11+ Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper



Read the following carefully:

- 1. This is a multiple-choice paper in which you have to mark your answer to each question on the separate answer sheet.
- 2. The paper contains a number of different types of question. Each question type starts with an explanation of what to do, followed by a worked example and solution with the answer marked on the answer sheet.
- 3. Some questions require more than one answer to be marked. Read the instructions carefully.
- 4. Draw a firm line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer like this:

 If you make a mistake, rub it out as completely as you can and put in your new answer.
- 5. Be sure to keep your place on the answer sheet. Mark your answer in the column that has the same number as the question in the booklet.
- 6. You may find some of the questions difficult. If you cannot do a question, **do not waste time on it but go on to the next**. If you are not sure of an answer, choose the one you think is best.
- 7. Work as quickly and as carefully as you can.

In these questions, you must move one letter from the first word to the second word to make two new words. The order of the letters must **not** otherwise be changed and the two new words must **make sense**.

Find the letter that moves and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example	grain	or					
	A g	Br	C a	Di	E n		
Answer	а						
Solution	The answer is a . If we remove 'a' from the word 'grain', we get the word ' grin '. When we add 'a' to 'or' we get the word ' oar '.						

1	thatch	flue				
	A t	B h	C a	D c	E e	
2	pitch	imb				
	A p	Ві	C t	D c	E h	
	skin c	iders				

3 skin ciders

As Bk Ci Dd En

cloud rank A c C O D u E d Βl tweed lances A s **B** t C W D e **E** d amble carve A c B a C r D v **E** e hoarse cost A h **C** a E e Во D S

In these questions, you must choose **one** letter that can fit into **both** sets of brackets. The chosen letter should complete the word in front of the brackets and start the word after the brackets.

Find this letter and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example	hea[?]ov	ver bee	bee [?] ool				
	Αl	B t	C p	D r	E c		
Answer	р						
Solution	The same letter that fits into both sets of brackets to form four words is 'p'. The four new words are heap, power, beep and pool.						

8	pai [?] efine	e bo	oile [?] onate			
	A r	Bs	C d	D b	E m	
9	audi [?] nw	ard	iglo [?] iled			
	Ao	B f	Сl	D t	E u	
10	appea [?] iv	/er	occu [?] eader			
	ΔΙ	R V	C n	D t	F r	

dea [?] ollow relie [?] auna Αl **B** f C h D d E s flas [?] ope hus [?] inder **12** A k Вс C e **D** h **E** b stoo [?] educe gri [?] rawl A d Βl C r D t E C hel [?] outh chas [?] ango A p B_m Εt С e D S

In these questions, you are given two group of words. You must identify the rule that **forms the middle word** from the two outer words, then apply this rule to complete the second group of words.

Find the word that is missing in the second group and mark it on the answer sheet.

(care [arch] ache) (race [?] wide)

A side B acid C dare D ride E raid

Answer acid

Solution The middle two letters of 'care' and 'ache' are put together to make the word 'ache'. In the same way, the middle two letters of the word 'race' and 'wide' are put together to make the word 'acid'.

(ashy [hair] dire) (oars [?] sled)

A rode B slow C role D doll E road

A slot B soul C suck d call e toll

17 (omen [most] spit) (acne [?] soak)

A sack B skin C case D neck E cask

(nice [shin] hops) (luck [?] oats)

16

Example

(hold [posh] spit) (sore [?] draw) A wars **B** rods **C** read D ward E rose (tick [iota] aloe) (calm [?] sire) A rice **B** race C lice D arcs E case (imps [quip] quay) (prey [?] duck) A dupe **B** rude C puck D cure E year (stag [arid] dire) (rage [?] flow) A golf **C** wage D gear **E** glow **B** loaf

In these question, you are given a series of numbers. You must find the number that continues the series in the most sensible way and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example 1 4 7 10 [?]

A 11 **B** 12 **C** 13 **D** 15 **E** 15

Answer 13

Solution In this series, you add 3 each time. For other series, you might have to perform a different sort of operation $(+, -, \times, \div)$.

There might also be two series involved: the first comprising the 1st, 3rd, 5th number etc. and the second comprising the 2nd, 4th, 6th etc.

9 6 18 54 162 [?]

A 144 **B** 324 **C** 331 **D** 486 **E** 648

23 2 4 8 16 [?]

A 12 **B** 20 **C** 32 **D** 48 **E** 64

7 21 63 189 [?]

A 142 **B** 315 **C** 378 **D** 567 **E** 568

25 128 64 32 16 [?]

A 0 **B** 2 **C** 6 **D** 8 **E** 24

26 9 12 18 16 36 [?]

A 14 **B** 20 **C** 24 **D** 45 **E** 72

77 16 17 19 15 22 [?]

A 13 **B** 17 **C** 18 **D** 20 **E** 25

28 324 108 36 12 [?]

A 0 **B** 3 **C** 4 **D** 6 **E** 9

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark it on the answer sheet.

Sonya makes jam with the fruit that grows in her garden throughout the year. Each month she always makes jam out of the fruit that has ripened the month before.

Her strawberries ripen first, a whole two months before the peaches. The plums are ready for eating in August, two months after the peaches. Blackberries and raspberries are great for autumnal jam as they ripen over two months from September.

What kind of jam does Sonya make in May?

A strawberry

B plum

C raspberry

blackberry

E peach

In these questions, find **two** words, **one** from each group, that are the most **opposite** in meaning. Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

Example (original early ancient) (modern shiny youth)

A morning X modern
B early Y shiny
C ancient Z youth

Answer ancient, modern

Solution The two words, one from each group, that are the most opposite in

meaning are 'ancient' from group one and 'modern' from group two.

(permanent secretary remain) (temporary temperate merriment)

A permanent X temporary
B secretary Y temperate
C remain Z merriment

(emigrate native homeland) (migrate foreign migrant)

A emigrate X migrate B native Y foreign C homeland Z migrant

(passion apathy belief) (empathy enthusiasm courage)

A passion X empathy

B apathy Y enthusiasm

C belief Z courage

33 (sailor merciless victim) (remorseful assailant jailer) X remorseful A sailor **B** merciless Y assailant **C** victim **Z** jailer (extracurricular indiscreet precious) (discrete intramuscular prudent) A extracurricular X discrete **B** indiscreet Y intramuscular **C** precious **Z** prudent 35 (philosophical renegade pragmatic) (whimsical traitor intractable) X whimsical A philosophical Y traitor **B** renegade **C** pragmatic **Z** intractable 36 (maleficient magnanimous avenger) (wistful benevolence vindictive) A maleficient X wistful Y benevolence **B** magnanimous **Z** vindictive **C** avenger (elementary confused school) (advantaged uncomplicated advanced) A elementary X advantaged **B** confused Y uncomplicated

C school

Z advanced

In these sentences, a word of **four letters** is hidden at the **end** of one word and the beginning of the next word.

Find the pair of words that contains the hidden word and mark this answer on the answer sheet.

Example She made alterations to her coat.

- A She made
- **B** made alterations
- c alterations to
- D to her
- E her coat.

Answer made alterations

Solution In this sentence, the hidden four-letter word is 'deal', which is made

up of the last two letters of the word 'ma**de**' and the first two letters of the word '**al**terations'. So the pair of words that contains the

hidden word is 'made alterations'.

38

Mariah felt incredible after her zumba class.

- A Mariah felt
- **B** felt incredible
- c incredible after
- D after her
- E zumba class

39

Tasha recognised the seagull from the beach.

- A Tasha recognised
- **B** recognised the
- c the seagull
- D seagull from
- E the beach
- 40

Marni begged her mother for another one.

- A Marni begged
- **B** her mother
- c mother for
- **D** for another
- E another one
- 41

We are truly quite thrilled about it.

- A We are
- B are truly
- c truly quite
- **D** thrilled about
- E about it
- 42

The boys were spoilt rotten by grandpa.

- A The boys
- **B** boys were
- c were spoilt
- spoilt rotten
- **E** rotten by

43

We lowered the kayak into the river.

- A We lowered
- B the kayak
- c kayak into
- **D** into the
- E the river

44

The king returned to his regal activities.

- A The king
- **B** king returned
- c returned to
- D his regal
- **E** regal activities

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

The alphabet is here to help you with these questions. Find the next pair of letters in the series and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example CQ DP EO FN [?]

A GP B GM C HO D HM E GL

Answer GM

Solution The first letter in each pair moves forward by one in the alphabet:

C, D, E, F. The second moves backwards by one: Q, P, O, N.

Following this pattern, the next pair of letters after FN must be GM.

45 FE GG II LK [?]

A PM B ON C NM D LP E MM

46 BK AL YM VN [?]

A OR B SP C OM D UO E RO

XW WR UM RH [?] A MD **B** OM C NC D CQ E MX YL XO VR SU [?] 48 A JZ BOX C NA D PR E RX US QT MV IY [?] A FX B DD C EC D MC E AG ZF WJ SN NR [?] **50** A BC B HX C GV D BB E HV

AM FL KJ PG

A UC

[?]

B ZW C TD D VF E UD

In these sentences, you are given a sentence which has an **incomplete word**, shown in CAPITALS. You must select the **three-letter word** which can be added to the incomplete word so that the sentence is completed in the most sensible way.

Mark the correct word on the answer sheet.

Example The audience CPED enthusiastically.

A LAD B LAW C HAP D RAM E LAP

Answer LAP

Solution If we add 'LAP' after the first letter of the incomplete word, we get

the new word 'CLAPPED.

The actor had **TATS** all over his legs.

A STY B TOO C BOO D AIL E SUN

You have no **REA** to say that!

A SON B RED C SIN D TRY E THE

54	The tree OP	Y provided so	me much nee	ded shade.	
	A TIN	B TIE	C CUE	D CUP	E CAN
55	The BER beg	gan snipping a	at my hair.		
	A FOR	B BAR	C RUB	D AGE	E ATE
56	It is APLING	how much h	omework chil	dren have to c	lo!
	A PIN	B FIX	CPAL	D TON	E PEA
57	The show wa	as a IRE abou	t recent politi	cal events.	
	A ASP	B SEE	C HEY	D SAT	E EYE
58	I love the co	lour and the p	orice is very A	FDABLE.	
	A FOR	B ONE	C SIT	D FIR	E ORE
59	The hare had	d completely I	ISHED into th	in air!	
	A FIN	B WAS	C PUN	D BAN	E VAN

In these questions, you must select the **two** words, **one** from each group, that will complete the sentence in the best way.

Mark both words on the answer sheet.

Example Old is to (young fresh small) as tall is to (short narrow giant).

A fresh X short

B young Y red

C small Z giant

Answer small, short

Solution The completed sentence is: 'old' is to **young** as 'tall' is to '**short**'. This

is because the relationship between the words is one of **antonyms** (opposites). For other questions, the word relationship may be different (pay attention to word type as well as meaning) but the important thing to remember is that the relationship between the first pair of words is the same as with the second pair of words.

Morning is to (light start dawn) as evening is to (dusk beginning night)

A light X dusk

B start Y beginning

C dawn Z night

Hay is to (bale grass bail) as prune is to (dried sun-damaged plum)

A bale X dried

B grass Y sun-damaged

C bail Z plum

62

Wring is to (finger twist cloth) as knead is to (kicked dough require)

A finger
B twist

X kickedY dough

C cloth

Z require

63

Biopic is to (watch film story) as **autobiography** is to (personal long book)

A watch

X personal

B film

Y long

C story

Z book

64

Paraphrase is to (verbal military clarity) as prune is to (grape botanical shears)

A verbal

X grape

B military

Y botanical

C clarity

Z shears

65

Vision is to (ocular bifocal retina) as **hearing** is to (legality audition auditory)

A ocular

X legality

B bifocal

Y audition

C retina

Z auditory

66

Mountain is to (alpine summit hillock) as **river** is to (tributary oceanic aquatic)

A alpine

X tributary

B summit

Y oceanic

C hillock

Z aquatic

67

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark it on the answer sheet.

The library is a ten-minute walk north of the sports centre, which is in the centre of the high street.

The school is a fifteen-minute walk south of the sports centre.

The shopping mall is a five-minute walk north of the school.

The cinema is a five-minute walk south of the library.

The theatre is a ten-minute walk south of the shopping mall.

If the above statements are true, select the further statement that must also be true.

- A The theatre is a fifteen minute walk from the school.
- B If you walk from the school to the sports centre, you pass the cinema.
- C If you walk from the shopping mall to the cinema, you pass the library.
- D The library is a 25 minute walk from the theatre.
- E The shopping mall is a fifteen minute walk from the cinema.

In these questions, you are given two sets of words. You must choose the word that matches the meaning of **both** of these sets.

Mark it on the answer sheet.

Example (company agency) (hard resistant)

A business B solid C firm D limited E defiant

Answer firm

Solution The answer is 'firm'. The word 'firm', when used as a **noun**, can

refer to a business or company. When 'firm' is used as an

adjective, it describes something which is hard or resistant.

(extend straighten) (expanse area)

A correct

B stretch

C curl

D length

E tract

(awe admiration) (ponder think)

A wonder

B reflect

C wander

D amazement

E astonishing

70

(guess approximate) (projection calculation)

- A belief
- **B** luck
- **c** estimate
- **D** number
- E reckon

71

(medium average) (mediate chair)

- A ordinary
- **B** model
- **C** middle
- D control
- **E** moderate

72

(night dusk) (levelling balancing)

- A sunset
- **B** standardising
- C brink
- D evening
- **E** timing

73

(sequence string) (programme production)

- A series
- **B** succession
- **C** order
- **D** row
- **E** radio

74

(hold carry) (restrain suppress)

- A compress
- **B** inside
- C collect
- D stifle
- **E** contain

Three of these four words are given in code.

The codes are **not** written in the same order as the words and one code is missing.

Example

PEAK LAKE PEEL MALE 1643 2554 2563

Solution

To answer this sort of question, you have to work out which number represents which letter.

Begin by focusing on a number which appears more than once, especially within the same code or in the same position.

In this example, we have **2554** which must represent '**PEEL**' as the code and word have a repeated letter/number in the middle. This means that 2 = P, 5 = E and L = 4.

We can then use to figure out that **2563** represents '**PEAK**' and therefore 6 = A and 3 = K.

Our remaining code is **1643**. We know that 6, 4 and 3 represent 'A', 'L' and 'E' respectively, so this code must represent '**MALE**' and M = 1.

We now know what the letters and numbers stand for and can answer further questions on missing words or codes.

Three of these four words are given in code.

The codes are **not** written in the same order as the words and one code is missing. Use the below code to answer questions 75-77.

TREE RAKE MAST MARE 0528 8177 1537

75	Find the code for the word TREK.						
	A 8173	B 7389	c 7100	D 1377	E 8032		
76	Find the code	e for the word	d ERASE.				
	A 25137	B 85138	c 78127	D 71527	E 25172		
77	Find the word that has the number code 07589.						
	A TASTY	B YEAST	C MEATY	D MERRY	E MEETS		

Three of these four words are given in code.

The codes are **not** written in the same order as the words and one code is missing.

Use the below code to answer questions 78-80.

SILO PORT RATE OARS 7824 8925 5618

78	Find the word that has the number code 28954 .							
	A TOAST	B ROAST	C RATIO	D ROTAS	E RIOTS			
79	Find the code for the word SLOT .							
	A 8651	B 5184	C 8172	D 1854	E 1048			
80	Find the code for the word TRAIL.							
	A 61924	B 72849	C 50619	D 92612	E 42961			

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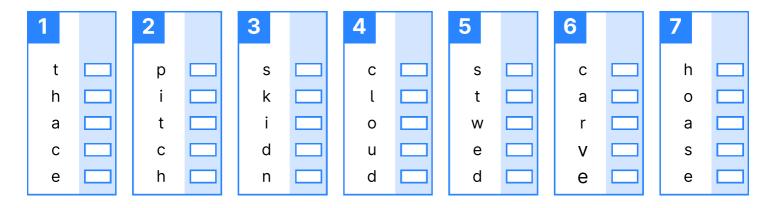
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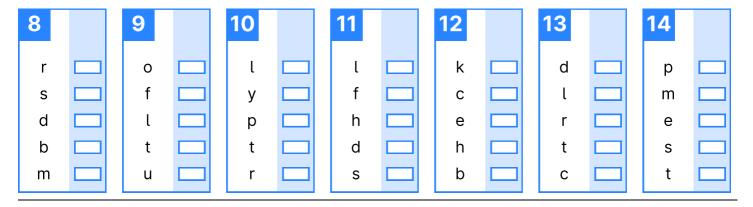


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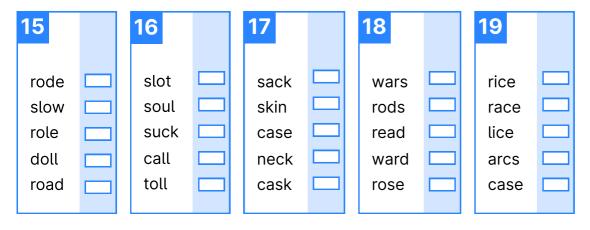
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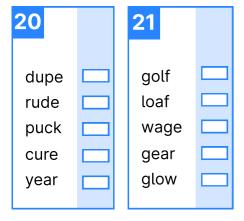


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Section 3 continued



Section 4

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486		48	567	8	45		20	6	3 <u></u>	긔
648		64	568	24	72		25	ę	9 🗀	

Section 5

29	
strawberry	
plum	
raspberry	
blackberry	
peach	

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Draw a line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer, like —.

Section 6		
permanent secretary remain	temporary	
passion apathy belief	sailor remorseful merciless assailant victim jailer	
extracurricular indiscreet precious	discrete philosophical whimsical renegade traitor pragmatic intractable]]]
maleficient magnanimous avenger	wistful elementary advantaged confused uncomplicated school advanced	

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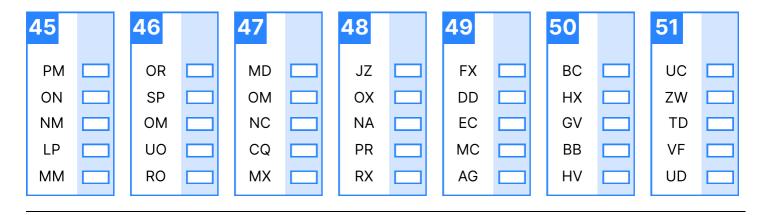


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Section 7

38	39	40	41
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Section 8

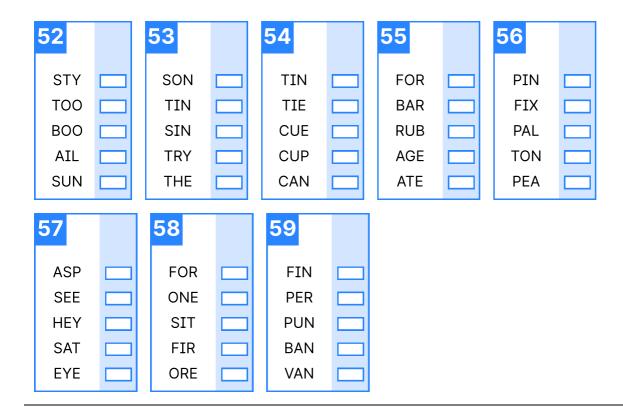


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Draw a line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer, like —.

Section 9



Section 10

60		61					
light	dusk	bale	dried				
start	beginning	grass	sun-damaged				
dawn	night	bail	plum				
62		63			64		
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finger	kicked	watch	personal		verbal	grape	
	kicked dough		personal long			grape botanical	
finger		watch	•		verbal	= '	

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Draw a line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer, like ——.											
Section 1	0 cont	inued									
ocular bifocal retina		legality audition auditory		alpine summit hillock		tributary oceanic aquatic					
Section 11											
67 A B C D E											
Section 12											
68		69		70			1		72		
correct stretch curl length tract		wonder reflect wander amazem astonish			mate nber		ordinary model middle control moderate		sunset standardising brink evening timing		

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RIOTS

1048

42961



Draw a line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer, like —. Section 12 **73** 74 series compress succession inside collect order row stifle radio contain Section 13 **75** 76 **77** 8173 25137 **TASTY** 7389 85138 **YEAST** 7100 78127 **MEATY** 1377 71527 **MERRY** 8032 25172 **MEETS** Section 14 80 78 **79 RAILS** 8651 61924 **ROAST** 5184 72849 **RATIO** 8172 50619 **ROTAS** 1854 92612

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About this test

This is a multiple-choice paper designed to familiarise your child with the types of questions they will see in an 11 plus VR exam.

There are 80 questions which gradually increase in difficulty. It covers topics including number, patterns, vocabulary and logic.

What you'll need

- · Printed question booklet and answer sheet
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Scrap paper
- Timer

How to prepare

Your child should take the test at a time when they feel alert. Choose a quiet area where they can work comfortably without distractions.

Talk with your child about the reasons for taking the practice test. Explain that this paper looks similar to the one they will see in the real 11 plus exam. The questions and answer sheet will help them know what to expect on exam day.

Explain that they might find some of the questions difficult, especially as they progress through the paper. They should work as quickly and carefully as possible.

If they get stuck on a question, they should move on to the next one. If they have time left over at the end, they can go back to any skipped questions. If they have more time left over, they should check their answers.

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Taking the test

Dictionaries are not allowed. Give your child a scrap sheet of paper and encourage them to use it for any rough working out.

Your child should mark their answers on the **Answer Sheet**, not in the test booklet. This is good practice for the real exam which will have a separate answer sheet like this.

On the Answer Sheet, your child should record their answers by drawing a clear line through the answer box with a pencil. Mistakes should be rubbed out and not crossed out. The real exam is marked by a computer, so it would not be able to interpret a crossed-out answer.

Timing

It's helpful for children to get comfortable with taking tests under timed conditions. You should allow them **50 minutes** to take the test. Only start timing when they have finished reading the instructions.

If they haven't finished the test after 50 minutes, circle the question they got to, then let them carry on. When you mark the test you'll be able to see how many questions they got right in 50 minutes and how many overall. This will show you whether your child needs to work on their speed, accuracy, or both.

Marking

You can find the answers on the **Answer Key**. Give your child one mark for each correct answer (no half-marks are available in the real test!). Do not take marks off for wrong answers.

Take time to discuss your child's results in a positive and encouraging way. Work through the corrections, what they would do differently next time, and pick out key areas to revise next.

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2. **D c**

3. **E** n

4. A c

5. **B t**

6. C r

7. **C** a

8. **C** d

9. **A o**

10. **E r**

11. **B f**

12. **D** h

13. A d

14. **B** m

15. **C** role

16. **B soul**

17. **E** cask

18. **B rods**

19. **D** arcs

20. **A dupe**

21. **A golf**

22. **D 486**

23. **C 32**

24. **D 567**

25. **D8**

26. **B 20**

27. **A 13**

28. **C 4**

29. A Strawberry

30. A permanent

X temporary

31. **B** native

Y foreign

32. **B** apathy

Y enthusiasm

33. **C victim**

Y assailant

34. **B** indiscreet

Z prudent

35. C pragmatic

X whimsical

36. **B magnanimous**

Z vindictive

37. A elementary

Z advanced

38. c incredible after

39. A Tasha recognised

40. **E** another one

41. **A We are**

42. D spoilt rotten

43. C kayak into

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- 44. E regal activities
- 45. A PM
- 46. **E RO**
- 47. C NC
- 48. **B OX**
- 49. CEC
- 50. **E HV**
- 51. A UC
- 52. **B TOO**
- 53. **A SON**
- 54. **E CAN**
- 55. **B BAR**
- 56. C PAL
- 57. **D SAT**
- 58. **A FOR**
- 59. **E VAN**
- 60. **C** dawn

- X dusk
- 61. B grass
 - **Z** plum
- 62. C cloth
 - Y dough
- 63. **B film**
 - Z book
- 64. A verbal
 - Y botanical
- 65. A ocular
 - **Z** auditory
- 66. Chillock
 - **X** tributary
- 67. E The shopping mall is a fifteen minute walk from the cinema.

- 68. B stretch
- 69. A wonder
- 70. **c** estimate
- 71. E moderate
- 72 **D** evening
- 73. A series
- 74. E contain
- 75. **A 8173**
- 76. **D 71527**
- 77. **C MEATY**
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