

KS2 SATs English Writing Test

Time Allowed: 45–60 minutes

Total Marks: 50

Instructions

- Read the writing prompt carefully.
 - Plan your writing before you begin.
 - Use paragraphs to organise your ideas.
 - Check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.
 - Write in full sentences.
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Task: The Mysterious Door

One morning, you arrive at school and discover a strange door that has appeared in the playground overnight.

The door is unlike any door you have ever seen. It glows faintly and has unusual symbols carved into its surface.

When you open it, something unexpected happens.

Write a story about what happens next.

Success Criteria

Your writing should include:

Content and Organisation (30 Marks)

- An interesting opening.
- Clear description of the mysterious door.
- Events that build suspense.
- A problem or challenge.
- A satisfying ending.
- Well-organised paragraphs.

Vocabulary, Grammar and Style (10 Marks)

- Varied sentence openings.
- Ambitious vocabulary.
- Expanded noun phrases.
- Fronted adverbials.
- Dialogue where appropriate.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (10 Marks)

- Correct use of capital letters and full stops.
 - Commas for clarity.
 - Speech punctuation if dialogue is used.
 - Apostrophes where needed.
 - Accurate spelling of common words.
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Planning Space

Setting

Where does the door lead?

Characters

Who enters the door?

Problem

What challenge must be overcome?

Ending

How will the story end?
