

Year 3 NAPLAN Practice Pack

Practice across all four NAPLAN domains for Year 3: Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Work through it under quiet, timed conditions if you can, then mark it with the answer key and note anything that needs a closer look before test week.

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How to use this pack

NAPLAN is one piece of information among many, not a pass-or-fail test — proficiency levels describe current skills, not a fixed ceiling.

- Work in one sitting per domain where possible, close to the real test's pace.
- For Reading and Conventions, mark your answers only after finishing the whole domain.
- For Writing, time yourself and read your response aloud afterwards — awkward phrasing is easier to hear than see.
- For Numeracy, attempt every question before checking the key; a guess with working shown is more useful to a tutor than a blank space.

Reading

Read the passage once for the main idea, then again before answering — the answers below use only what the passage actually says.

READING PASSAGE

Wombats are marsupials that live in Australia. They are strong diggers and can make long tunnels called burrows. A wombat burrow can be more than thirty metres long.

Wombats mostly come out at night to eat grass, roots and bark. During the day, they usually stay underground where it is cool. A wombat has a tough patch of skin on its bottom. If a predator follows it into a burrow, the wombat can block the tunnel with this tough patch to stay safe.

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| 1 Where do wombats mostly stay during the day?
A) On the grass
B) Underground where it is cool
C) In a tree
D) At the beach | 3 What do wombats mostly eat, according to the passage?
A) Fish and insects
B) Fruit and nuts
C) Grass, roots and bark
D) Other animals |
| 2 What is a wombat burrow?
A) A long tunnel
B) A pile of leaves
C) A nest
D) A river | 4 How does a wombat protect itself from a predator in its burrow?
A) It runs away
B) It bites the predator
C) It blocks the tunnel with tough skin
D) It climbs out |

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About how long can a wombat burrow be?

- A) Three metres
B) Thirty metres
C) Three hundred metres
D) One metre

Writing

NAPLAN Writing is marked on a single extended response, not a set of short answers.

WRITING TASK

Persuasive: Write to convince your class that your favourite animal is the best pet.

- Say which animal you mean and state clearly that it is the best pet
- Give two reasons why, using a word like 'because' to explain each one
- Keep your sentences short and clear
- Finish with one strong final sentence

Your response

Plan briefly, then write. The ruled space continues below.

Conventions of Language

Spelling, grammar and punctuation in isolation — the skills that also make Writing and Reading responses clearer.

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Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) becuase
B) because
C) becaus
D) becausse

7 Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) freind
- B) friend
- C) frend
- D) freand

8 Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) difrent

meracy

Attempt every question, including the written ones — partial working still shows what you know.

16 What is $345 + 122$?

- A) 456

9 Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) 567
- B) 477ch

C) wichh

17 What is $800 - 350$?

- D) which
- A) 350

10 Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) 450
- A) beautifull
- B) beautiful

C) beutiful

18 Which number is the same as 3 hundreds, 4 tens and 6 ones?

- D) beautiful
- A) 346

11 Which sentence uses a capital letter correctly?

- A) 346
- A) my dog is called Max.
- B) 364
- B) My dog is called max.
- C) 436
- C) My dog is called Max.
- D) my Dog is called max.

What is half of 48?

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12 Which sentence ends with the correct punctuation?

- A) 20
- A) "Can you help me?"
- B) 22
- B) Can you help me?
- C) 24
- C) Can you help me.
- D) 26
- D) Can you help me?

20 What is a quarter of 20?

- A) 4

13 Which is the plural of "box"?

- A) 5
- A) boxs
- B) boxes

C) boxies

21 A clock shows 3:30. What time is this in words?

- D) box's
- A) Half past two

14 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A) Half past three
- A) I have a cat, a dog and a fish.
- B) Quarter past three
- B) I have a cat a dog and a fish.
- C) I have, a cat a dog and a fish.
- D) I have a cat a dog, and a fish

15 Which word correctly completes: "She ____ to the park yesterday."

- A) go
- B) goes
- C) went
- D) going

22 Skip counting by 5s: 5, 10, 15, __, 25. What is missing?

- A) 18
- B) 20
- C) 22
- D) 24

23 Which shape has exactly 3 sides?

- A) Square
- B) Triangle
- C) Pentagon
- D) Hexagon

24 Which shape has exactly 4 equal sides and 4 right angles?

- A) Rectangle
- B) Triangle
- C) Square
- D) Circle

25 You have 2 fifty-cent coins and 3 twenty-cent coins. How much money do you have?

- A) \$1.30
- B) \$1.50
- C) \$1.60
- D) \$1.70

26 Maya has 24 stickers. She gives 9 to her friend. How many stickers does Maya have left? Show your working.

- 27** There are 6 rows of chairs with 8 chairs in each row. How many chairs are there in total? Show your working.

Answer key — Reading, Conventions and Numeracy

Direct answers only, in question order. Work the set first, then check.

1. B) Underground where it is cool	2. A) A long tunnel	3. C) Grass, roots and bark	4. C) It blocks the tunnel with tough skin	5. B) Thirty metres
6. B) because	7. B) friend	8. B) different	9. D) which	10. B) beautiful
11. C) My dog is called Max.	12. B) Can you help me?	13. B) boxes	14. A) I have a cat, a dog and a fish.	15. C) went
16. B) 467	17. B) 450	18. B) 346	19. C) 24	20. B) 5
21. B) Half past three	22. B) 20	23. B) Triangle	24. C) Square	25. C) \$1.60
26. 15	27. 48			

Writing is not included in the answer key above because it is marked holistically against writing criteria, not against a single correct answer. Use the checklist on the writing task page to self-check, then ask a tutor or teacher to mark it properly.

Notes and tutor hand-off

Bring this page to your next session so the tutor can start from what actually blocked you.

Which Reading questions did you get wrong, and why?

Which Conventions of Language rule keeps tripping you up?

Which Numeracy question took the longest, and what made it hard?

One thing to ask a tutor or teacher about before the test:

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