

Year 5 NAPLAN Practice Pack

Practice across all four NAPLAN domains for Year 5: 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 — some questions ask what the passage suggests, not only what it states directly.

READING PASSAGE

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world. It stretches for more than two thousand kilometres along the coast of Queensland and can even be seen from space. The reef is made up of thousands of smaller reefs and hundreds of islands, built over thousands of years by tiny animals called coral polyps.

More than fifteen hundred species of fish live among the coral, along with turtles, sharks and seabirds. In recent years, rising ocean temperatures have caused coral bleaching, which happens when corals lose the colourful algae that live inside them and turn white. Scientists are studying ways to help the reef recover, and many tourism operators now run trips that teach visitors how to protect it while they visit.

- 1** According to the passage, what is the Great Barrier Reef made up of?
- A) One giant coral
 - B) Thousands of smaller reefs and hundreds of islands
 - C) A single long island
 - D) Volcanic rock

- 2** What built the reef over thousands of years?
- A) Fish
 - B) Seabirds
 - C) Coral polyps
 - D) Ocean currents

- 3** What happens during coral bleaching?
- A) Coral turns white after losing its algae
 - B) Coral grows faster
 - C) Coral turns bright colours
 - D) Coral disappears completely

- 4** Why has coral bleaching become more common, based on the passage?
- A) Too many tourists
 - B) Rising ocean temperatures
 - C) Too many fish
 - D) Stronger currents
- 5** What are tourism operators now doing, according to the passage?
- A) Avoiding the reef completely
 - B) Removing coral for study
 - C) Teaching visitors how to protect it
 - D) Building on the islands
- 6** Which best describes coral polyps?
- A) Large fish
 - B) Tiny animals that build the reef
 - C) A type of seaweed
 - D) Rocks found near the reef

Writing

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

WRITING TASK

Persuasive: Write to convince your school to reduce plastic waste.

- Open with a clear statement of your position
- Give at least three reasons, each in its own paragraph
- Use persuasive language ('should', 'must', 'imagine if')
- Address a reason someone might disagree with you
- Finish with a call to action

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.

- 7** Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly to show possession?
- A) The dogs bone was buried.
 - B) The dog's bone was buried.
 - C) The do'gs bone was buried.
 - D) The dogs bone's was buried.
- 8** Which word correctly completes: "Yesterday, she ____ her homework before dinner."
- A) finish
 - B) finishes
 - C) finished
 - D) finishing
- 9** Which sentence is a compound sentence?
- A) The rain started.
 - B) The rain started, so we went inside.
 - C) Starting the rain.
 - D) Rain.
- 10** Which pair of words are homophones?
- A) there / their
 - B) run / walk
 - C) big / small
 - D) happy / sad
- 11** Which sentence uses quotation marks correctly?
- A) She said, I am ready.
 - B) She said, "I am ready."
 - C) "She said, I am ready.
 - D) She said "I am ready
- 12** Which word is spelled correctly?
- A) definately
 - B) definitely
 - C) definitely
 - D) definatly
- 13** Which word is spelled correctly?
- A) sepearate
 - B) separate
 - C) seperete
 - D) saparate
- 14** Which word correctly completes: "The team ____ practising every day."
- A) is
 - B) are
 - C) am
 - D) be
- 15** Which sentence uses correct punctuation for a list?
- A) I packed a hat sunscreen and water.
 - B) I packed a hat, sunscreen, and water.
 - C) I packed a hat sunscreen, and water.
 - D) I packed, a hat sunscreen and water.
- 16** Which word means the opposite of "arrive"?
- A) depart
 - B) enter
 - C) reach
 - D) approach

Numeracy

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

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What is $4.6 + 2.75$?

- A) 6.35
- B) 7.35
- C) 6.85
- D) 7.25

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Which fraction is equivalent to $\frac{2}{4}$?

- A) $\frac{1}{3}$
- B) $\frac{1}{2}$
- C) $\frac{3}{4}$
- D) $\frac{2}{8}$

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What is the perimeter of a rectangle 8cm long and 5cm wide?

- A) 13cm
- B) 26cm
- C) 40cm
- D) 18cm

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What is the area of a rectangle 8cm long and 5cm wide?

- A) 13 cm^2
- B) 26 cm^2
- C) 40 cm^2
- D) 18 cm^2

21

Which angle is greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees?

- A) Acute
- B) Right
- C) Obtuse
- D) Zero

22

A bag has 4 red balls and 6 blue balls. What is the probability of picking a red ball?

- A) $\frac{4}{10}$
- B) $\frac{6}{10}$
- C) $\frac{4}{6}$
- D) $\frac{10}{4}$

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What is $6 + 4 \times 3$, following order of operations?

- A) 30
- B) 18
- C) 22
- D) 42

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What is 0.5 as a fraction in simplest form?

- A) $\frac{1}{5}$
- B) $\frac{5}{10}$
- C) $\frac{1}{2}$
- D) $\frac{2}{5}$

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A library records 20 books borrowed Monday, 15 Tuesday and 25 Wednesday. What is the total over the three days?

- A) 55
- B) 60
- C) 65
- D) 45

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A recipe needs $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar. If you want to make double the recipe, how much sugar do you need? Show your working.

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Jack buys 3 books at \$6.50 each. How much change does he get from \$25? Show your working.

Answer key — Reading, Conventions and Numeracy

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

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| 1. B) Thousands of smaller reefs and hundreds of islands | 2. C) Coral polyps | 3. A) Coral turns white after losing its algae | 4. B) Rising ocean temperatures | 5. C) Teaching visitors how to protect it |
| 6. B) Tiny animals that build the reef | 7. B) The dog's bone was buried. | 8. C) finished | 9. B) The rain started, so we went inside. | 10. A) there / their |
| 11. B) She said, "I am ready." | 12. B) definitely | 13. B) separate | 14. A) is | 15. B) I packed a hat, sunscreen, and water. |
| 16. A) depart | 17. B) 7.35 | 18. B) $\frac{1}{2}$ | 19. B) 26cm | 20. C) 40 cm^2 |
| 21. C) Obtuse | 22. A) $\frac{4}{10}$ | 23. B) 18 | 24. C) $\frac{1}{2}$ | 25. B) 60 |
| 26. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups | 27. \$5.50 | | | |

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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