

Year 7, 1 NAPLAN Reading Worksheet

This practice test is a great refresher to remind students of the kinds of questions that they might facing during NAPLAN *Reading* and *Language Convention* assessments. It includes seven texts and is in the style of the NAPLAN Reading assessment.

44 Questions



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Questions

Read the text *Keep your cat safe and sound indoors* and answer the following questions:

Keep your cat safe & sound indoors & help protect our wildlife!



Every year, millions of pet cats are run over by cars, mauled by dogs, poisoned and lost.

Thousands of birds and small mammals are killed by free-roaming cats.

Keep your cat indoors for your cat's safety

The average life expectancy of an outdoor cat is just **two to five years**. An indoor cat may live **seventeen or more years**.

Cats that roam are constantly in danger from

- 🐾 cars
- 🐾 animals attacks from encounters with dogs or other cats
- 🐾 human cruelty
- 🐾 diseases such as feline leukaemia and distemper
- 🐾 parasites such as worms, ticks, mites and fleas
- 🐾 poisons and traps

Keep your cat indoors to protect our Native Wildlife

While cats are excellent companions or humans, they are successful hunters and have a serious impact on native wildlife.



Research shows that both feral and domestic cats kill more than

- * 100 native Australian species of birds,
- * 50 mammals and marsupial species,
- * 50 reptiles species, and
- * numerous frogs and invertebrate species.

1. The picture of the cat near the top of the page makes the cat look:

- a) sick from being attacked.
- b) upset at being kept indoors.
- c) sick from being hit by a car.
- d) happy and contented.

Answer: _____

2. Why does the poster use paw prints to highlight the points?

- a) It makes us think of a cat as we read the points.
- b) It makes us think about native animals as we read the points.
- c) It makes us think of the mess cats make as we read the points.
- d) It makes us think about birds as we read the points.

Answer _____

3. Why is the poster's heading '*Keep your cat safe and sound indoors*' instead of '*Keep your cat indoors*'?

- a) to make cat owners think about the native animals
- b) to make cat owners feel guilty about owning a cat
- c) to make cat owners think that their cats are safer outside
- d) to make cat owners believe that their cat is safer indoors

Answer _____

4. The picture of the cat near the bottom of the page with the bird makes the cat look:

- a) happy and contented.
- b) mild and gentle.
- c) like a tiger hunting.
- d) as if it wants to be picked up and cuddled.

Answer _____

5. If a cat is kept indoors, it can be expected to live:

- a) up to two years.
- b) up to five years.
- c) two to five years.
- d) seventeen or more years.

Answer _____

6. Which of the following statements best summarises what the poster is telling us about cats and native animals?

- a) the native animals and birds are a risk to the cat.
- b) cats chase but do not kill and eat native animals and birds.
- c) cats kill and eat native animals and birds.
- d) cats may get injured when they chase native animals and birds.

Answer _____

7. The poster suggests that:

- a) cats are in most danger from other cats when they are inside.
- b) cats are excellent companions for humans.
- c) cats are not excellent companions for humans.
- d) cats are a danger to humans because of the diseases they catch.

Answer _____

8. The text tells you that the life expectancy of an outdoor cat is just *two to five years*. These words are in *bold* print to:

- a) make them stand out so people will notice them.
- b) make them look better with the surrounding print.
- c) make the print look more attractive.
- d) make them look less important than the other words.

Answer _____

9. The ideas in this poster are directed towards:

- a) cat lovers.
- b) people who do not have a cat.
- c) people who hate cats.
- d) he cats themselves.

Answer _____

Read the text *Wind Song* by Carol Moore and answer the following questions.

An extract from *Wind Song* by Carol Moore.

Rachel and her family stopped at the general store and noticed a yellow bird in a cage. So bright a yellow, it was a miniature piece of the sun in that dusty place. At that moment the little bird lifted its head, swelled its chest, and sang out a joyous trill.

Rachel bought the canary and never regretted it, because the little bird entertained the family endlessly. Sir Gallant, they called him because he did battle with the wind that moaned and wailed around the house. Sir Gallant lifted their spirits, turning dust days back into sunshine days.

One afternoon, the children noticed the canary sitting motionless and silent on his perch. "Is Sir Gallant sick?" they asked in alarm.

"No. It's just a dark day outside," their mother reassured them. "It'll be raining soon and he probably doesn't feel like singing."

The younger children accepted this explanation but not Rachel. She went to the door and looked outside. It was deathly quiet: no wind or sounds of birds or prairie dogs. She saw black thunderclouds stacked high into the sky. There was a heaviness to the air and a prickly feeling.

Rachel thought about Sir Gallant's odd behavior and the angry thunderclouds and how strange it felt. Straining to hear, she caught a faint rumbling and it was the sound of thunder.

Suddenly Rachel knew. She absolutely knew they were in danger. "Mum," she shouted. "It's a tornado!"

10. The words *it was a miniature piece of the sun in that dusty place* compare the bird to:

- a) the general store.
- b) the dust.
- c) the sun.
- d) the wind.

Answer _____

11. The words *it was a miniature piece of the sun in that dusty place* suggest that the bird made the family feel:

- a) sleepy.
- b) peaceful.
- c) happy and bright.
- d) sad and thoughtful.

Answer _____

12. Read paragraph two. The words that tell you that the wind did not make a pleasant sound are:

- a) did battle.
- b) entertained endlessly.
- c) wailed and moaned.
- d) regretted and endlessly.

Answer _____

13. The text tells you that *Sir Gallant lifted their spirits, turning dust days back into sunshine days*. This suggests that:

- a) they did not get much wind where they lived.
- b) it was very dusty where they lived.
- c) it was very sunny where they lived.
- d) they got a lot of rain where they lived.

Answer _____

14. Read paragraph three. What word tells you that the children are upset about the bird?

- a) sick
- b) alarm
- c) noticed
- d) asked

Answer _____

15. Read paragraph five. What words suggest that something worse than a storm is about to happen?

- a) It was deathly quiet: no wind or sounds of birds or prairie dogs.
- b) She saw black thunderclouds stacked high in the sky.
- c) She could hear thunder.
- d) She could see a tornado.

Answer _____

Read the text *Fox Management Strategy* and answer the following questions.

Fox Management Strategy



The European Red Fox is an introduced species. The Red Fox is a serious threat to the survival of small, to medium-sized, native species. Foxes also prey on poultry and pose a risk to domestic animals, for example dogs, through the transfer of diseases, such as hydatids.

The Council developed a Central Coast Fox Management Strategy in 2005. It aims to guide the implementation of a coordinated fox management strategy across all land tenures of the Central Coast.

The council is undertaking a coastal fox baiting program in the Council's Coastal Open Space System (COSS) reserves at Rumbalara, Katandra and Kincumba Mountain, and at the Kincumber Sewerage Treatment Works. The program aims to reduce the impact of foxes on native animals and, in particular, threatened species, such as the endangered Bush Stone-curlew, from fox predation.

During the baiting program, notices are displayed at all entrances to the reserve areas. Residents around the areas are also notified by post and notices appear in the local newspaper to inform the community. Residents and the broader community, are warned that pets must be prevented from entering the baiting areas. Dogs are prohibited from COSS reserves at all times.

16. The picture of the fox makes you think that:

- a) foxes are good for the environment.
- b) foxes are hunters and killers.
- c) you would enjoy having a fox live near you.
- d) foxes are really nice, friendly animals.

Answer _____

17. The picture of the fox is circled in red and has a red line through it.
This gives you the idea that:

- a) foxes are a danger.
- b) foxes should be encouraged.
- c) people want foxes.
- d) foxes are good.

Answer _____

18. What year did the the Council develop the Central Coast Fox Management Strategy?

Write the year below.

Answer _____

19. The Council developed the Central Coast Fox Management Strategy.

This suggests that:

- a) there are not many foxes.
- b) foxes have been beneficial.
- c) people want more foxes.
- d) there are a lot of foxes.

Answer _____

20. The acronym COSS stands for:

- a) Care Over Several Species.
- b) Coastal Operations Saving Species
- c) Coastal Open Space System.
- d) Care Of Several Species.

Answer _____

21. The text tells you that "During the baiting program, notices are displayed at all entrances to the reserve areas and along the reserve boundaries." The council makes sure that everyone knows about the program so that:

- a) people can stop the foxes from eating the baits.
- b) chickens do not get poisoned by the baits.
- c) people do not get poisoned by the baits.
- d) pets don't get poisoned by the baits.

Answer _____

22. The purpose of the text is to:

- a) inform.
- b) amuse.
- c) entertain.
- d) argue.

Answer _____

Read the text *Have Your Say* and answer the question.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Post an idea or give your view on an idea already posted!

Post an idea **Post a reply**

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Posted by: Rageous Date posted: 10 May	My idea is that we don't need the ugly old letterbox in the twenty-first century. Now there is email and voice mail and text messaging. Isn't it about time people gave up the old fashioned letter box?
Posted by: Tinny Date posted: 11 May	So Rageous! What about the people who aren't on email and don't know how to send text message? Some people don't even have a computer. They still need letterboxes. We don't want to disadvantage half the population.
Posted by: Tank Date posted: 12 May	I think it's mean of Rageous to suggest getting rid of letterboxes. My Grandma likes getting letters from me and she doesn't have a phone that can take a text message.
Posted by: Zip Date posted: 14 May	My uncle is a postman, Rageous. He doesn't want to lose his job. And people put the street number of their houses on letter boxes. It's an easy way to contact people or find the right house.
Posted by: Partigirl Date posted: 14 May	I think Rageous is right. Letter boxes are ugly and sending the postman around costs money for his wages and the petrol for the mail-bike. Those who still want letters, should go to the post office to collect them. If people don't own a computer, they can always go to the library.

23. The order of the messages is according to the:
- a) word length.
 - b) date.
 - c) the number of sentences.
 - d) names, alphabetically.

Answer _____

24. Read what Rageous posted. This gives you the idea that:

- a) Rageous has ideas to help people who rely on letters.
- b) Rageous is concerned for people who rely on letters.
- c) Rageous does not get many letters in her letterbox.
- d) Rageous gets a lot of letters in her letterbox.

Answer _____

25. The main idea Rageous has is that:

- a) letterboxes are inconvenient.
- b) letterboxes are ugly.
- c) letters are too expensive.
- d) letterboxes are old fashioned.

Answer _____

26. The first reply to Rageous was posted:

- a) on the same day as Rageous.
- b) two days after Rageous posted the idea.
- c) on the next day after Rageous posted the idea.
- d) three days after Rageous posted the idea.

Answer _____

27. Read Zip's response. You can say that he is concerned about:

- a) how inconvenient letterboxes are.
- b) what letterboxes look like.
- c) his uncle losing his job.
- d) the people who rely on letterboxes and letters.

Answer _____

28. The tone of Tinny's posting suggests that Tinny finds what Rageous writes:

- a) amusing.
- b) annoying.
- c) exciting.
- d) boring.

Answer _____

Read the text *The Platypus* and answer the following questions.

The Platypus

The platypus is one of the two animals in the order Monotremata. Platypus is from the Greek language: platys meaning broad and pous meaning foot, referring to the animal's webbed feet.

The platypus is about the size of a household cat. The male platypus's body is about 50 - 60 centimeters long and the female is about 40 - 50 centimeters long. The platypus has a thick covering of waterproof hair all over its body except for the feet and bill. The thermal qualities of the fur allow the platypus to withstand cold temperatures.

The platypus's sensitive, pliable bill is a blue-gray, blackish color with the two nostril holes near the tip. The location of the nostrils allows the platypus to breathe while the rest of the body remains under the water surface. As the platypus gathers food in its mouth, it moves the food to its cheek pouches. When it returns to the surface, it pushes the food from its cheek pouches up to its mouth. It then grinds it with its grinding pads.

The paddle-like tail of the platypus is broad and flat. It is used as a rudder when swimming and to push the soil within the burrow when tunneling. Its main purpose is to store fat for when food supplies are low. A plump tail is a sign of good health.

The female lays two to three eggs in a nesting burrow. The eggs of the platypus have large yolks and rubbery shells like reptile eggs. When the babies hatch they nurse from the female's milk glands. The babies do not leave the burrow until they are about 17 weeks old.

The platypus is the world's only venomous furred animal. The spurs on males become venomous during the breeding season.

Platypuses are capable of making sounds. These sounds have been compared to a puppy growling.

29. The platypus got its name because:

- a) it has a broad bill.
- b) it has a broad tail.
- c) it has broad webbed feet.
- d) it has a broad tummy.

Answer _____

30. Read paragraph two. Which of the following sentences is true?

- a) The male platypus is longer than the female.
- b) The male platypus is shorter than the female.
- c) The female platypus is longer than the male.
- d) The female platypus is generally larger than the male.

Answer _____

31. The words *thermal qualities* refer to the ability of the fur to:

- a) keep the platypus warm.
- b) keep the platypus from being seen easily.
- c) keep the platypus dry.
- d) keep the platypus cool.

Answer _____

32. Read paragraph three. Why does the platypus have its nostril holes on the end of its bill?

- a) It can sit inside its burrow with only the end of its bill outside.
- b) The platypus must come up to breathe very often when it is in the water.
- c) It does not need to breathe often.
- d) The platypus can keep out of sight under the water and still breathe.

Answer _____

33. Why might the platypus want to stay underwater with just the tip of its bill above the surface?

- a) It wants to attract another platypus.
- b) It wants to lie in wait for its prey.
- c) It does not want to be seen by predators.
- d) it likes to surprise its prey as it passes on the bank.

Answer _____

34. You do manage to see a platypus and it has a plump tail. This means

- a) the platypus must be sick.
- b) the platypus must be about to lay its eggs.
- c) the platypus is not getting enough to eat.
- d) the platypus is getting enough to eat and is healthy.

Answer _____

35. The purpose of this text is to

- a) amuse.
- b) tell a story.
- c) inform.
- d) argue.

Answer _____

Read the text *Waterfall Valley Map* and answer the following questions.

Waterfall Valley Map



-  Overland Track
-  Other/Side Tracks
-  Walkers' Hut
-  Emergency Shelter
-  Hardened Campsite

36. There is a Walkers' Hut and an Emergency Shelter. This suggests that:

- a) there are plenty of places to camp at Waterfall Valley.
- b) the weather is never difficult or dangerous at Waterfall Valley.
- c) the weather is sometimes very bad and walkers need to take shelter.
- d) if there is bad weather, you can get home easily.

Answer _____

37. The Overland Track passes many lakes. This suggests that:

- a) people have pumped water into Waterfall Valley.
- b) there is very little rain at Waterfall Valley.
- c) people have dammed the water to form lakes.
- d) there is a lot of rain at the Waterfall Valley.

Answer _____

38. Barn Bluff, Mount Emmett and Branigan Falls are some of the names on the map.

These names tell you that:

- a) there are a lot of mountains around Waterfall Valley.
- b) it is close to the ocean.
- c) it is very flat around Waterfall Valley.
- d) it is an area where a lot of people live.

Answer _____

39. You are walking near Waterfall Valley. You have just passed the Walkers' Hut. As you walk along the Overland Track, you would expect to see:

- a) other people walking along the track.
- b) other people driving along the track.
- c) trains travelling along the track.
- d) trucks travelling along the track.

Answer _____

Read the text *Talking Knots* and answer the following questions.

Talking Knots

Of all the major Bronze Age civilisations, only the Inca of South America appeared to lack a written language. The Inca left ample evidence of their great civilisation: monumental architecture, technology, urbanisation and political and social structures. The only possible Incan example of writing and recording information could be the cryptic knotted strings known as khipu.

A khipu usually consisted of colored spun and plied thread or strings, from llama or alpaca hair. It could also be made of cotton cords. The cords contained numeric and other values, encoded by knots in a base ten positional system. Most khipu were arranged as knotted strings, hanging from horizontal cords in such a way as to represent numbers for bookkeeping and census purposes.

But a more searching analysis in 1997 of some 450 of the 600 surviving khipu in Peru, has called into question this interpretation. Although they were probably mainly accounting tools, a growing number of researchers now think that some khipu were non-numerical and may have been an early form of writing.

If khipu is a writing system, this is entirely different from any of the known ancient scripts. The khipu did not record information in graphic signs for words. It used a kind of three-dimensional binary code, similar to the language of today's computers.

40. The text suggests that the Incas

- a) did not have an accounting system for counting goods and people.
- b) were the only ancient civilisation without writing.
- c) did not have many large buildings or a sophisticated lifestyle.
- d) were a nomadic people, moving from place to place.

Answer _____

41. The Inca civilization existed in the

- a) Jurassic Age.
- b) Stone age.
- c) Middle Ages.
- d) Bronze Age.

Answer _____

42. The idea that Inca knots might represent words as well as numbers

- a) has been accepted by researchers for at least three centuries.
- b) has always been accepted amongst researchers.
- c) has been accepted by most researchers for at least three decades.
- d) has only recently been proposed by researchers.

Answer _____

43. The purpose of this text is to:

- a) argue.
- b) inform.
- c) amuse.
- d) entertain.

Answer _____

44. Researchers are excited by the idea that the knots might represent words because it would mean that:

- a) it would make the khipu less valuable.
- b) researchers might learn more about the Incas.
- c) it would mean that the Inca ruins would become more valuable.
- d) it would mean that any Inca ornaments would be more valuable.

Answer _____

The Answers.

Hey! No peeking until you've finished...



Question 1

Answer d) The cat is sitting comfortably on a pillow. **He looks happy and contented.**

Question 2

Answer a) **They look like a cat's paw prints**, so they would have been used to make us think of cats as we read the points.

Question 3

Answer d) The purpose of the heading is to **make cat owners believe their cats are safer indoors.**

The difference between the headings is the phrase 'safe and sound'. By including this in the heading, the poster gives a convincing reason to keep cats inside.

Question 4

Answer c) The cat has been made to **look like a tiger hunting.**

Question 5

Answer d) The text says that if kept inside, cats can live for **seventeen or more years.**

Question 6

Answer c) The text tells us that cats **kill** birds, mammals and marsupials, reptiles, frogs and invertebrates. This means that **cats kill and eat native animals and birds.**

Question 7

Answer b) The text says that **cats are excellent companions for humans.**

Question 8

Answer a) The words are written in bold **to make them stand out so people will notice them.**

Question 9

Answer a) The poster is aimed at **cat lovers**.

Question 10

Answer c) The text says *it was a miniature piece of **the sun** in that dusty place*.

Question 11

Answer c) The phrase suggests that the bird made the family feel **happy and bright**.

Question 12

Answer c) The words that describe the sound the wind made are **wailed and moaned**.

Question 13

Answer b) The phrase *dust days* tells us that it was **very dusty where they lived**.

Question 14

Answer b) The word 'alarm' tells us the children were concerned, worried or anxious.

Question 15

Answer a) **It was deathly quiet: no wind or sounds of birds or prairie dogs.**

Question 16

Answer b) **foxes are hunters and killers.**

Question 17

Answer a) **foxes are a danger.**

Question 18

Answer 2005

Question 19

Answer d) **there are a lot of foxes.**

Question 20

Answer c) **Coastal Open Space System.**

Question 21

Answer d) **pets don't get poisoned by the bates.**

Question 22

Answer a) **inform.**

Question 23

Answer b) date

Question 24

Answer c) Rageous does not get many letters in her letterbox.

Question 25

Answer d) letterboxes are old fashioned.

Question 26

Answer b) on the next day after Rageous posted the idea.

Question 27

Answer c) his uncle losing his job.

Question 28

Answer b) **annoying.**

Question 29

Answer c) **it has broad webbed feet.**

Question 30

Answer a) In the second paragraph we are told that male platypus are between 50 and 60 centimetres long, while female platypus are between 40 and 50 centimetres long. From this we can see that **male platypus tend to be longer than female platypus.**

Question 31

Answer a) keep the platypus warm.

Question 32

Answer d) The platypus can keep out of sight under the water and still breath.

Question 33

Answer c) It does not want to be seen by predators.

Question 34

Answer d) the platypus is getting enough to eat and is healthy.

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Answer c) **inform.**

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Answer c) the weather is sometimes very bad and walkers need to take shelter.

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Answer d) there is a lot of rain at the Waterfall Valley.

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Answer b) were the only ancient civilisation without writing.

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Answer d) Bronze Age.

Question 42

Answer d) has only recently been proposed by researchers.

Question 43

Answer b) The information is set out clearly, in well-structured paragraphs. The language is very clear, with not too many adjectives and adverbs. It is clearly not a narrative as there are no characters or speech. From this we can tell the text is intended to give us information. If it were written to argue we would expect to see the writer give us proof that the facts they present are in fact true, but there is nothing like that in this text. **The text is written to inform.**

Question 44

Answer b) researchers might learn more about the Incas.