Pre A1 Starters: First Words

Paper 1 - Student paper

Free original EWS skills practice | Pre A1 | 20 practice marks

A short vocabulary, reading and speaking skill paper. It does not reproduce the picture tasks or all components of a full Starters test.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Suggested time: 25-40 minutes. For speaking tasks, say your response before writing. Use extra paper where necessary.

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A. Read and understand - 5 marks

Read the text and answer the five questions. Each earns 1 mark.

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I am Tom. I have a dog. The dog is brown. It is in the garden. I like apples.

1. What is the boy's name? [1 mark]

2. What animal does he have? [1 mark]

3. What colour is the dog? [1 mark]

4. Where is the dog? [1 mark]

5. What fruit does Tom like? [1 mark]

B. Language practice - 5 marks

Choose or write the correct answer. Each earns 1 mark.

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1. One cat, two ___. (cats / cat) [1 mark]

2. The dog ___ brown. (is / are) [1 mark]

3. Choose the fruit: apple / pencil [1 mark]

4. Choose the animal: chair / bird [1 mark]

5. I ___ happy. (am / is) [1 mark]

C. Speak about yourself - 10 marks

Say five short answers about yourself: your name, age, favourite colour, favourite animal and favourite food. A helper can read the prompts. Write words or short sentences after speaking.

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1. Write your response below. [10 marks]

My words: home, school and animals

FREE EXTENDED PRACTICE - STUDENT WORKSHEET

Text-based Pre A1 vocabulary practice. A helper may read the instructions. This is not a complete Starters test or a replacement for its pictures and listening.

1. Choose the correct word. 1. We write with a (pencil / banana). 2. A (cat / chair) is an animal. 3. We sit on a (chair / fish). 4. An (apple / eraser) is a fruit. 5. A (hand / school) is part of the body.

2. Write the missing number word. 1. one, two, ___. 2. four, five, ___. 3. seven, eight, ___. 4. eight, nine, ___. Then say all the numbers from one to ten.

3. Say and then write one word for each group: a colour, an animal, a fruit and something in your school bag.

Use an extra sheet for longer writing if needed. Check the separate guide after your attempt.

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Read, say and make your own sentences

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Read slowly. Ask a helper to repeat a question if you need it. Use your own true details when speaking about yourself.

1. Read: My name is Anna. I have two pencils. One pencil is red. One pencil is blue. My bag is green.
1. What is her name? 2. How many pencils does she have? 3. Is one pencil blue? 4. What colour is her bag?

2. Choose and say. 1. I (am / is) happy. 2. This (is / are) my book. 3. I have two (pencil / pencils). 4. The cat is (a / an) animal.

3. Talk to your helper. Say your name, your age, one thing in your bag and one food you like. Then ask, "What is your name?" Write words or short sentences after speaking.

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