

Make your practice count

KS2 pupils; adult support when needed

1. Before you start

Check the subject and year group. Read the instructions: do you need a ruler, and is a calculator allowed? Ask an adult whether this is relaxed practice or a timed try.

2. Understand the task

Find the action in the question, such as calculate, describe or explain. Notice how many answers it asks for. Use the space to show working or explain your thinking when asked.

3. When a question is difficult

Think of a similar example you have learned. Try a picture, notes or a calculation if it helps. If you move on, mark the question so you can return to it.

4. Check your answer

Read the question again. Check that your answer fits it. In maths, check units and whether the size of your answer makes sense. In writing, check that your meaning is clear.

5. Use the feedback

Mark with an adult using the answer guide for this exact paper. Choose one error, explain the correction and try a similar question without copying the answer.

Use the paper's own instructions and marking guide. A practice score shows how this attempt went; it is not a complete judgement of a pupil's learning.