

2016 national curriculum assessments

# Key stage 1

## Interim teacher assessment frameworks at the end of key stage 1

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# English



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# Interim teacher assessment framework at the end of key stage 1 - reading

## Key principles

- This statutory interim framework is to be used only to make a teacher assessment judgement at the end of the key stage following the completion of the key stage 1 curriculum. It is not intended to be used to track progress throughout the key stage.
- The interim framework does not include full coverage of the content of the national curriculum and focuses on key aspects for assessment. Pupils achieving the different standards within this interim framework will be able to demonstrate a broader range of skills than those being assessed.
- This interim framework is not intended to guide individual programmes of study, classroom practice or methodology.
- Teachers must base their teacher assessment judgement on a broad range of evidence from across the curriculum for each pupil.
- The evidence used must include the key stage 1 English reading test, which does not focus solely on the key aspects listed in this interim framework.
- Individual pieces of work should be assessed according to a school's assessment policy and not against this interim framework.

Each of the three standards within the interim framework contains a number of 'pupil can' statements. To demonstrate that pupils have met a standard within this interim framework, teachers will need to have evidence that a pupil demonstrates attainment of **all** of the statements within that standard **and all** the statements in the preceding standard(s).

Some of the statements contain qualifiers (some, many and most) to indicate that pupils will not always consistently demonstrate the skill required. Further guidance to support teachers in making consistent judgements on these will be provided as part of the exemplification material. However, where they have been used, they have consistent meaning with 'most' indicating that the statement is generally met with only occasional errors and 'some' indicating that the skill / knowledge is starting to be acquired, and is demonstrated correctly on occasion, but is not consistent or frequent.

Teachers should refer to the spelling appendix (year 1 and year 2) of the national curriculum programmes of study for items marked \* to exemplify the words that pupils should be able to read as well as spell.

This framework is interim for the academic year 2015 to 2016 only.

## Interim teacher assessment framework at the end of key stage 1 - reading

### Working towards the expected standard

The pupil can:

- read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the common graphemes for all 40+ phonemes\*
- read accurately some words of two or more syllables that contain the same grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs)\*
- read many common exception words\*.

In a book closely matched to the GPCs as above, the pupil can:

- read aloud many words quickly and accurately without overt sounding and blending
- sound out many unfamiliar words accurately.

In discussion with the teacher, the pupil can:

- answer questions and make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done in a familiar book that is read to them.

### Working at the expected standard

The pupil can:

- read accurately most words of two or more syllables
- read most words containing common suffixes\*
- read most common exception words\*.

In age-appropriate books, the pupil can:

- read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words per minute
- sound out most unfamiliar words accurately, without undue hesitation. In a

familiar book that they can already read accurately and fluently, the pupil can:

- check it makes sense to them
- answer questions and make some inferences on the basis of what is being said and

### Working at greater depth within the expected standard

The pupil can, in a book they are reading independently:

- make inferences on the basis of what is said and done
- predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far
- make links between the book they are reading and other books they have read.

# Interim teacher assessment framework at the end of key stage 1 - writing

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- The interim framework does not include full coverage of the content of the national curriculum and focuses on key aspects for assessment. Pupils achieving the different standards within this interim framework will be able to demonstrate a broader range of skills than those being assessed.
- This interim framework is not intended to guide individual programmes of study, classroom practice or methodology.
- Teachers must base their teacher assessment judgement on a broad range of evidence from across the curriculum for each pupil.
- The evidence used must include the key stage 1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.
- Individual pieces of work should be assessed according to a school's assessment policy and not against this interim framework.

Each of the three standards within the interim framework contains a number of 'pupil can' statements. To demonstrate that pupils have met a standard within this interim framework, teachers will need to have evidence that a pupil demonstrates attainment of **all** of the statements within that standard **and all** the statements in the preceding standard(s).

Some of the statements contain qualifiers (some, many and most) to indicate that pupils will not always consistently demonstrate the skill required. Further guidance to support teachers in making consistent judgements on these will be provided as part of the exemplification material. However, where they have been used, they have consistent meaning with 'most' indicating that the statement is generally met with only occasional errors and 'some' indicating that the skill/knowledge is starting to be acquired, and is demonstrated correctly on occasion, but is not consistent or frequent.

Teachers should refer to the national curriculum programmes of study for items marked \* (e.g. to exemplify the words that pupils should be able to spell). Where pupils have a physical disability that prevents them from being able to write, the statements relating to handwriting can be excluded from the teacher assessment. Where pupils are physically able to write and meet all of the statements except for being able to produce legible handwriting, they may be awarded the 'expected standard' but cannot be awarded the 'greater depth' standard. This refers to the final statements within 'Working towards' and 'Working at the expected standard'.

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## Interim teacher assessment framework at the end of key stage 1 - writing

### Working towards the expected standard

The pupil can write sentences that are sequenced to form a short narrative, after discussion with the teacher:

- demarcating some sentences with capital letters and full stops
- segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling some correctly
- spelling some common exception words\*
- forming lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- forming lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another in some of the writing
- using spacing between words.

### Working at the expected standard

The pupil can write a narrative about their own and others' experiences (real and fictional), after discussion with the teacher:

- demarcating most sentences with capital letters and full stops and with some use of question marks and exclamation marks
- using sentences with different forms in their writing (statements, questions, exclamations and commands)
- using some expanded noun phrases to describe and specify
- using present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently
- using co-ordination (or / and / but) and some subordination (when / if / that / because)
- segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
- spelling many common exception words\*
- spelling some words with contracted forms\*
- adding suffixes to spell some words correctly in their writing  
e.g. *-ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly*\*
- using the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters in some of their writing
- writing capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters
- using spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

### Working at greater depth within the expected standard

The pupil can write for different purposes, after discussion with the teacher:

- using the full range of punctuation taught at key stage 1 mostly correctly
- spelling most common exception words\*
- spelling most words with contracted forms\*
- adding suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing,  
e.g. *-ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly*\*
- using the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters in most of their writing.



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