

HOW TO USE YOUR 3-STEP TEST BOOSTER: READING BOOK

Getting up to speed for the Key Stage 2 Reading tests is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3 with this fantastic *3-Step Test Booster: Reading* book!

Test yourself in three easy steps:



STEP ONE – 10-minute tests

Quick tests to get you off to a good start!



STEP TWO – 15-minute tests

Longer tests to build your skills and stamina!



STEP THREE – 20-minute tests

Full-length practice to ensure you're ready for your Key Stage 2 test!

TOP TEST TIPS

- Time yourself or work at your own speed.
- Use the Answers at the back to get your scores.
- Record your scores with the handy Scorecards and Progress chart.
- See your skills and confidence grow!

Good luck and enjoy!

SECTION A: 10-MINUTE TESTS

TEST 1



Friend fox

“Foxes are vermin,” sneered cousin Jeremy. With his mean, pointy face and reddish hair, Maria thought he looked a bit like a fox himself.

“When foxes break into the chicken house, they kill everything. They’re vicious and my dad has no choice but to shoot them.”

Jeremy was right about the chickens. The morning after the fox raid, Maria’s uncle’s chicken house had been a terrible sight – full of bloody corpses and feathers. The fox had only got away with two. Maria cried, but Jeremy and Uncle Jed were furious and vowed to get revenge. They would hunt that fox down, they said, and the dogs would tear him to pieces.

“Not him,” thought Maria. “Her.”

All that afternoon, Maria paced up and down, restlessly, trying not to hear the barking of the hounds. Finally she went for a walk, but it was worse outside. Maria could hear the dogs crashing about in the undergrowth and they seemed to be getting nearer. And then, suddenly, there she was. Moving so fast, she was barely there, the fox shot across the path, an orange streak on the grey afternoon air.

The hounds were so close now Maria could see them, but, what was this? They were streaming away to the right of the path, towards the meadows and out of the woods. Maria smiled. Somehow, the clever she-fox had tricked them. Her den, where she lived with her four chubby red cubs, was in the opposite direction and Maria knew she was safe.



1

Look at the third paragraph.
What had a fox done that made cousin Jeremy and Uncle Jed so angry?

1 mark

2

Look at the third paragraph. **Find** and **copy two** phrases that tell us what the inside of the chicken house looked like in the morning.

1. _____

2. _____

1 mark

3

Maria knows the fox that killed the chickens.
Give **one** piece of evidence from the text that shows this.

1 mark

4

Look at the final two paragraphs. How does Maria's mood change?
Give evidence from the text to show her **two** different moods.

2 marks

5

Look at the final paragraph: *Maria smiled. Somehow, the clever she-fox had tricked them.*

How does Maria feel about the fox getting away? Explain why this is.

2 marks

6

Number the events below 1–5 to show the order in which they happen in the text. The first one has been done for you.

Uncle Jed hunts the fox with the dogs.

Maria sees the fox running away.

The fox escapes to safety.

The fox kills the chickens.

Uncle Jed is angry.

1 mark

Well done for completing this test! Add up your marks and work out your total score.

TOTAL SCORE: (out of 8)

SECTION A: SCORECARD



Congratulations! You have completed the 10-minute tests!

How did you do? Enter your score for each test in the grid below:

TEST	SCORE (out of 8)
Test 1	
Test 2	
Test 3	
Test 4	Text
Test 5	
Test 6	
TOTAL	(out of 48)

Now check out the advice below and count your lucky stars!

0–16 marks	Well done for giving it a try! Try covering over your marks and giving the 10-minute tests another go. Practice makes perfect!	
17–32 marks	Great progress! Go back to the questions you found tricky and make sure you understand the answers. Then move on to the 15-minute tests!	
33–48 marks	Fantastic – amazing work! You have conquered this section and you can move straight on to the 15-minute tests!	

