

WHAT CANDIDATES NEED TO KNOW - SPRINGBOARD

General Objectives

This test is designed to motivate and reward young learners who have had exposure to English in an academic context and who are in advance of Firstwords.

Language Content (*in addition to Firstwords*)

1. Areas of Language Use

Answer question about a picture
Use the alphabet
Recognise words when spelt out
Ask/say what people are doing
Express likes / dislikes
Talk about likes and dislikes
Talk about habits and routines
Tell the time (hours only) / state day of week
Express numbers from 1 to 100
Express ability

2. Main Structures

The present continuous - interrogative and negative
Is Ben wearing a red T-shirt?
Annie isn't eating a cheeseburger
Like + ...ing
Ben doesn't like getting up early
Sophie loves school
The simple present tense for habits - affirmative, negative and interrogative
Lions eat meat
The baby doesn't eat hamburgers
Does Mrs Brown start work at 8.00?
Adverbs of frequency
Sometimes, always, never, often
Other question words
How often? What kind? What time? How much?
Verb + infinitive
want to, help to, plan to, decide to
Simple ordinals
First, second, third
Conjunctions
When, before, after + then (adverb)
Prepositions
Opposite, between, in front of

3. Topics and Vocabulary

- Clothes
- Food
- Description of Animals
- Homes

Topics included at lower levels may also be recycled and developed

- Families
- Pets and Animals
- School
- The Body and People's Appearance
- Toys
- Houses

Days of the week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Months of the year

March, April, May

Seasons and weather

Winter, spring, rain, sunshine

Clothes and accessories

Coat, jacket, trainers, sweatshirt, T-shirt, scarf etc

Words associated with clothes

Button, zip, laces

Food and drink

Eggs, meat, bread, apple, cabbage, rice, water, juice etc.

Fast food

Hamburgers, milkshake, chips, etc.

Continents

Europe, Asia, etc

Animals

Camel, crocodile, giraffe, hippo, rhino, etc.

Basic words to describe the appearance of animals

Stripes, spots, feathers, wings, shell

Rooms in a house or flat

Bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, living room

Parts of a house or flat

Door, window, floor, wall, etc.

Furniture and household objects

Bed, table, lamp, carpet, telephone, washing machine

Sports children play and/or watch

Football, tennis, gymnastics

Please note that structures and vocabulary given in italics are for guidance only and are not intended to be a complete list.