

SATs

National Curriculum assessments

What are SATs?

- In England, SATs is a colloquial name for **National Curriculum assessments** (series of educational assessments).
- They were introduced for **7-year-olds** for the academic year ending **July 1991**, and for **11-year-olds** in the academic year ending **July 1995**.
- They are used to show your child's progress compared with other children born in the same month.

SATs are completed at the end of each Key Stage

Key Stage	School Year	Approximate Pupil Age	Expected Level	Highest Level Achievable
Key Stage 1	Year 2	7	2	3
Key Stage 2	Year 6	11	4	6
Key Stage 3	Year 9	14	6	8

the results are important for admission to secondary school

Key Stage 1

- SATs take place in **year 2** (at the end of **infants**) in May.
- Subjects assessed:
 - Reading
 - Writing (including spelling and handwriting)
 - Maths (number, shape, space and measurement)
 - Science

Key Stage 2

- SATs take place in **year 6** (at the end of **primary school**), in May.
- The results are important for admission to **secondary school**.
- Subjects assessed:
 - English
 - Maths
 - Science

Key Stage 3

- Subject assessed:
 - **English**
 - **Maths**
 - **Science**
 - History
 - Geography
 - Modern Foreign Languages
 - Design and Technology
 - ICT
 - Art & Design
 - Music
 - Physical Education
 - Citizenship
 - Religious Education

Levels

Level W	Working towards Level 1, very weak
Level 1	Average for a typical 5 year old
Level 2	Average for a typical 7 year old
Level 3	Average for a typical 9 year old
Level 4	Average for a typical 11 year old
Level 5	Average for a typical 13 year old
Level 6	Average for a typical 14 year old
Level 7	Above average for a typical 14 year old
Level 8	Only available in Maths

Criticism

- Children are placed under constant stress for their whole academic lives.
- The principal purpose is for school league tables.



Thank you for your
attention!