

Know your key words → Understand the questions → Make better progress

Describe



What is happening?

What can you see?

What is there?

How is it used in other subjects?

English - characters

Geography/RE - places, processes

History - events

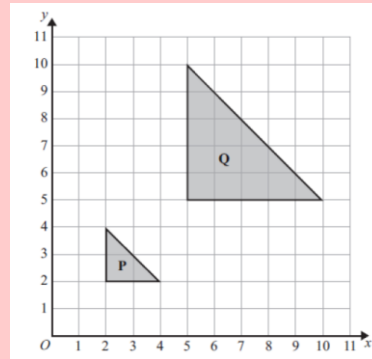
Science – reactions

Business – methods of payment

DT – existing products

Exam question: Mathematics

Describe the transformation



What skill is being tested?

The ability to write about what you see accurately

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Identify

Find the right bit(s) of information

What is its name?

What is its state?



How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – key processes

English – themes in texts

Business – advantages / disadvantages of financial ratios

DT – target market

Science – parts of a skeleton

**Exam question:
Mathematics**

Identify the square numbers in the list below:

3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 16, 25

What skill is being tested?

The ability to get information from a text.

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Infer

Read between the lines

Explore the meaning



How is it used in other subjects?

English – information about characters

Science – rates of reactions from graphs

Exam question: Mathematics

A sample is taken from the 2006 residents of Throne County.

What can you **infer** about the general population?

Favorite genre of music	Number of citizens
Country	25
Rock	38
Oldies	11
Other	6

What skill is being tested?

The ability to make conclusions using evidence, when the facts are not given directly.

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Explain

Why is something happening?

Why is something true?

Give reasons and justify answers



How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – management strategies, case studies

English – effects of historical contexts

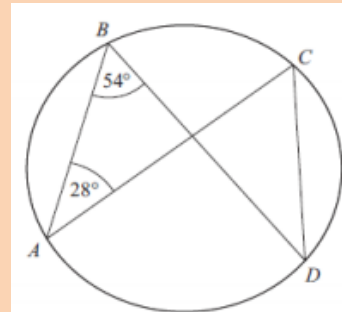
DT – material selection

ART – the plan for a design

Exam question: Mathematics

Find the size of angle ACD.

Explain how you got your answer.



What skills is being tested?

The ability to communicate your thinking clearly.

The ability to communicate your thinking in detail.

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Formulate

Build and create



How is it used in other subjects?

Business – profit margin equations

DT – a design

**Exam question:
Mathematics**

The cost of a taxi ride (C) is equal to a fixed charge of £2 plus £0.50 for each mile travelled. If the number of miles travelled is given by m , **formulate** an equation to express C in terms of m .

What skill is being tested?

The ability to create or work out something

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Calculate

Work something out using Mathematics



How is it used in other subjects?

Chemistry – mass of a substance

Physics - speed

Product design – circumference and areas of circles

Business – financial ratios

Exam question: Mathematics

Calculate the product of 5.2 and 1.4

What skill is being tested?

The ability to use mathematics to solve problems.

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Summarise

What are the main points?
(This is the short version)



How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – key processes

English – meaning of poems, plots

DT – research areas

Exam question: Mathematics

The weights of ten cakes are given below.

Summarise the data using averages.

15g, 23g, 23g, 23g, 24g,
25g, 25g, 26g, 28g, 30g.

What skill is being tested?

The ability to identify the key points and to present them in a condensed way.

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Support

How can you back up what you are saying?

Give evidence



How is it used in other subjects?

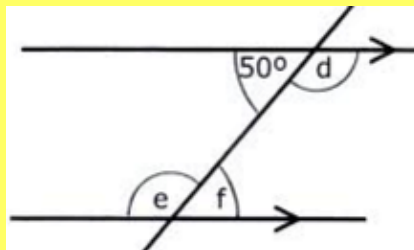
Geography – evidence in case studies

English – use of quotations, P.E.E

DT – material choices

Exam question: Mathematics

What are the values of the angles d , e and f ? **Support** your answers with reasons.



What skill is being tested?

The ability to give reasons and evidence for what you are saying.

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Analyse

Break it down
Explore effects
Use the information



How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – effects of hazards
English – use of language
Business – financial documents
DT – existing products
Science – results tables

Exam question: Mathematics

Analyse the following numbers:
3, 7, 14, 6
What is the mean?

What skill is being tested?

The ability to apply your knowledge and understanding to information you are given.

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Compare

How are things alike?

How are things different?

Is one thing greater than another?



How is it used in other subjects?

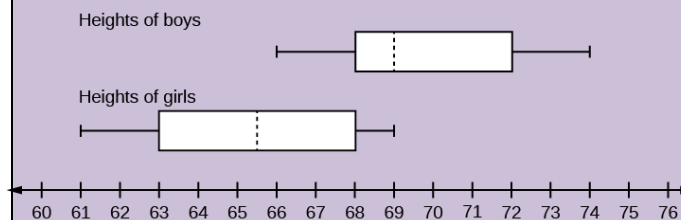
Geography – one storm hydrograph to another

English – themes in poems

Business – profitability of companies

**Exam question:
Mathematics (Box plots)**

Compare the heights of the girls to the heights of the boys:



What skill is being tested?

The ability to spot the **similarities** and **differences** between two or more things.

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Contrast



How are things different?

How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – two sets of population pyramids

English – themes in poems

DT – existing products

Science – endo- and exo-thermic reactions

ART – the work of different artists

**Exam question:
Mathematics**

Contrast the catering results for the boys and the girls.

Boys	Stem	Girls
3 2 1 1 0	7	1 2
9 6 5 3 0	6	0 1 1 1 2 3 4 5
9 8	5	7 9

Key 5|7 =57%

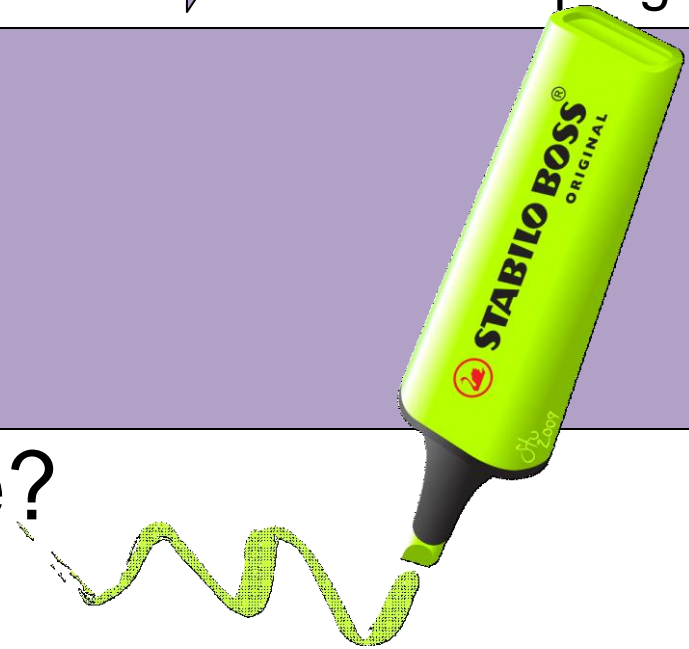
What skill is being tested?

The ability to spot the **differences** between two or more things.

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Predict

What will happen in the future?



How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – how hazards will affect developments

English – endings of novels

Business – business performance

Science – future concentrations of CO₂

Exam question: Mathematics

Predict the number of times a fair dice would land on a six if it was rolled 42 times.



What skill is being tested?

The ability to use your knowledge and understanding to say what might/will happen in the future.

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Evaluate

Make judgements based on what you have read and seen.

Work something out.



How is it used in other subjects?

Geography – sustainable management strategies
English – writer's message
Business – success
DT – products and performance
Science - methods

Exam question: Mathematics

Evaluate the expression
 $2a + 3b$
when $a = 5$ and $b = 4$

What skill is being tested?

The ability to make judgements based on information.
The ability to come to conclusions.

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Prove

Show that something is true



How is it used in other subjects?

Further Maths – circle theorems, trigonometrical identities, factor theorem

Exam question: Mathematics

Prove that

$$(3n + 1)^2 - (3n - 1)^2$$

is a multiple of 4, for all positive integer values of n .

What skill is being tested?

The ability to show something is true for all situations.