

Although the exam at 11 does not involve a quiz-style tests, it does assume a certain level of general knowledge. A pupil will not be tested on the name of the President of the United States or the capital city of Italy, but it is always useful to have these facts at your fingertips.

For example, if a Comprehension passage describes a 'Guy' being thrown onto a burning bonfire, it is possible that a follow-up question will assume that the pupil can identify a Guy Fawkes Night celebration.

Work your way through the quiz questions. There are 20 on each sheet. There is no need to write the answers down but read out the questions and make it fun. If you want, make it competitive – pit two children against each other. There is no pass mark, but generally speaking you are looking for above 15.

Here is the important part. If these questions generate discussion – go with it. Make a mental note of anything the pupil seems interested in. If there are any answers they don't know look them up together.

In the internet generation schools are now emphasising the ability to find information rather than merely knowing information. It is important that the pupil knows where to look.

If there are any real gaps in the child's knowledge do something about it. Watch the news together, ask them questions at the dinner table – what do you think? Where would *you* like to go on holiday? Why? Let conversations develop. Good luck!

1. What is the name of the hero in The Lion King?
2. What colour are the benches in the House of Commons?
3. What famous structure was built on Salisbury Plain in the third millennium BC?
4. What are the only two countries to have a land border with the US?
5. In computing, what is Mb short for?
6. What is the name of the wizard at the court of King Arthur?
7. Which leaves can be used to soothe the pain from stinging nettles?
8. What is the object hit by the players in ice hockey called?
9. What is the London home of the prime minister?
10. How many wives did Henry VIII have?
11. What is the line of latitude that runs around the centre of the world called?
12. How many sides does a hexagon have?
13. Which breed of dogs were menaced by Cruella de Vil?
14. From what tree do acorns come?
15. What colour jersey is won by the leader in the Tour de France
16. *Spitfires* and *Hurricanes* helped win which battle in 1940
17. Which artist painted a number of pictures of Sunflowers?
18. What term in tenpin bowling describes having knocked all the pins down after your second bowl?
19. Kabul is the capital city of which country?
20. *Feline* means relating to which animal?

1. Who was the prime minister of the U.K for most of the Second World War?
2. Which king received an arrow in his eye at the Battle of Hastings?
3. In which countries are the holy cities of Mecca and Medina?
4. What term in mathematics refers to the number obtained when two or more numbers are multiplied?
5. Which character in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* muttered "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late"?
6. What is the term for when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, blocking out light from the latter?
7. What is the name of the Australian throwing stick that can return to its thrower?
8. Which member of the Royal Family holds the title Duke of York?
9. What was signed by King John at Runnymede in 1215?
10. Which planet is known as "The Red Planet?"
11. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
12. What name is given to the collection of 22 bones found in the head?
13. What colour belt are martial arts experts entitled to wear?
14. Air Force One is used by the holder of which position?
15. Which liner sank on her maiden voyage in 1912?
16. What is the capital city of Spain?
17. What has the scientific formula H₂O?
18. Who is the bear in *The Jungle Book*?
19. Which game is played in the autumn using the fruit of the horse chestnut tree?
20. In which U.S city would you find Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx?

1. At more than 6.5 million square miles, what is the largest country in the world?
2. Ping Pong is an alternative name for which sport?
3. What colour are dandelions?
4. What term is used in cricket for the two men on the field who decide on whether batsman are out and signal for extras and boundaries?
5. Which chess piece can move diagonally?
6. How many ounces are there in a pound?
7. How many sides does a hexagon have?
8. From what country does *Lego* come?
9. In which country in ancient times was mummification carried out on important people when they died?
10. Who has a dog called Snowy and is friends with Captain Haddock?
11. Which sea separates Europe from Africa?
12. Who were all the King's horses and men unable to put together again?
13. Which is the only vowel not on the top row of a computer keyboard?
14. In which mountain range is Mount Everest?
15. In which sport might you do a *slam dunk*?
16. Which city did the ancient Greeks by legend besiege for 10 years?
17. Which Scottish loch with a length of about 24 miles, is reputed to contain a monster?
18. Who picked a peck of pickled pepper?
19. Which letter do cars from Germany have on them when travelling abroad to show what country they are from?
20. What term is used in tennis for 40-40?

1. *v Cocker, Springer* and *King Charles* are varieties of which breed of dog?
2. In netball what does WA stand for?
3. Which river rises in Peru, enters the sea in Brazil and at no point is crossed by a bridge?
4. What colour are emeralds?
5. What did Spain send to attack Britain in 1588?
6. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
7. What type of boat is most associated with canals?
8. Liverpool lies on which river?
9. What is the most expensive property on a standard British monopoly board?
10. What is the largest planet in the solar system?
11. Which British rower won gold medals at five consecutive Olympics?
12. What material was used to make a famous bridge in Shropshire in 1779, a town now being named after it?
13. What is the object hit by the players in ice hockey called?
14. Which desert covers much of northern Africa?
15. Which people travelled in longships and raided Britain from Scandinavia in early Medieval times?
16. Which star can be used to work out where due north is?
17. What is the name of the chocolate factory owner in Roald Dahl's novel about Charlie?
18. Which sport takes place in a *velodrome*?
19. Who leads a gang of outlaws in Sherwood Forest?
20. What is the largest of the Channel Islands?

1. *Mumbai, Chennai* and *Kolkata* are major cities in which country?
2. The African and Asian are the two main forms of which mammal, with their ear size being an easy way to tell which is which?
3. The name for which group of prehistoric animals comes from the Greek for “terrible lizard”?
4. What does the French song *Frere Jacques* mean in English?
5. What is the line of latitude that runs around the centre of the world called?
6. What is the name of Manchester United’s home ground?
7. What notable event affected London in September 1666?
8. Which businessman founded Virgin Records and Virgin Airlines?
9. How many holes are there on a standard golf course?
10. In which country does the River Nile meet the sea?
11. How many players are there in a rugby union team (not including substitutes)?
12. *Crawl, backstroke* and *butterfly* are different methods in which sport?
13. Which film and musical are about a miner’s son who wishes to become a ballet dancer?
14. Which Italian city is famous for its canals?
15. Which jet-black bird has lived in the Tower of London for centuries?
16. Which stringed instrument is bigger than a violin but smaller than a cello?
17. Which train travels to Europe from St Pancras station?
18. Which tree has a variety called “Weeping”?
19. Who had an encounter with the three bears?
20. Who was the “Lady with the Lamp” during the Crimean War?