

IMPORTANT  
Strictly 9 minute test

# Reading Test *Blue*

(Do not write on these pages)

Read carefully each paragraph and the question at the end of it.  
Write the answers to the questions on your answer paper.

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

a. I have a cat. It is black and white. It is one year old.  
It sleeps in a box. It likes to play with a ball of wool.

Where does the cat sleep?

b. Every now and then along the roads we see small  
wooden houses with tightly shut windows and little  
gardens full of flowers.

Choose the word below that tells about the windows, and  
write it on your answer paper:

half-open      open      closed      apart

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1. This is a ball. It is big.

Is the ball big?

2. I am a girl. I have red hair. I live in a house.

What colour is the girl's hair?

3. I am a wild bird. My home is in a tree. I can fly high  
in the air. I can sing a song.

Where is the bird's home?

4. We have a baby. When we speak to him he waves  
his little hand. He has ten teeth. He sleeps in a cot  
most of the day.

How many teeth has the baby?

**5.** Last Monday we went to the zoo. We spent much time in front of an iron cage that held seven monkeys. They made us laugh when they put out their paws for nuts.

What was the monkeys' cage made of?

**6.** It was getting so dark that Alice thought there must be a storm coming on. "What a thick black cloud that is!" she cried. "And how fast it comes! Why, I do believe it's got wings."

Do you think the sun was shining?

Yes    No    Cannot tell

**7.** Hans took the stone and went off with a light heart; his eyes sparkled for joy and he said to himself, "I must have been born in a lucky hour; everything that I wish for comes to me."

Was Hans happy or unhappy?

**8.** In some cities coloured lights are used to direct the cars at cross streets. A red light means "Stop," an orange light means "Get ready to stop," and a green light means "Go."

What light is used for "Get ready"?

**9.** There was once a shoemaker who worked very hard and was very honest, but still he could not earn enough to live on, and at last all he had in the world was gone except enough leather for one pair of shoes.

Choose the word below that tells what the shoemaker was and write it on your answer paper:

lazy    dishonest    hardworking    proud    idle

**10.** When a duck wants to come to rest on water it draws its head backward, tilts its body upward, thrusts its feet forward and spreads its tail outward.

Choose the word below telling how the duck places its head. Write it on your answer paper:

upward      forward      backward      downward

**11.** I have four legs and I like to run. I sometimes live in a kennel. I can bark.

What am I?

**12.** Long ago there lived on the sea coast of Japan a young man named Yaina, a kindly fellow and clever with his rod and line.

Write the word Yaina on your answer paper. If you think he was a fisherman, put a line under his name; if you think he was not, put a cross under his name.

**13.** The daylight is dying  
    Away in the West,  
The wild birds are flying  
    In silence to rest.

Do these lines tell about evening or morning?

**14.** Over the meadow  
    In the reeds on the shore  
Lived a mother water-rat  
    And her little water-rats four.

How many water rats altogether lived in the reeds?

**15.** December is a winter month in England, but in Australia it is summer at that time of the year. Christmas Day comes on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

Choose the word below that tells what Christmas Day in Australia is likely to be. Write it on your paper:

windy      freezing      hot      cold      frosty

**16.** A sailor dropped the captain's silver teapot into the sea. The captain went to the sailor and said to him, "You let my teapot fall into the sea, did you not? It is lost."

"No, no," said the sailor, "I know where it is. It is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea."

Write the word that has been left out.

**17.** If you are waiting on shore for a ship to come in, the first thing you see is the smoke, later the funnels and masts come in sight, and lastly the hull of the ship itself is seen.

Suppose you were watching a ship leaving the land. Choose the word below that tells you the last thing you would see.

Write it on your paper:

people      masts      smoke      funnels      hull

**18.** Behind the little house were apple trees, a plum tree and two or three pear trees. Then came a stretch of rough grass and a stone wall with a gate leading into the pasture.

Was the stone wall in front, behind, or at the side of the house?

**19.** A field mouse had a friend who lived in a house in town. Now the town mouse was asked by the field mouse to dine with him, so out he went and sat down to a meal of wheat.

Where did they dine? At the field mouse's home, or at the town mouse's home?

**20.** Upon a mountain height, far from the sea,  
I found a shell,  
And to my listening ear the lonely thing  
Ever a song of ocean seemed to sing,  
Ever a tale of ocean seemed to tell.

Which seemed to sing a song? The mountain, the shell, or the ocean?