hard to remember 	
	you get used to doing the same thing for so long.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark		
19	Look at Vladik's answer to the question beginning: How does your daughter react	1m		
	When Vladik says they, who is he referring to?			
	Tick one.			
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text			
	Award 1 mark for:			
	his daughter his other children circus performers children in general			

20	Look at page 9.	1m
	What does Vladik say that he and his daughter have in common?	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	They are brilliant jugglers.	
	They love to watch circus performances.	
	They are natural performers.	
	They like to run around instead of sitting still.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
21	Look at Vladik's answer to the question: Are there any particular lessons your father taught you that you still use today?	Up to 2m
	How do you know that Vladik's father was a big influence on him?	
	Give two ways.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. Vladik's father taught him everything, e.g.	
	he taught him everything	
	because everything he knows came from him.	
	2. Vladik's father took him to dance classes / helped him improve as a performer, e.g.	
	he took him to dance classes	
	take acting and dance classes it helps you become a better performer	
	he helped him to be a better performer.	
	3. Vladik uses everything his father taught him, e.g.	
	he uses all of the moves he was taught	
	he still uses what he was taught.	
	4. Vladik followed his father's advice / found his father's advice useful, e.g.	
	because he took on board everything his father said.	

22	Complete the table below with facts from the text.			Up to 2m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction			
	Award 1 mark for three correct or 2 marks for a	II four correct:		
	Age that Vladik is now:	28		
	How long Vladik has been doing this routine:	14 years		
	Age his daughter started walking:	(after) 10 months		
	Age that Vladik started dance classes:	4		

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
23	Which of the following gives the best summary of the whole text?	1m
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2c – summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	It tells children how to join the circus.	
	It looks at an unusual career. ✓	
	It gives tips on how to juggle.	
	It shows how much performers travel.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
24	Look at the first paragraph, beginning: Ours was a steep	1m
	Penelope's description of the stairway makes it seem	
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	damp and dark. cramped and unsafe. old and dusty. stylish and never used.	
25	Why did Penelope like sitting in the stairway?	1m
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Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:

- 1. Penelope pretending to sit in the forest / listen to the birds, e.g.
 - she imagined being in a forest
 - because she wanted to pretend she was in a forest.
- 2. the effect of the wallpaper on Penelope, e.g.
 - there was beautiful wallpaper on it and it felt like she was in a forest
 - it was like sitting in a forest listening to birds sing.

Also accept reference to Penelope waiting for the arrival of the lamplighter / the gleam of light, e.g.

- so she can wait for the lamplighter to bring gleam to the stairway
- because she liked the lamp turning on.

Qu.	Requirement	Mark			
26	Look at the first paragraph, beginning: Ours was a steep	1m			
	Find and copy one word that shows that the evening was getting dark.				
	Content domain: 2a – give or explain the meaning of words in context				
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:				
	1. dusk				
	2. gleam				
	3. lamplighter				
	4. shone.				
27	How did Penelope always know when the lamplighter was approaching?	1m			
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text				

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Award 1 mark for reference to whistling, e.g.

• he whistled when he walked down the street

• she heard him whistling

• he was whistling.

Do not accept reference to the light coming on / being lit, e.g.

• there would be a gleam in the stairway.

28	Look at the paragraph beginning: I was suddenly	1m
	What suggests that the lady had seen Penelope?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. the lady smiled at Penelope, e.g.	
	when Penelope smiled she smiled back	
	• she gave her a smile.	
	2. the lady bent towards Penelope, e.g.	
	she bent towards her.	
	3. the lady's eyes seemed to pierce Penelope, e.g.she stared at her.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
29	Look at the top of page 11.	Up to
	Give three ways you can tell things have gone back to normal.	2m
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 2 marks for reference to any three of the following acceptable points.	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any two of the following acceptable points.	
	1. the sound of the clock ticking, e.g.	
	the clock ticked loudly	
	she could hear the clock ticking again.	
	2. the sounds of the street, e.g.	
	hear the streets	
	the sound of the streets came to her ears.	
	3. the lamplighter's arrival / the sound of the lamplighter's whistle, e.g.	
	• the lamplighter came	
	she heard the lamplighter's whistle.	
	4. the lamp being turned on / the gleam of the gas lamp, e.g.	
	the lights came on	
	the gleam of the gas she could see.	
	5. the lady having gone, e.g.	
	the lady disappeared	
	• she was gone.	
	Also accept general reference to sounds returning, e.g.	
	everything was loud again	
	• noise came back.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
30(a)	Choose the best group of words to fit the sentences.	1m
	Draw a circle around your choice.	
	When Penelope saw the lady, she described	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	why the lady was there. what she could see and smell. who the lady was. what she could touch and taste.	
30(b)	As soon as the lady went away, Penelope	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	felt frightened. looked for her mother. felt relieved. looked for the lady.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
31	I went thoughtfully down to the basement where my mother was cooking	1m
	What might Penelope have been thinking at this point in the story?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. she wondered about the strangeness of the lady, e.g.	
	I wonder who she is and where she came from	
	who was that woman in the stairway?	
	she might be confused because the lady is nowhere to be seen	
	why couldn't I feel her dress rustling against my feet and legs?	
	2. she wondered if her mother knows about / had seen the lady, e.g.	
	she might be thinking if her mother knew who she was	
	mum might know that woman	
	she wanted to ask her if she saw the lady.	
	3. she wondered about time seeming to have stopped / the absence of sound, e.g.it was like time was frozen.	
	Do not accept reference to Penelope wondering if she had imagined the lady.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
32(a)	What was Penelope's mother's explanation for what Penelope had seen?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. Penelope had imagined it, e.g.	
	that it was just her imagination	
	• she was seeing things.	
	2. Penelope had seen a shadow of someone in the street, e.g.	
	a shadow of someone or something.	
	3. the flickering lights and / or dusk had played tricks on her eyes, e.g.	
	that it was just the flickering street lamps on the wall.	
	Do not accept reference to her saying there was no one there / nothing there.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
32(b)	Why might Penelope have been frustrated by her mother's explanation?	1m
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. Penelope knew what she had seen, e.g.	
	she had clearly seen the lady	
	she was certain about what she'd seen	
	because she was positive she had seen it.	
	2. her mother's disbelief in her daughter's account, e.g.	
	her mother doesn't believe what she is saying.	
	3. Penelope thinking her mother was not telling the truth / was trying to hide something, e.g.	
	she knew she was lying	
	it was because her mother was keeping a secret.	
	4. her mother trying to change the subject, e.g.	
	she randomly changed the conversation.	
	5. Penelope's questions had not been answered, e.g.	
	because she wanted to find out more	
	it didn't explain everything.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
33	Think about the whole text.	Up to
	What impressions do you get of Penelope as she describes her unusual experience?	3m
	Give two impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Acceptable points:	
	1. curious	
	2. imaginative	
	3. confused	
	4. unafraid	
	5. solitary / content with her own company	
	6. observant	
	Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g.	
	1. She has a big imagination because she thinks that she is in a forest when she is sitting in the stairway. [AP2 + evidence]	
	2. That she is good at noticing things that go on. [AP6]	
	 1. I think she is just a curious girl who wants to know everything that is going on. [AP1] 	
	2. She is very confused. 'I never felt them touch me and this gave me a curious sensation.' [AP3 + evidence]	
	Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence, e.g.	
	• 1. Brave because she did the right thing in the situation. [AP4]	
	2. She was a person who definitely kept herself to herself. [AP5]	
	 1. She is not afraid. 'Ran downstairs and pushed open the door expecting to see her.' [AP4 + evidence] 	
	Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.	
	1. She likes to find out about other people. [AP1]	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
34	The extract you have read is the beginning of a longer story.	1m
	Which of these is most likely to happen next?	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2e – predict what might happen from details stated and implied	
	Award 1 mark for the following:	
	Penelope will forget all about the lady.	
	Penelope's mother will ask lots of questions about the lady.	
	Penelope will try to find out about the lady.	
	Penelope and her mother will search the house for the lady.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
35	Think about the whole text.	Up to
	How is a mysterious atmosphere created?	3m
	Give two ways, using evidence from the text to support your answer.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Acceptable points:	
	1. time or movement stops / absence of sound	
	2. the lady's unexpected appearance / her disappearance	
	3. her mother's unusual / evasive reaction to Penelope's questions	
	4. sudden return to normality	
	5. the lady being a stranger to Penelope	
	6. Penelope being on her own when she sees the lady	
	7. the lady's unusual clothes / her effect on Penelope	
	8. the lady's strange or unearthly features	
	Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g.	
	• 1. Every single sound goes away even her footsteps. [AP1 + evidence]	
	2. It's like her mum tries to cover up the situation. [AP3]	
	• 1. It's also mysterious because suddenly everything is back to normal. [AP4]	
	2. The lady disappeared. 'I leaned over the rail to watch her but suddenly she was gone.' [AP2 + evidence]	
	Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence, e.g.	
	1. First, the lady because she appears out of nowhere without Penelope knowing. [AP2]	
	2. At the start there was no noise when there is usually something to hear. [AP1]	
	• 1. She was the only one in the area. 'I might have been the only person in the world.' [AP6 + evidence]	
	Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.	
	• 1. The girl didn't know who the lady was or what she was doing there. [AP5]	
	Do not accept reference to it being night-time / dark.	

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