

## Reading SATs

National curriculum reference	Number of marks	Percentage of total mark
<b>2a</b> give / explain the meaning of words in context	5–10	10–20%
<b>2b</b> retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	8–25	16–50%
<b>2c</b> summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	1–6	2–12%
<b>2d</b> make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text	8–25	16–50%
<b>2e</b> predict what might happen from details stated and implied	0–3	0–6%
<b>2f</b> identify / explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole	0–3	0–6%
<b>2g</b> identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases	0–3	0–6%
<b>2h</b> make comparisons within the text	0–3	0–6%

## Distribution of marks

Content domain	2016	2017	2018	2019
2a	10 – 20%	10 – 20%	10 – 20%	6 – 12%
2b	15 – 30%	14 – 28%	13 – 26%	21 – 42%
2c	1 – 2%	2 – 4%	3 – 6%	1 – 2%
2d	18 – 36%	22 – 44%	22 – 44%	18 – 36%
2e	3 – 6%	0	0	0
2f	1 – 2%	1 – 2%	0	0
2g	2 – 4%	1 – 2%	0	3 – 6%
2h	0	0	2 – 4%	1 – 2%

**Our focus needs to be retrieval and inference with also a high focus on explain the meaning of words in context.**

## Useful Stem Question Sentence Starters

### 2a – give / explain the meaning of words in context

- Find and copy one word meaning X
- Which word most closely matches the meaning of the word X ?
- How can you tell that X?
- Find and copy one word that suggests/shows that ...
- similar meaning to replace the end of each sentence]
- What does the word X suggest about X
- Find and copy one word from page X that tells you X
- What does the word X tell you about X?
- Find and copy two different words from the sentence above that show ...

### 2b – retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction

- Write down three things you are told about X
  - According to the text....
  - Look at the paragraph beginning ..... What conclusion does X draw from this?
  - Give two reasons why X [include an abstract noun e.g. Mauritius was a paradise]
  - True or False Grid:
- Direct retrieval questions.

### 2d – make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

- How can you tell that ...?
  - What impressions of ..... do you get from these two paragraphs?
  - Why did X happen?
  - Explain what X [a phrase/clause with challenging vocabulary] suggests about X
  - What evidence is there of/that X. Give two points. X
  - According to the text, how did X happen?
  - Why does X do this?
  - How is the whale made to seem mysterious? How is X made to seem X.
  - What does this paragraph tell you about X's character?
  - What else in the text shows us X
- Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.