

Year 4 Practice Paper 1

English

30 questions · 4 options each (A–D) · plus a writing task · 55 minutes

How to use this booklet

- Read each text carefully, then answer the questions that follow it. Every question has four answers, A, B, C and D. Choose the one best answer.
- The last 15 questions are about spelling, punctuation, grammar and words. They do not have a text.
- You have 40 minutes for the 30 questions. You will not lose marks for a wrong answer, so try every question.
- After the questions there is a writing task. Allow about 15 minutes for it.

TEXT 1 — STORY

Questions 1–5

The Clockmaker's Helper

The tiny shop at the end of Cobble Lane was packed with clocks of every size. There were grandfather clocks that groaned, cuckoo clocks that chirped, and delicate silver watches that ticked like beating hearts. Every one of them had been repaired by old Mr Penrose, and every one of them told the right time. Every one, that is, except the great brass clock in the window, which had been silent for forty years.

The day Tomas arrived as Mr Penrose's apprentice, he spent hours sweeping the floor and sorting screws. "Patience," said Mr Penrose whenever Tomas asked to try something harder. "A clockmaker who rushes is a clockmaker who breaks things."

One winter evening, when Mr Penrose had gone home with a cough, Tomas stayed behind. He stood in front of the silent clock, studying its dusty gears. Slowly, he noticed that one tiny cog was bent. Using the smallest pair of tweezers he could find, he nudged it back into place. Then he held his breath and gave the pendulum a gentle push. Tick. Tock. Tick.

When Mr Penrose arrived in the morning, he stood perfectly still, listening. A smile spread across his lined face. "You have patience after all," he said softly. "Welcome to the trade."

1. How long had the great brass clock been silent?

- A four years
- B fourteen years
- C four months
- D forty years

2. In the story, the word "delicate" describes the silver watches as

- A heavy and loud
- B fine and easily damaged
- C old and worn out
- D cheap and plain

3. Why did Mr Penrose keep saying "Patience"?

- A He was tired of Tomas asking questions.
- B He wanted Tomas to learn to work carefully.
- C He thought Tomas was lazy.
- D He wanted Tomas to leave the shop.

4. What did Tomas do just before he pushed the pendulum?

- A He swept the floor of the shop.
- B He sorted the screws into piles.
- C He nudged a bent cog into place.
- D He waited for Mr Penrose to arrive.

5. What does Mr Penrose's smile at the end show?

- A He was angry that Tomas touched the clock.
- B He was amused by the shop's noise.
- C He was worried about his cough.
- D He was proud of Tomas.

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ENGLISH — 30 QUESTIONS

Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

1	D	2	B	3	B	4	C	5	D	6	B
7	B	8	C	9	D	10	D	11	C	12	B
13	A	14	B	15	A	16	A	17	B	18	D
19	C	20	A	21	C	22	D	23	A	24	C
25	A	26	C	27	A	28	D	29	B	30	C

1. How long had the great brass clock been silent? [Detail]

Correct answer: D — forty years

- What is the question asking? It asks for a fact that the text states.
- Go back to the text and find the evidence: “except the great brass clock in the window, which had been silent for forty years.”
- The first paragraph says how long the clock had been silent.
- So the correct answer is D (forty years).
- Why the other options are wrong:
- A (four years): The story says forty years.
- B (fourteen years): The story says forty years.
- C (four months): The story says forty years.

LOS: Reading: finding information stated in the text

KEY TAKEAWAY

Go back to the text and find the exact words that answer the question, then match them to an option.

2. In the story, the word “delicate” describes the silver watches as [Vocab]

Correct answer: B — fine and easily damaged

- What is the question asking? It asks what a word means in this text.
- Go back to the text and find the evidence: “delicate silver watches that ticked like beating hearts.”
- A watch that ticks softly and needs care is delicate.
- So the correct answer is B (fine and easily damaged).
- Why the other options are wrong:
- A (heavy and loud): Silver watches are small and fine.
- C (old and worn out): Delicate is about being fragile.
- D (cheap and plain): Delicate is about being fragile.

LOS: Reading: understanding word meaning in context