2019 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English reading test mark schemes

Reading answer booklet



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1. Introduction

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for the development and delivery of statutory tests and assessments. STA is an executive agency of the Department for Education.

The 2019 tests assess the national curriculum. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the test framework¹ for English reading at key stage 2 and assesses the aspects of comprehension that lend themselves to a paper test.

A new test and new mark schemes will be produced each year.

Key stage 2 tests are marked by external markers, who receive training to ensure the mark schemes are applied consistently and fairly. The mark schemes are provided to show teachers how the tests are marked. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standards maintenance process. Scaled score conversion tables² for the 2019 tests will be published in July 2019. The standards confirmation meeting will take place in June 2019.

2. Structure of the test

The key stage 2 English reading test comprises:

- a reading booklet containing three texts that increase in demand throughout the booklet
- a reading answer booklet containing questions totalling 50 marks.

¹ www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-english-reading-test-framework

² www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2

3. Content domain coverage

The 2019 test meets the specification set out in the test framework. Table 1 sets out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in the test.

Table 1: Content domain coverage for the 2019 key stage 2 English reading test

	2 a	2b	2 c	2d	2 e	2f	2g	2h
	Give / explain the meaning of words in context.	Retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.	Make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.	Identify / explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.	Identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.	Make comparisons within the text.
Qu.				Section 1:	The Park			
1		1						
2				1				
3		1						
4	1							
5		1						
6				1				
7				1				
8	1							
9	1							
10								1
11		1						
12		1						
13		2						

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	2a	2b	2c	2d	2e	2 f	2 g	2h
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Qu.			Section	2: Fact Shee	t: About Bum	blebees		
14		1						
15				2				
16				1				
17	1							
18			1					
19		1						
20		1						
21	1							
22		2						
23				1				
24		2						
25		2						
26							1	
27				2				
Qu.		I		Section 3:	Music Box			
28		1						
29							1	
30				1				
31				1				
32				3				
33		2						
34		,		1				
35		1						
36	4	1						
37	1						4	
38				0			1	
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Total	6	21	1	18			3	1

4. Explanation of the mark schemes

The range of marks available for each question is given at the side of the page in the reading answer booklet. Incorrect or unacceptable answers are given a mark of 0. No half marks are awarded.

The mark scheme for each question contains acceptable points, which are indicated either by a numbered list or a square bullet point (if there is only one possible answer). These must be treated as marking principles, not the exact response a pupil needs to give.

They also contain examples of some frequently occurring correct answers given by pupils in the trials. These are shown in italics and are introduced by round bullet points. Many pupils will, however, have different ways of wording an acceptable answer. In assessing each answer, markers focus on the content of what has been written and not on the quality of the writing, expression or grammatical construction.

For 'find and copy' questions, the correct answer is indicated by the word(s) outside the brackets. The word(s) inside the brackets indicate the maximum quotation that is allowed. Copying must be accurate but minor copying errors or introductions such as 'The answer is...' / 'It's...' will be permitted.

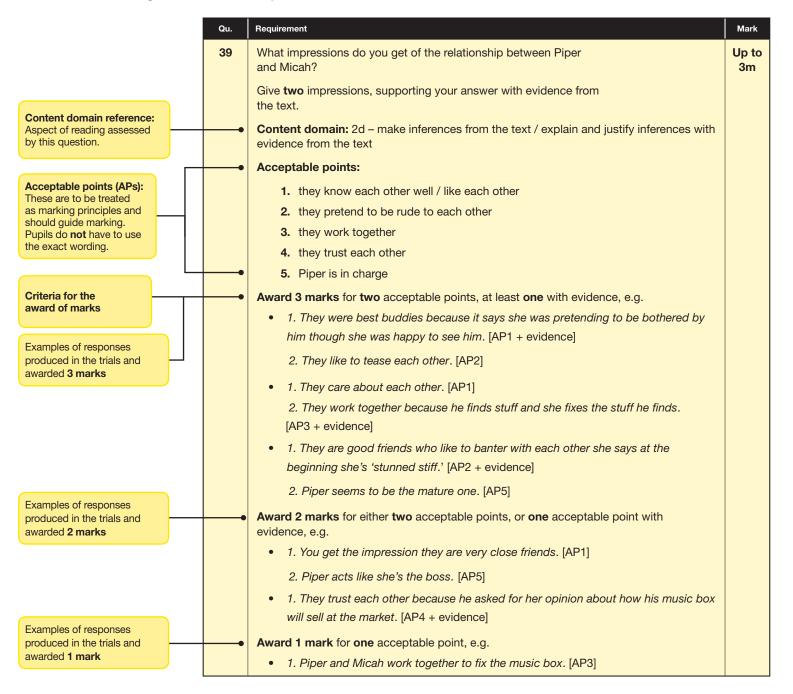
The mark schemes may also indicate commonly occurring but incorrect answers that should not be accepted.

Recording marks awarded

Pupils' test papers are scanned so that marking can be conducted on screen by trained markers.

For each question, markers record the award of 3, 2, 1 or 0 marks as appropriate, according to the mark scheme criteria. There is provision in the software to record questions not attempted. The software aggregates marks automatically.

The diagram below exemplifies the content of the mark schemes:



5. Mark schemes for the English reading test

Section 1: The Park

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	What is Ajay doing when the post arrives?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to him eating (his breakfast), e.g.	
	just about to tuck into his tea and toast	
	having his breakfast	
	drinking tea.	

2 How does Joe know that the letter contains bad news before his mum 1m tells him what it says? Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for reference to Joe seeing it on her face, e.g. he could tell because of his mum's expression · he could tell from her face • by her face. Do not accept answers which refer to her facial expression after she tells him the park is closing, e.g. • mum's face went pale her jaw dropped her eyes were watery she started crying.

What does the letter in the brown envelope tell Joe's mother?

Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction

Award 1 mark for reference to the closing of the park, e.g.

it tells her the park is shut

the park is closing

that they've shut the park down.

Also accept answers which refer to Joe's mother losing her job, e.g.

that she's losing her job.

Qu.	Requirement	Mark				
4	Look at page 4.	1m				
	Find and copy one word which shows that Joe is angry.					
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context					
	Award 1 mark for:					
	■ furiously.					
5	Look at page 4.	1m				
	In Ajay'a aninian, have do nagala faal about the nagle?					

5	Look at page 4.	1m
	In Ajay's opinion, how do people feel about the park?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to everyone loving the park, e.g.	
	Ajay feels that everyone loves the park	
	 they love it people think it's great. 	
	Do not accept answers which only refer to sadness / anger about the park being closed, e.g.	
	angry and upset	
	sad it's closing.	

6	Look at the paragraph beginning: 'You boys best get to school' to the end of page 4.	1m
	'But what about?' Joe started to say.	
	Which words would best complete Joe's question?	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	your breakfast	
	our games	
	your job 🔽	
	our homework	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
7	What is Joe's mother thinking after she reads the letter?	1m
	Tick one thought.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	I'm happy that the boys have finished their breakfast. I don't want the boys to realise how upset I am.	
	I'm worried the boys will be late for school. I'll cook sweet-and-sour spaghetti for the boys later.	
8	If she was trying to reassure Joe, it wasn't working.	1m
0	What does reassure mean in this sentence?	1111
	Content domain: 2a – give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for reference to making Joe feel better / less anxious, e.g.	
	make him feel like everything is going to be alright	

tell him it would be oktrying to comfort him

• make him not so worried about the park.

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark					
9	Look at the paragraph at the top of page 5.	1m					
	Find and copy one word that shows the boys do not want to leave the house.						
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context						
	Award 1 mark for:						
	■ reluctantly.						
10	'Oi!' Ajay yelled, 'what are you doing?'	1m					
	Joe read the sign: 'Under development.'						
	'What's going on?' Joe asked. 'Why have you closed the park?'						
	Joe and Ajay react differently to seeing the man hammering in the sign.						
	How does Joe react?						
	Tick one.						
	Content domain: 2h – make comparisons within the text						
	Award 1 mark for:						
	He is calmer. ✓						
	He is ruder.						
	He is less interested.						
	He is less worried.						
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11	Look at the sign from the story.	1m					
	Who has produced the sign?						
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction						
	Award 1 mark for reference to The Department of Progress.						
	Also accept answers which refer to the government / the council.						

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
12	Look at the paragraph beginning: <i>Underneath the notice was a</i> to the end of page 5.	1m
	What is happening inside the park straight after Joe and Ajay have read the sign?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
	1. the diggers / builders moving in, e.g.	
	some diggers are going into the park	
	the diggers are already making their way in	
	diggers were coming to knock it down.	
	2. the playground / park being destroyed, e.g.	
	the park is being knocked down.	
	Do not accept general responses about the new development that do not refer to the destruction of the playground / park, e.g.	
	they were building luxury flats.	

1	3	Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is true or false . Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for three correct or 2 marks for all four correct:					
		Award I mark for timee correct or 2 ma			1		
			True	False			
		The park has been looked after by a park warden.	✓				
		The park is going to be replaced with a shopping centre.		1			
		Building work in the park will start at the end of July.		1			
		The warden had two weeks' notice of the park's closure.		1			

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
14	What is the name of the organisation that produced this fact sheet about bumblebees?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ Bumblebee Conservation Trust.	
	Do not accept responses which give part of the name only, e.g.	
	Bumblebee Trust	
	Conservation Trust	
	www.bumblebeeconservation.org.	

Qu.	Requirement		Mark
15	support each statement. Content domain: 2d - r with evidence from the te	w with one piece of evidence from the leaflet to	Up to 2m
		Evidence	
	The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is worried about bees.	 bumblebees are struggling to survive, e.g. bumblebees are endangered there are now far fewer flowers to provide bees with the pollen and nectar. 	
		 2. bumblebees are finding themselves hungry and homeless, e.g. because they don't have a home and they are going hungry. 	
		3. two UK species having become extinct, e.g.bees are slowly going extinct.	
		 4. bumblebee numbers having declined sharply, e.g. population of bees is declining there is less and less of them. 	
		Do not accept reference to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust asking for our help.	
	The leaflet makes readers feel hopeful for bumblebees.	 5. all not being lost 6. we can take action today to help save them, e.g. you can take action today we can help to save these hardworking pollinators. 	
		Do not accept general comments about help, e.g. • you can help.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
16	In our modern world of paved gardens and intensive farming, our bumblebees find themselves hungry and homeless.	1m
	This suggests that	
	Tick one .	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	farming has helped bees.	
	paved gardens are attractive.	
	bees are good at finding their way. bees have only started struggling recently.	
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17	Look at the section headed: What's so different about the bumblebee?	1m
	The text refers to the bumblebees' cousins.	
	Who are their cousins?	
	Content domain: 2a – give the meaning of words in contexts	
	Award 1 mark for reference to honeybees, e.g.	
	the honeybee.	
18	Which section of the leaflet is written to inform readers that they are unlikely to be stung by bumblebees?	1m
	Write the name of the section:	
	Content domain: 2c - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ Don't 'bee' confused.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
19	In what way is buzz pollination more useful than other forms of pollination?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
	1. it releases pollen that would otherwise stay inside the flower, e.g.	
	 because it releases trapped pollen that they wouldn't have been able to get out 	
	it makes a buzz that gets more pollen than other bees do	
	• it helps release more pollen.	
	2. key produce is more expensive / harder to get without it, e.g.	
	 it makes some vegetables we eat easier to produce and sell a lot cheaper 	
	it means we can buy more common foods cheaper	
	it would be harder to grow beans.	
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20	Look at page 7.	1m
	Why is it important for bumblebees to leave a smelly scent on some flowers?	
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	so that others avoid it	
	because it smells better than nectar	
	so others know it has pollen	
	because bees give flowers their scent	
21	Look at the section headed: Things you can do to help	1m
21	Look at the section headed: <i>Things you can do to help.</i> Find and serve one word that shows how assential flowers are to bees	1m
21	Find and copy one word that shows how essential flowers are to bees.	1m
21	Find and copy one word that shows how essential flowers are to bees. Content domain: 2a – give the meanings of words in context	1m
21	Find and copy one word that shows how essential flowers are to bees.	1m

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
22 (a)	Look at page 7	7.			1m
		n each row to show who	ether each of the follow endly .	ing	
	Content doma		ecord information / iden	tify key details from fiction	
	Award 1 mark	for all four correct:			
		Bee-friendly	Not bee-friendly		
	lavender	✓			
	pansy		✓		
	herbs	✓			
	wild rose	✓			
22 (b)	Explain why th	e flowers that are not b	ee-friendly do not attra	ct bees.	1m
	Content doma		ecord information / iden	tify key details from fiction	
	Award 1 mark	for reference to insuffic	cient production of poll	en / nectar / food, e.g.	
	they don't	se they don't have mud have as much pollen a ot rich in pollen.	ch pollen nd nectar as they need		
	Also accept	reference to flowers tha	at are not bee-friendly h	aving no / little value, e.g.	
	because to	hey are no value to the	wildlife.		

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
23	Look at the section headed: Energy drink for be	es.			1m
	These instructions suggest that the reader				
	Tick one .				
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence				
	Award 1 mark for:				
	enjoys preparing food. has lots of energy.				
	is willing to handle bees.				
	is skilled at gardening.				
24	Using information from the text, tick one box in each statement is true or false .	ach row to sh	now whether		Up to 2m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction				
	Award 1 mark for three correct or 2 marks for all four correct:				
		True	False		
	Wasps can be aggressive.	✓			
	Male bumblebees sometimes sting.		1		
	Bumblebees only go outside when it is warm.		1		
	You need a big garden to help bumblebees.		✓		

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	
25	Look at the whole text.	Up to	
	Complete the table below to show what the text says you can do to help bumblebees.	2m	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction		
	Award 1 mark for reference to any two acceptable points from <i>Help for all bumblebees</i> , or for one acceptable point from <i>Help for all bumblebees</i> and one acceptable point from <i>Help for a weak bumblebee</i> .		
	Award 2 marks for reference to any two acceptable points from <i>Help for all bumblebees</i> and any one acceptable point from <i>Help for a weak bumblebee</i> .		
	Please note that there are two ways to achieve the award of 1 mark for this question.		
	Help for all bumblebees		
	Acceptable points:		
	1. plant bee-friendly flowers		
	2. support the work of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust		
	3. raise public awareness		
	4. conserve bumblebee habitats		
	5. replace flowers which are not bee-friendly		
	6. remove paved gardens		
	7. stop intensive farming		
	Do not accept reference to bee-friendly flowers with no reference to human action.		
	Help for a weak bumblebee		
	Acceptable points:		
	8. give it a sugar and water mix		
	9. move it close to flowers		
	Do not accept reference to a sugar and water mix with no reference to human action.		
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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
26	Give one example of the use of humour in the fact sheet.	1m
	Content domain: 2g – identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following:	
	1. either of the 'bee' puns in the factsheet, e.g.	
	Don't 'bee' confused	
	• bee kind.	
	2. interrupt your picnic or steal your sandwiches, e.g.	
	 bumblebees will never interrupt your picnic and steal your sandwiches! 	
	bumblebees stealing sandwiches are funny.	
	3. smelly feet, e.g.	
	 it says that bumblebees having smelly feet is useful. 	
	4. energy drink, e.g.	
	energy drink for bees.	
	5. fat, furry (little creatures), e.g.	
	these fat furry creatures.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
27	Bumblebees are very important to the human race.	Up to
	Give two ways they are important.	2m
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. pollination / buzz pollination / support plant reproduction, e.g.	
	pollinate our flowers	
	 only they can use buzz pollination 	
	they help regenerate plants.	
	2. they support the production of food, e.g.	
	make producing food easier	
	 peas and beans would be more expensive 	
	they help us grow food.	
	3. survival of plant species, e.g.	
	without them all plants would die	
	they keep plants alive	
	they help flowers survive.	
	4. bees supporting farmers / gardeners, e.g.	
	they help out farmers.	
	5. bees being much loved, e.g.	
	they are an essential part of summertime.	
	Do not accept reference to honey alone.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
28	What has Piper been counting in the first paragraph?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to both of the following:	
	1. the cracks (in the ceiling), e.g.	
	cracks in the boards	
	widening cracks.	
	2. seconds / time, e.g.	
	the watch ticks	
	• seconds.	

29	She pulled on a pair of her father's old boots, slung his brown coat over her nightdress, and opened the door.	1m
	The word slung suggests that Piper put on the brown coat	
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2g – identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	carelessly.	
	slowly.	
	tidily.	
	thoughtfully.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
30	Look at page 8.	1m
	Why is the boy <i>huddled</i> in the doorway while he waits for Piper to open the door?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
	1. the weather / the effect of the weather on Micah, e.g.	
	 he was really cold so was trying to keep warm 	
	because it is snowy and windy outside.	
	2. the smell, e.g.	
	it smells bad outside.	
	Do not accept answers about Micah being scared, e.g.	
	he was probably frightened of the storm.	

31	Look at page 9.	1m
	Why has Micah come to Piper's house on the night of the storm?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to bringing the music box to Piper / getting the music box repaired, e.g.	
	he wanted her to see the music box he had found headyng the promised to fix Misch's toy.	
	 because she promised to fix Micah's toy so Piper can mend a music box. 	

Qu.	Requirement		Mark
32	What impressions do you ge Give two impressions, using your answer.	et of Piper's house? evidence from the text to support	Up to 3m
	Content domain: 2d – make evidence from the text	e inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with	
	Acceptable points (impressions)	Likely evidence	
	1. it is rickety / old	there are widening cracks in the planks in the ceiling	
	2. it is small / tiny	 she wishes she had a bigger work space she has to eat at the same table that she works at 	
	3. it is warm / cosy	there is a fire / stovecomfortable nest	
	4. it is untidy / cluttered	Piston rings, bolts, and cylinders littered its surface	
	5. it is old fashioned	no electricity / kerosene lamps / cast-iron stove	
	6. it is isolated	 it is situated among fields to go outside and watch the fields 	
	7. it is safe	the storm coming outside is dangerous	
		eptable points, at least one with evidence. To acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence. ptable point.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
33	Piper has mixed feelings about music boxes. Complete the table below to show her thoughts. Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following in the appropriate box, up to a	Up to 2m
	maximum of 2 marks: What Piper likes about the music box	
	 1. the (skilful) painting / painter, e.g. it is beautifully decorated the art on it she likes the flowers on it. 	
	Do not accept general references to the appearance of the box without reference to the painting / painter, e.g. • it looks nice • the box is pretty • it's beautiful.	
	What Piper dislikes about music boxes	
	 2. the sound they make, e.g. the music was annoying the songs it plays. 	
	 3. machines don't make proper music / only people make proper music, e.g. only a person could make good music. 	
	4. she considers them toys / contraptions.	
	Do not accept reference to the music box being broken, e.g. that it won't sing not playing music.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
34	Look at page 9.	1m
	'But she won't sing?'	
	What does Piper mean when she says this?	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Award 1 mark for reference to the music box not working correctly, e.g.	
	the music box's song isn't playing properly	
	 there is no music coming out of the box the toy doesn't play. 	

35	Look at page 9.	1m
	Where did Micah find the music box?	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to him finding it inside a crater / where a meteor landed, e.g.	
	• in a crater	
	he dug it out of a crater	
	• in a hole.	

36	What work has Micah done to the music box before showing it to Piper?	1m
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to him cleaning it, e.g.	
	he had cleaned it	
	cleaned the inside.	

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37	Piper thinks Micah has done a decent job.	1m
	She thinks his work has been	
	Tick one.	
	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	excellent.	
	careful.	
	sloppy.	
	reasonable.	
38	Look at the last paragraph, beginning: 'Yeah, it'll look smart.'	1m
	Find and copy one word that suggests that the sound coming from Micah's music box is unpleasant.	
	Content domain: 2g – identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases	
	Award 1 mark for:	
	■ strangled.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
39	What impressions do you get of the relationship between Piper and Micah?	Up to 3m
	Give two impressions, supporting your answer with evidence from the text.	
	Content domain: 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	
	Acceptable points:	
	1. they know each other well / like each other	
	2. they pretend to be rude to each other	
	3. they work together	
	4. they trust each other	
	5. Piper is in charge	
	Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g.	
	1. They were best buddies because it says she was pretending to be bothered by him though she was happy to see him. [AP1 + evidence]	
	2. They like to tease each other. [AP2]	
	1. They care about each other. [AP1]	
	 They work together because he finds stuff and she fixes the stuff he finds. [AP3 + evidence] 	
	1. They are good friends who like to banter with each other she says at the beginning she's 'stunned stiff.' [AP2 + evidence]	
	2. Piper seems to be the mature one. [AP5]	
	Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence, e.g.	
	1. You get the impression they are very close friends. [AP1]	
	2. Piper acts like she's the boss. [AP5]	
	1. They trust each other because he asked for her opinion about how his music box will sell at the market. [AP4 + evidence]	
	Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.	
	1. Piper and Micah work together to fix the music box. [AP3]	

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