



Standards
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Information for schools and parents:
Primary school progress measures

Assessment and Reporting

The DfE will use scaled scores to report the results of the SATs taken in 2017. They used this method last year for the first time.

What is a scaled score?

A pupil's scaled score is based on their raw score. The raw score is the total number of marks a pupil scores in a test, based on the number of questions they answered correctly.

- Every scaled score will represent the same level of attainment for a pupil each year, so a pupil who scores 103, for example, in 2016 will have demonstrated the same attainment as a pupil who scores 103 in 2017.
- A scaled score of 100 will always represent the expected standard on the test. Pupils scoring 100 or more will have met the expected standard on the test.

The raw scores for each test are calculated by adding the scores from each paper for a subject.

Test	Number of marks available in the paper	Total number of marks available for the test – highest raw score
English reading	50 marks	50 marks
English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions	50 marks	70 marks
English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling	20 marks	
Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic	40 marks	110 marks
Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning	35 marks	
Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning	35 marks	

An example of the table used to convert the raw scores to scaled scores in Reading

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
0	No scaled score (N)
1	
2	
3	80
4	82
5	83
6	85
7	86
8	87
9	88
10	89
11	90
12	91
13	92
14	93
15	94
16	95

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
17	96
18	97
19	98
20	99
21	100
22	100
23	101
24	102
25	103
26	104
27	104
28	105
29	106
30	107
31	108
32	109
33	109

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
34	110
35	111
36	112
37	113
38	114
39	115
40	116
41	117
42	118
43	119
44	120
45	120
46	120
47	120
48	120
49	120
50	120

e.g. If a child scored a raw score of 44 they would receive a scaled score of 120