

**End of Primary Benchmark  
2021  
English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme**

**Reading Comprehension 1**

**(8 marks)**

1.

**4 x ½ mark = 2 marks**

- a) on foot
- b) a well-known
- c) live
- d) forbidden

2.

**6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

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

3.

**6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

**If more than 6 activities are ticked, the first six ticked horizontally count.**

ride a zip line	✓	colour maps	
feed the squirrels		ask for information	✓
have picnics	✓	climb trees	
observe wildlife	✓	admire the Giant Oak	✓
go for walks	✓	pat rabbits	

Reading Comprehension 2

(22 marks)

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

Questions on Section 1

(9 marks)

1. **c) at night** 1 mark
2. **a) in single file** Do not accept phrases which have more than 3 words. 1 mark
- b) wonder** 1 mark
3. 4 x ½ mark = 2 marks

	T	F
a)	✓	
b)	✓	
c)		✓
d)		✓

4. **a) dazzling** ½ mark
- b) many** ½ mark
5. If more than three sentences are ticked, the first three count. 3 marks

<b>a) The travellers walked over a bridge.</b>	✓
b) The travellers walked past moonlit towers.	
<b>c) The travellers walked through a valley.</b>	✓
d) The travellers walked into shallow waters.	
<b>e) The travellers walked past an icy waterfall.</b>	✓
f) The travellers walked by a window.	

Questions on Section 2

(9 marks)

6. Lucy was nodding off.

1 mark

7. a) foggy

½ mark

b) barely

½ mark

8. crawled

½ mark

9.

4 x ½ mark = 2 marks

	T	F
a)	✓	
b)	✓	
c)		✓
d)		✓

10. a) The cave was small/ they were crowded together/nestled closely/gathered together/in a bunch/close together/huddled together.

b) They were warm after their long walk.

2 x 1 mark = 2 marks

11. bitter

½ mark

12. If more than two answers are ticked, the first two count.

2 marks

a) tasted the syrup	✓
b) shivered in the cold air	
c) stretched their legs	
d) chatted for a while	
e) snuggled down to rest	✓
f) changed their clothes	

Questions on the two sections

(4 marks)

13.

2 marks

Lucy was not enjoying the beautiful landscape anymore.	3
Lucy was surprised to see Mr Beaver disappearing.	4
Lucy was delighted by the moonlit scenery.	1
Lucy was afraid she would not keep up with the rest.	2
Lucy felt warm and comfortable.	5

14. a) fantasy

2 x 1 mark = 2 marks

b) Accept any ONE of the following:

- Mr Beaver is a creature with little furry legs/and a tail who speaks and behaves like a person/human.
- The children join the two beavers in their underground hole/cave.
- The children and the two beavers speak to each other/go on a journey together.

The answers in a) and b) have to complement each other for the 2 marks to be awarded.