

Darland High School

National Literacy  
Tests

Year 7



Home Learning  
Papers

# National Literacy Tests

The National Literacy Tests are used by the school and the Welsh Assembly Government to track your child's progress across Key Stage 3.

It is essential that young people are confident readers and are encouraged to read regularly both at home and in school, as this is the foundation upon which all learning is built. For this reason the tests focus on a pupil's ability to read and understand the material with which they are presented.

We, at Darland, have taken the liberty to offer you these past papers to enable you to support the school in familiarising your child with the requirements of the test.

We have also noted below some of the guidance notes offered to schools about the administering of the tests.

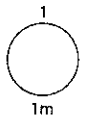
- Pupils are allowed up to an hour to complete two test papers.
- Pupils are not allowed to have assistance to read the passages, therefore, it is really important that pupils are regular and confident readers.
- Pupils must read both the passages and questions carefully and thoroughly.

We hope you find this material useful.



Look at the text in the box below.  
**Underline** the **phrase of two words** that tells us that many people do like rats.

SO, DO YOU LIKE RATS? Or do you hate them? Of all the pet shop animals, they are one of the most popular. However, after spiders and snakes, they are the creature that human beings hate the most!



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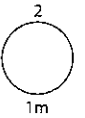


*But how can rats be so well-loved and – at the same time – so disliked?*

What does this mean?

Tick **one**.

- Many people like rats, but rats do not enjoy human company.
- Most people cannot make up their mind whether they love or hate rats.
- People tend to have extreme opinions about rats.
- Rats have both appealing and repulsive habits.



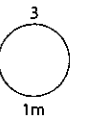
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In what ways are rats similar to humans?

Tick **two**.

- They are very popular.
- They also hate spiders and snakes.
- They are mammals.
- Their skeletons are similar.
- They sweat when hot.

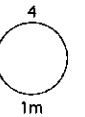


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**Find and copy** another name for the human tailbone.

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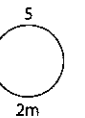


*A group of rats is called a mischief.*

Look at the other rat facts at the end of the article.  
**Find and copy two** words that tell us rats like to do things in groups.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



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It presents a selection of

- b) **scientific**     **exaggerated**     **factual**     **controversial**

statements which may delight or disgust the reader depending on

- c) **whether they believe them or not.**     **how they feel about rats.**     **whether they have heard them before.**     **how difficult they are to understand.**

9a

1m

9b

1m

9c

1m

"Oh rats!"

Answers

7. Put ticks to show which statements are true and which are false.

	True	False
Rats are the creature that human beings hate the most.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rats enjoy living alone.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rats' tails prevent them from becoming overheated.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rats look after their companions if they are ill.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

8. Look again at the text.

Show the order in which the following aspects are presented in the text by numbering them from 1 to 5. One has been done for you.

- emotional characteristics 5
- similarities between humans and rats 2
- dental care 4
- popularity of rats
- origin / meaning of their name 3

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