

**End of Primary Benchmark
 2016
 English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme**

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. Do not allot the mark if more than one option is underlined. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**
 a) Tuesday, b) Friday, c) Monday, d) Tuesday, e) Thursday, f) Friday

2. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

	T	F	NIG
(a)	✓		
(b)			✓
(c)		✓	
(d)		✓	
(e)	✓		
(f)			✓

Reading Comprehension 2

(24 marks)

- Do not deduct marks for spelling, punctuation and grammatical mistakes as long as the student gives sufficient evidence of understanding.
- Answers do not need to be in complete sentences.
- Deduct ½ mark per question for any irrelevant information copied from the text.

Questions on Section 1

In questions 1 and 3, award answers with the following content:

1. **He went to buy some cornflakes / cereal.** **(1 mark)**
 2. (a) used (b) poor **(2 x ½ = 1 mark)**
 3. (a) **Brekfast Brikks / cereal** (b) **Ovo (jam) / a spread** **(2 x ½ = 1 mark)**
 4. (a) tried (b) first **(2 x ½ = 1 mark)**
 5. **(6 x ½ mark = 3 marks)**

	T	F	NIG
(a)		✓	
(b)	✓		
(c)		✓	
(d)			✓
(e)	✓		
(f)		✓	

6. (2 marks)

Award 1 mark to literal answers such as:

Miss Pride had run out of real / full packets of cereal. (OR similar)

Award 2 marks to answers such as:

She did so to attract customers / not to have to put a real / full packet of cereal. (OR similar)

Accept also answers such as:

The wholesaler gave it to Miss Pride for free / to advertise the cereal. (OR similar)

Questions on Section 2

In questions 7 to 13, award answers with the following content:

7. **She compares them to doormats / tiny doormats.** (1 mark)

8. Accept any one of the following phrases:

scooped / put / placed / ladled / piled quickly / hurriedly and in large quantities / amounts (1 mark)

9. **He wanted to finish off the cereal so that he could make the model garden.** (1 mark)

10. **He thought that it was the only reason why anyone would buy the cereal** (because the cereal wasn't good). (1 mark)

11. **He asked for the sugar and cream to make it taste better.** (1 mark)
(If only the sugar (or the cream) is mentioned allot ½ mark.)

12. **Mark as correct if the answer is written in one sentence.**

(a) **He had to cut out the shapes / the pictures / the part of the model / walls, the trees, the fountain, etc.** (½ mark)

(b) **He had to stick tabs in slots / them together.** (½ mark)

13. **He learnt that unless he used sticky tape / if he used glue, the model would not hold together.** (1 mark)

14. **twice a year** (1 mark)

15. (6 x ½ mark = 3 marks)

	T	F	NIG
(a)		✓	
(b)	✓		
(c)		✓	
(d)	✓		
(e)			✓
(f)		✓	

Questions on the two sections

16. (a) **off** (b) **thoroughly** (2 x 1 mark = 2 marks)

17. **story** (1 mark)

I can tell because **the writer makes use of direct speech / includes characters / it is a narrative ...** (1 mark)

(Award the marks only if the answers to both parts of question 17 are correct.)