



Kent Test (11+)

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What is the Kent Test?

- The Kent Test is an examination used to assess whether Year 7 grammar school entry is a suitable option for your child. It is used by most, but not all, of the selective and partially selective grammar schools in the region.
- Taken at the beginning of September
- Focus on end of Year 6 and 7 learning objectives in maths



What is the Kent Test?

Many children will find the test difficult.

Grammar schools in Kent provide for children in about the top 25% of the ability range. In addition, some of Kent's grammar schools - particularly those which are most likely to offer places to children from outside Kent - give priority to those with the highest scores. You may want to discuss your child's academic achievement with their primary school before you decide whether to register them for the Kent Test.

Passing the Kent Test does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent grammar school.

Make sure you know where the Kent grammar schools are, and what the admissions criteria are for the school(s) you are interested in. You can search for Kent grammar schools with our [Kent Schools search](#).



What is the Kent Test?

If your child has SEND

If your child has special educational needs (SEN) or a disability that might affect how they take the test, please talk to your child's current school about this. You'll need to speak with their Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

We need this discussion and any related paperwork to be finished by the end of the day on June 12th. This deadline gives us enough time to complete all the necessary steps, including making applications and gathering any required evidence.



Test Papers

The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.

The first test will be an English and maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

Examples of Questions - Verbal Reasoning

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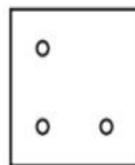
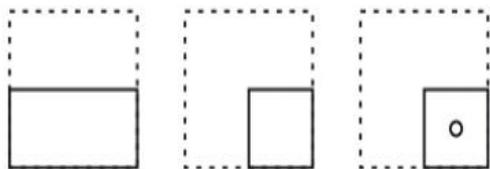
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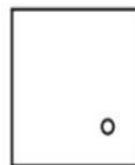
Fold and Punch

A square is folded and then a hole is punched, as shown on the left. Work out which option shows the square when unfolded.

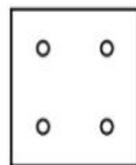
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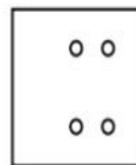
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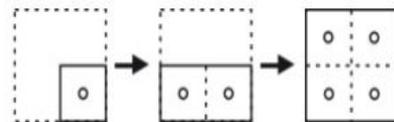


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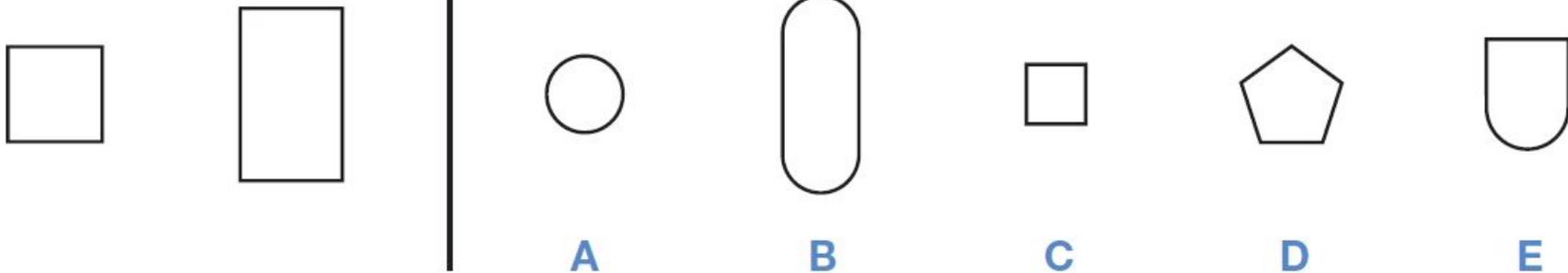
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Answer: c



On the left of the example below there are two figures that are alike. On the right there are five more figures: one of these is **most like** the two figures on the left and its letter has been marked on your answer sheet.

Example



Answer: C

The two shapes on the left are alike in having four sides. They are not identical (the dimensions of the sides vary) but what they share in common is having four sides.

Caught Out?

In this passage you have to choose the **best** word, or **group of words**, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

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Examples of Questions - Maths

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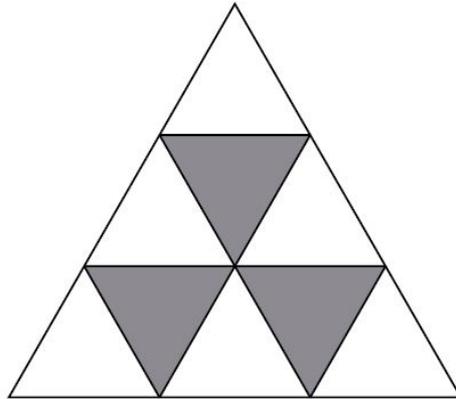
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Iveta was 1.43 metres tall.
She grew 2 centimetres more.

How tall was she then in metres?

- A 1.45 m B 1.63 m C 1.65 m D 1.405 m E 1.603 m

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What fraction of the whole shape is shaded?

- A $\frac{3}{10}$ B $\frac{1}{3}$ C $\frac{3}{8}$ D $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{3}{11}$

How m

- A 0.5

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Example Timetable for the Day

<p>Maths and English 1hr 15 minutes to administer (approx)</p> <p>8:55am - 10:20am</p> <p>Followed by break of 20 minutes- to include water and snack if required</p> <p>Length of test papers (including practice sections):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English - 30 minutes• Maths - 30 minutes	<p>Reasoning 1hr 30min to administer</p> <p>10:40am - 12:10pm</p> <p>Length of test papers (including practice sections):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasoning - 60 minutes	<p>Lunch 12:15pm - 1:15pm</p>	<p>Writing Task 50 minutes to administer</p> <p>1:15pm - 2:05pm</p> <p>Length of task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 minutes
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How can I register my child for the Kent Test?

Key Dates for Registration (2025):

Registration Opens: 2nd June

Registration Closes: 1st July at midnight

How to Register:

You will need to create an account and register directly on the Kent Test website.

Important Note on Test Validity:

The Kent Test is only valid for Kent grammar schools.

Please be aware that Medway and Bexley have their own separate selection tests. If you are considering grammar schools in those areas, you will need to register for their specific tests.



Key Information on Test Results and Appeals

Here's a breakdown of how test results and appeals work, particularly concerning secondary school choices:

Results Timeline: You will receive your child's test results before you need to make your secondary school choices, which is typically around October.

Appeals Process

Headteacher Appeals: These appeals happen before results are shared with parents. The decision rests solely with the Headteacher and is based on the pupil's overall outcomes.

Parental Appeals: These occur after the national offer day in March. If you wish to appeal, you must follow your chosen school's admissions policy and submit your appeal directly to that school. You can only appeal to schools you listed on your online form for Kent Admissions.

Grammar School Threshold (2024)



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How can I support my child at home?

[Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf](#)

[Free Materials - GL 11+](#)

[Recommended reading lists](#)

Useful websites

CGP books or ANY books that align themselves to GL Assessment (company that writes the 11+ paper for Kent). Buy books in:

- English
- Maths
- Verbal Reasoning
- Non-Verbal Reasoning
- Spatial Reasoning



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