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KEY STAGE

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LEVELS

3–5

English test

# Writing Test

## *Shorter Task and*

# Spelling Test

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

**Shorter task:** Your teacher will read through this section with you.

You will have **20 minutes** to write your shorter piece of writing in this booklet.

**Spelling test:** Your teacher will read through this section with you.

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Writing	Marks
<b>Shorter Task</b>	
Sentence structure, punctuation and text organisation (4)	
Composition and effect (8)	
<b>Shorter Task, total marks (12)</b>	
<b>Spelling Test (7)</b>	
<b>Shorter Task and Spelling Test, total marks (19)</b>	

Spelling Test	
Number of correct words	Marks
0	0
1–3	1
4–6	2
7–9	3
10–12	4
13–15	5
16–18	6
19–20	7

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# It's a Mystery

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A mystery story starts with these words:

*Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside ...*



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**Your task is to continue the beginning of the mystery story  
by describing what it was like through the door.**

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## **PLANNING**

Think about

- describing what it was like through the door (appearance, smell, sound, atmosphere)
  
- how to create a feeling of mystery.



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# Spelling Test

Do not turn over this page until your teacher tells you to.

# Reilly

The cat-flap clicked upward, letting in a \_\_\_\_\_  
draught of cold air. Framed within the opening appeared a  
black face with a white nose and chin, wide yellow eyes and  
a set of curving white \_\_\_\_\_. The face  
stayed where it was, the eyes \_\_\_\_\_ the  
room.

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Bella, \_\_\_\_\_ relaxed and sleepy in the armchair  
by the kitchen fire, turned her head at the sound. She jumped  
down from the chair and stood \_\_\_\_\_, ready to  
see off the \_\_\_\_\_.

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The stranger returned stare for stare. His glance had taken in  
the two saucers of cat-food, one still \_\_\_\_\_  
with untouched scraps, and the blue bowl crusted with a  
white ring where milk had stood for some time, left by cats  
who had had more than \_\_\_\_\_ already.

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He looked at the warm glow of the gas fire, at the armchair and at the clean white coats of the two \_\_\_\_\_.

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This was a place where a cat could be comfortable, no \_\_\_\_\_ about that. He was \_\_\_\_\_ hungry. He came wholly into the room and \_\_\_\_\_ the saucer \_\_\_\_\_.

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Bella circled round him, her fur \_\_\_\_\_.

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Before long Miss Betty Braithwaite's \_\_\_\_\_ medium- \_\_\_\_\_ heels could be heard clop-clopping along the hall \_\_\_\_\_. The footsteps came nearer, the door-handle turned and she entered, a small woman with thick hair, once chestnut, now the colour of faded string, pinned off her face and neck.

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As the door opened, his \_\_\_\_\_ tail drooped, his ears went back in fear and he cowered low to the floor.

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"It's all right, puss," she said. "I won't hurt you."

He \_\_\_\_\_, reassured by the softness of her \_\_\_\_\_, and looked up into her face.

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Total

Spelling mark

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