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Comprehension Test Pack 1

for SEAG Entrance Assessment

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Introduction

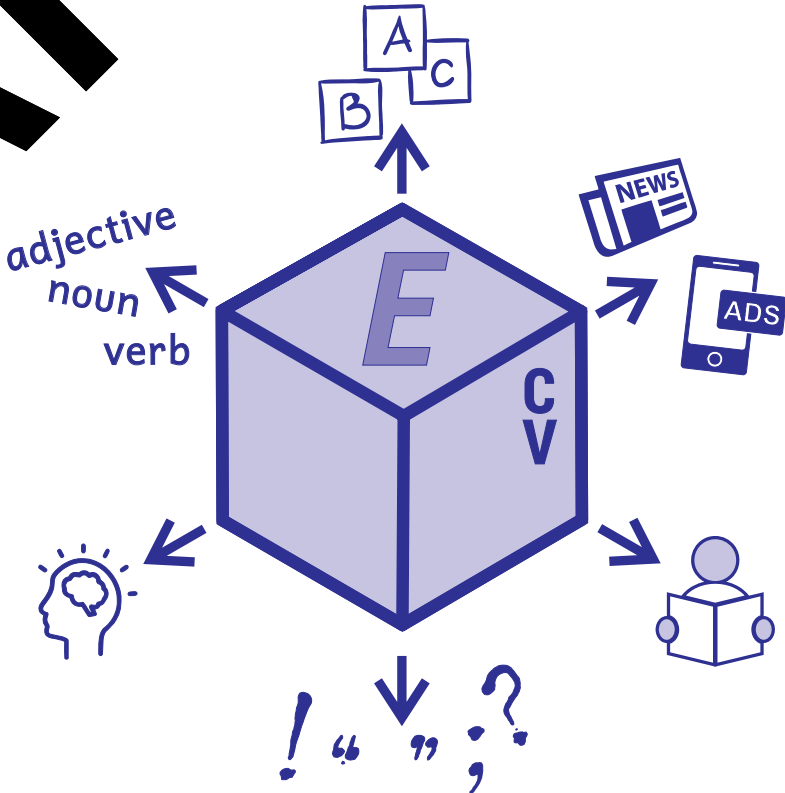
This Information File is a complete revision package covering all aspects of the **Comprehension and Vocabulary** element required for the SEAG Entrance Assessment. It also covers the content and syllabus of the Northern Ireland Curriculum for Language and Literacy at the end of Key Stage 2.

The Comprehension Test Pack comprises:

- * Test material assessing children's understanding of a variety of forms of poetry writing, and how poems use language to create mood and convey meaning. Children should have an understanding of:
 - * imagery;
 - * verse and rhyme;
 - * alliteration;
 - * simile and metaphor;
 - * word meanings;
 - * parts of speech.
- * Test material assessing children's understanding of a variety of texts (news items and advertisements) and questions related to:
 - * word meanings;
 - * True/False statements;
 - * Yes/No/Option statements;
 - * identifying parts of speech;
 - * awareness of text structure/layout;
 - * how text written or presented in different ways conveys meaning, e.g. bold, italics, asterisks, headlines, etc.; and
 - * comparing two extracts.

Poetry

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COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY (POETRY)

Mark: / 13

Test 1

Children should have 15 minutes to complete this test.

Candidate's Name

DATE OF TEST					
Day		Month		Year	

Read the whole poem carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

1. The Perfect Gift

- 2. Fir trees decorated festively stand centre stage,
- 3. Bedecked with baubles beaming brightly
- 4. As if reflecting the 'light' of Yuletide
- 5. People exchange gifts in ritual fashion,
- 6. Symbolically reaching out to others
- 7. Spreading peace and love to a troubled world.

- 8. A season of goodwill and rejoicing
- 9. Time to remember all we are and ourselves,
- 10. A chance to see again with enlightened eyes
- 11. This new hope, new entered world.
- 12. To gaze in wonder on this perfect gift.
- 13. A jewel packaged in humble rags . . . The God-Man.

Please answer the questions (look at the poem again if you need to.)
 You should write the best answer and mark the box beside its letter with a thin horizontal line like this .

1 During what time of the year is the poem set?

- A Spring
- B Autumn
- C Summer
- D Winter
- E Hallowe'en

6 What does the poet mean by the phrase ‘enlightened eyes’? (line 10)

- A bright eyes
- B open eyes
- C closed eyes
- D eyes that follow understanding and truth
- E eyes that follow false beliefs

7 What, in the poem, was adorned with bright globes?

- A gifts
- B the ‘light’
- C fir trees
- D jewels
- E the world

For these questions you have to write your answers neatly, in the box beside the question.

8 What TWO words in lines 10 to 13 does the poet use to describe the season?

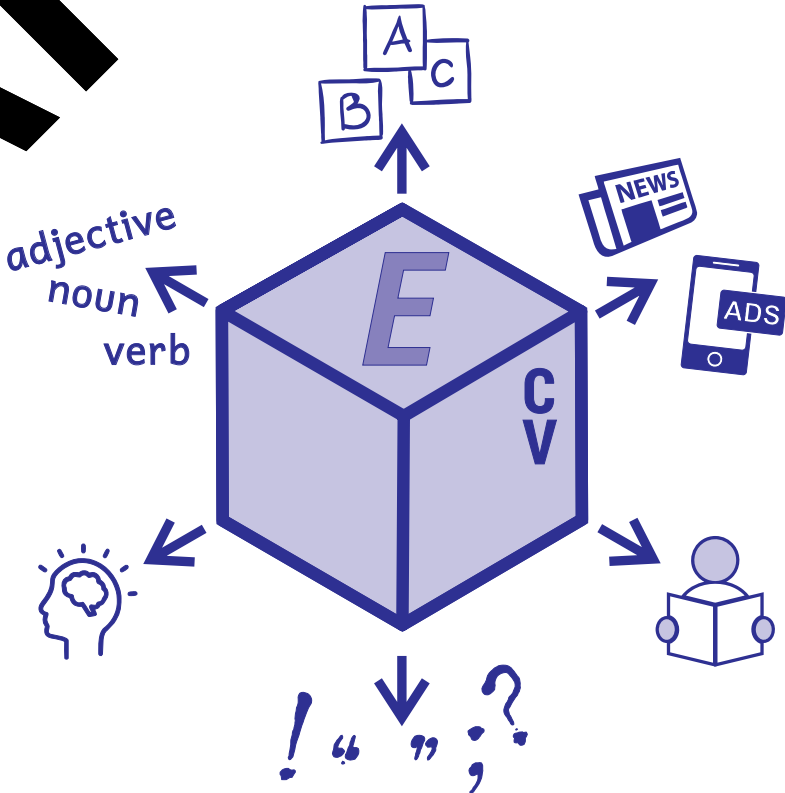
(i) _____

(ii) _____

9 Write an adverb the author uses in lines 2 to 7 of the poem.

Letters

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19. On at least two occasions we have noticed that the meter box has
20. been left open.
21. As all our protests have been in vain, we have been forced to pay the
22. amount in full.
23. Was our meter tampered with or is this an Electritone scam?
24. Yours sincerely
25. *Jayne Anderson*
26. Jayne Anderson

Please answer these questions. (Look at the passage again if you need to.)
You should choose the **best** answer and tick the box beside its letter with a thin horizontal line like this .

1 Where would this letter most likely be found?

- A** a dictionary
- B** a travel guide
- C** a newspaper
- D** a signature
- E** an encyclopaedia

2 To whom was the letter written?

- A** the author
- B** the illustrator
- C** the publisher
- D** the electricity company
- E** the editor

12 What part of speech is the word 'proved' (line 16) as used in the passage?

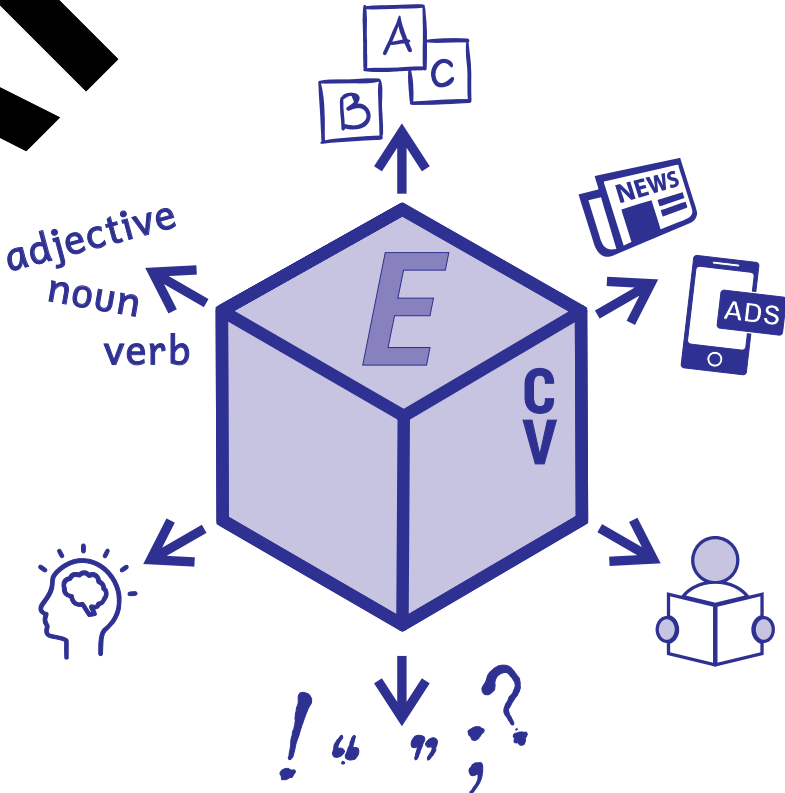
13 What part of speech is the word 'approximately' (line 17) as used in the passage?

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END OF TEST

Advertisements

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COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY (ADVERTISEMENTS)

Mark: / 13

Test 15Children should have **15 minutes** to complete this test.

Candidate's Name

DATE OF TEST

Day	Month	Year

Read **all** the advertisements carefully, then answer the questions that follow.1. **Tractor, Travel Cot, Basketball Stand**

2. **Tractor** Red pedal tractor, one owner. Full working order and in mint condition. Trailer included in price. £100 ono.
3. Phone between 6–10 p.m. 7341 3121
5. **Travel Cot** Collapsible, check pattern travel cot. Ideal for holidays. Has had little use and comes with a safety mattress.
6. £25 Phone 6–10 p.m. 9661 1100
8. **Basketball Stand** New coloured basketball stand extending in height to 2½ m. Has had one careful owner.
9. Ball available for purchase for an additional sum.
10. Any reasonable offers considered.
11. Phone between 6–10 p.m. 4961 0101

Please answer the questions. (Look at the advertisements again if you need to.)

You should choose the best answer and mark the box beside its letter with a thin horizontal

line like this

1 Which of the following statements are TRUE according to the advertisements above?

- A The basketball can be purchased for no extra charge.
- B The basketball can be purchased for an extra amount of money.
- C The basketball stand is over 3 m.
- D The basketball stand has had more than one careful owner.
- E The basketball stand is non-adjustable.

6 Who would use the items being sold?

- A adults
- B babies
- C teenagers
- D senior citizens
- E children of different ages

7 What word from the list below has the same meaning as 'mint'? (line 3)

- A salvaged
- B perfect
- C poor
- D reclaimed
- E antique

For these questions you have to write answers, neatly, in the box beside the question.

8 Write the 7 adjectives from the advertisement that would describe the basketball stand.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

9 Name an occasion according to the advertisement when the travel cot could be used.

**Answer
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The Witching Hour

7. D - adjective
8. C - legend
9. B - to show that the tails belong to the rats
10. C - the use of rhyme
11. howls, cackles, bumps [line 8]
12. cauldrons [line 6]
13. noun

5. The Game

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1. C - rugby
2. B - line 8 [**B**attling, **b**attered, **b**ruised and spent]
3. C - the referee
4. C - the team lost
5. (i) flanker
(ii) flyhalf
(iii) fullback
6. Urging [line 3]
7. deliver [line 5]

The Night

8. D - comfortably [line 1]
9. C - the land
10. D - the use of metaphor
11. (i) tents
(ii) ...
(iii) badger
12. adjective
13. verb

6. All's not what it seems! page 33

1. E - The poem is really all about a wolf.
2. E - an avalanche
3. C - a wolf
4. stalks [line 6]

5. wreaking [line 8]
6. adverb

Lonely

7. D - reclusive
8. C - no-one
9. D - grown accustomed to
10. D - a rocking chair
11. slumber [line 6]
12. alone [line 2]
13. noun

7. Nature's Way

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1. C - its leaves
2. D - a skeleton
3. D - its dignity [honour, line 3]
4. E - the tree going into a period of sleep or hibernation
5. *at least 2 from once, savagely, or* relentlessly
6. savagely [line 4]
7. adorned [line 2]

War

8. D - the futility of war
9. E - unjust [injustice, line 8]
10. A - comfort and hope
11. (i) families
(ii) disease
12. futility [line 2]
13. shattered [line 4]

8. Summer Days

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1. C - display
2. C - decorate
3. E - At the Seaside
4. A - line 2 (like rainbows)
5. C - they were washed away