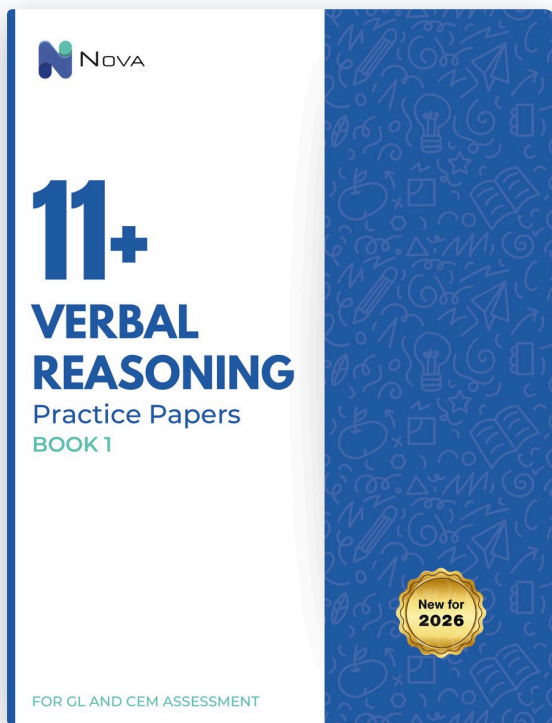


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80 Questions



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VERBAL REASONING 11+

Underline the correct word in brackets to complete the sentences below.

Example:

The children ran to the (plain / plane) as they were excited to go on holiday again.

- 1** The (knight / night) rode his horse across the field at dusk.
- 2** The shop will (cell / sell) old phones at half price next week.
- 3** I was so tired after the race, I could hardly (bare / bear) the thought of walking home.
- 4** She wanted to (buy / by) a new dress for her birthday party.
- 5** The teacher asked the students to (write / right) their names at the top of the paper.

Underline the one word in brackets which will go equally well with both the pairs of words outside the brackets.

Example:

rush, attack | cost, fee (price, hasten, strike, charge, money)

- 6** save, deposit | slope, shore (collection, bank, store, file, slot)
- 7** carton, crate | punch, fight (case, box, bag, rack, wear)
- 8** correct, true | due, claim (sign, law, path, right, lane)
- 9** price, charge | loss, sacrifice (money, penalty, wage, payment, cost)
- 10** fasten, shut | curl, strand (keep, lock, bank, supply, fund)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the multiple-choice questions which follow.

A Chilling First Experience

Amelia held her breath as she stepped onto the ice rink for the first time. Her older sister, Rachel, skated circles around her, gliding effortlessly. Amelia watched in awe as Rachel performed a graceful spin. She was excited to learn but couldn't shake off her nervousness.

"Just take it slow," Rachel called, noticing Amelia's hesitation. "I was scared my first time too."

Amelia nodded, gripping the edge of the rink. Her feet wobbled as she took her first steps on the ice. She stumbled but quickly caught herself, determined not to fall. With Rachel's encouragement and guidance, she started to move more confidently, one careful glide at a time.

By the end of the hour, Amelia was moving smoothly across the ice, her worries forgotten. She beamed at Rachel, thrilled with her progress.

11 Why does Amelia feel nervous at the beginning of the passage?

Answer

- A) She is afraid of falling. ☐
- B) She forgot how to skate. ☐
- C) She thinks the rink is too crowded. ☐
- D) She is upset with her sister. ☐

12 What does Rachel do to help Amelia?

Answer

- A) She tells her to leave the rink. ☐
- B) She skates far away from her. ☐
- C) She encourages and guides her. ☐
- D) She ignores her. ☐

13 How does Amelia feel by the end of the skating session?

Answer

- A) Tired and frustrated ☐
- B) Proud and confident ☐
- C) Nervous and worried ☐
- D) Uninterested in skating ☐

14 What can we infer about Rachel's personality from the passage?

Answer

- A) She is competitive and unkind. ☐
- B) She is supportive and caring. ☐
- C) She is too busy to help others. ☐
- D) She is shy and quiet. ☐

15 What is the main lesson of the passage?

Answer

- A) Practice and encouragement help build confidence. ☐
- B) Skating is difficult to learn. ☐
- C) Siblings should not skate together. ☐
- D) It is best to avoid trying new activities. ☐

In each sentence below, one word, which is in capitals, has had three consecutive letters taken out. These three letters will make one correctly spelt word without changing the order. Write the three-letter word in the answer box.

Example: John bought a new COMER (put) **computer**

16 The king's CHER granted the town the right to hold a weekly market.

17 The child let go of the BOON and watched it float into the sky.

18 The DENY of the fruitcake meant it was very heavy for its size.

19 The delicious smell of COOG filled the entire house.

20 My older sister will start COLE in September to study art.

Practice Test 1

Verbal Reasoning 11+ Answers

Homophones

- 1 **knight** A knight is a soldier who rides a horse; night is the time when it is dark.
- 2 **sell** To sell is to give something in exchange for money; a cell is a small room or a tiny unit of a living thing.
- 3 **bear** To bear something means to put up with it; bare means uncovered.
- 4 **buy** To buy is to pay money for something; by means near or beside.
- 5 **write** To write is to put words on paper; right means correct or the opposite of left.

Word that goes with both pairs

- 6 **bank** To bank money is to save or deposit it, and a bank is the sloping shore of a river.
- 7 **box** A box is a container like a carton or crate, and to box is to fight with punches.
- 8 **right** Right means correct or true, and a right is something you are due or can claim.
- 9 **cost** The cost is the price or charge, and cost also means a loss or sacrifice ("it cost him his job").
- 10 **lock** To lock is to fasten or shut, and a lock of hair is a curl or strand.

Comprehension: A Chilling First Experience

- 11 **A) She is afraid of falling.** It is her first time on the ice, she is "determined not to fall" and Rachel reassures her that she "was scared" her first time too.
- 12 **C) She encourages and guides her.** The passage says Amelia improved "with Rachel's encouragement and guidance".
- 13 **B) Proud and confident** By the end Amelia is "moving smoothly", her worries are "forgotten" and she is "thrilled with her progress".
- 14 **B) She is supportive and caring.** Rachel notices Amelia's hesitation, tells her to take it slow and admits she was scared too, which shows she is kind and helpful.
- 15 **A) Practice and encouragement help build confidence.** Amelia becomes confident by practising "one careful glide at a time" with her sister's encouragement.

Three missing letters

- 16 **art (CHARTER)** CH + ART + ER makes CHARTER, a document that gives a town special rights.
- 17 **all (BALLOON)** B + ALL + OON makes BALLOON, which floats into the sky.

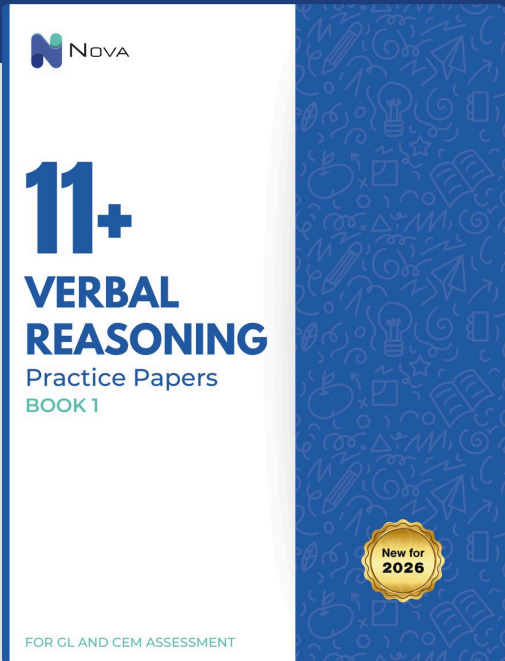
- 18** **sit (DENSITY)** DEN + SIT + Y makes DENSITY, how heavy something is for its size.
- 19** **kin (COOKING)** COO + KIN + G makes COOKING, which gives a delicious smell.
- 20** **leg (COLLEGE)** COL + LEG + E makes COLLEGE, where the sister will study art.

Answers and explanations for Questions 21 to 80 are in the full book.

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