



## ALL IN ONE PLACE BASE CAMP VERBAL REASONING ACTIVITY 17A READING INFORMATION

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Spend about 60 minutes on the activity
- Write your answers on this activity sheet
- If you can't answer a question – move on
- Use the solution sheet to check your work
- Ask family member or teacher to clarify questions you found difficult or didn't understand

## INTRODUCTION

This Verbal Reasoning paper has three levels with questions of increasing difficulty. Level 1 has 15 questions, Level 2 has 15 questions and Level 3 has 10 questions.

You'll need to use your reasoning, comprehension and also some Maths skills. If you can't answer to a question, leave it and move on. Usually, when you come back to the question and read it again, the information is much easier to understand and you'll solve the problem!

### LEVEL 1: EASY

You should work through these questions quickly. The questions will help you understand how to answer this type of Verbal Reasoning question.

### LEVEL 2: OKAY

Most of the questions you'll get in your Common Entrance Verbal Reasoning Examination should be at this level.

### LEVEL 3: THE CHALLENGE

These questions extend your Verbal Reasoning skills. You'll might get a few questions like this, get them right and get great grades!





## READING INFORMATION

For each question, you need to read a short piece of text. You are then given five statements. You need to select either

- the only **TRUE** statement
- the only **FALSE** statement

The examples show you what to do.

### EXAMPLE 1

*Mark and Macy each have £20 to spend at the mall. Mark buys some candy, a drink and a football. Macy buys 2 magazines, a sandwich and a drink. Macy then has twice the amount of money as Mark. Before leaving the mall, both Mark and Macy give half of the money they have left to charity.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

A	<i>Mark and Macy spend equal amounts of money.</i>	
B	<i>Mark and Macy each have the same amount of money to spend.</i>	
C	<i>Mark gives more money to charity than Macy.</i>	
D	<i>Mark and Macy leave the mall with equal amounts of money.</i>	
E	<i>Mark and Macy paid the same amount for their drink.</i>	

### ANSWER

A	<i>Mark and Macy spend equal amounts of money.</i>	
B	<i>Mark and Macy each have the same amount of money to spend.</i>	✓
C	<i>Mark gives more money to charity than Macy.</i>	
D	<i>Mark and Macy leave the mall with equal amounts of money.</i>	
E	<i>Mark and Macy paid the same amount for their drinks.</i>	

### REASONING

This is straightforward, provided you eliminate one option at a time. You know Mark spend twice as much as Macy; this also means he gives less money to charity – they both give half of what they have left. Also, you can't assume that their drinks cost the same amount of money. You do know that they both have £20 when they leave for the mall, so option B must be **TRUE**.



**EXAMPLE 2**

Yesterday was 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. It was a Friday. Kate and her twin sister, Elena, had their birthday 3 days ago. On Sunday they are going to visit their grandmother. In a week's time, their parents have promised to take them on a day trip to Alton Towers.

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

A	Today is Saturday.	
B	Kate and Elena celebrated their birthday on 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2015.	
C	The twins will visit their grandmother at least once in July 2015.	
D	Kate and Elena could go to Alton Towers on 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015.	
E	Kate and Elena will visit the grandmother on 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2015.	

**ANSWER**

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**REASONING**

A is true since it must be Saturday if yesterday was Friday.  
 B is **FALSE** because today is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 and 3 days earlier is 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015.  
 C is true because the twins will visit their grandmother on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015.  
 D is true because they could go to Alton Towers on either 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015.  
 E is true because Sunday is 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 if today is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015





## LEVEL 1: EASY



### JUMP 1

Seven students are asked about their favourite colours of the rainbow. Two students like all the colours and another two like all the colours except blue. Two students only like blue and yellow. The last student likes red, yellow and violet.

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

A	Blue is the most popular colour.	
B	Yellow is the most popular colour.	
C	Red is the least favourite colour.	
D	More students like green than red.	
E	The same number of students like blue and violet.	



### JUMP 2

In London the time is 11am. The time in Paris and Madrid is 12pm. Helsinki is another hour ahead and the time there is 1pm. It is early in the morning on the same day in New York.

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

A	Paris and Madrid are in the same time zone.	
B	Helsinki is one hour ahead of Madrid.	
C	Madrid is one hour ahead of London.	
D	The time in New York is earlier than the time in Helsinki.	
E	The time in New York is later than the time in London.	



**JUMP 5**

*Susie and Erik are next door neighbours. The both leave for the corner store at 14:00. Susie takes 20 minutes to walk to the store. Erik takes 30 minutes to arrive at the store but stops to chat with a friend for 15 minutes.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Susie and Erik spend the same amount of time at the store.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Erik arrives at the store before Susie.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Erik arrives at the store at 14:20.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Susie walks more quickly than Erik.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Erik walks more quickly than Susie.</i>	

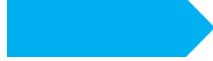


**JUMP 7**

*At an electronics store, a camera costs more than a tablet. A laptop is more expensive than a camera but a computer costs more than a laptop. A mobile phone is the least expensive technology.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>You would pay more for a mobile phone than a camera.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>You would pay less for a computer than a laptop.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>You would pay less for a tablet than a mobile phone.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>A laptop is the most expensive technology.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>A computer and a laptop cost more than a tablet and a camera.</i>	



## JUMP 8

*Jamie, Chloe, Claire, Simon and Max go on a treasure hunt. To find the treasure they have to answer seven clues in the correct order Jamie answers seven clues but in the incorrect order and reaches the treasure after Chloe and Simon. Chloe reaches the treasure first but couldn't answer one clue. Claire and Max both reach the treasure 10 minutes before Simon and answer one less clue than Chloe. Simon answers all the clues to find the treasure.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

A	<i>Jamie and Simon answer seven clues each.</i>	
B	<i>Simon took the longest to find the treasure.</i>	
C	<i>Jamie took the longest to find the treasure.</i>	
D	<i>Max answers five clues.</i>	
E	<i>Simon answers one more clue than Chloe.</i>	

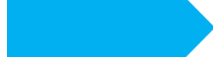


## JUMP 11

*Vicky travels by train to school and normally arrives at 8:30 am. It takes her 5 minutes to walk to the train station and double amount of time to walk from the station to the school. The train journey usually takes 20 minutes, but today the train was delayed by 10 minutes.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

A	<i>Vicky leaves home at 8:10 am to get to school on time.</i>	
B	<i>Vicky leaves home at 08:00 am to get to school on time.</i>	
C	<i>Vicky takes 5 minutes to walk from school to the train station.</i>	
D	<i>Vicky spent 20 minutes on the train today.</i>	
E	<i>Vicky spent 30 minutes on the train today.</i>	



**JUMP 12**

*Matt, Logan, Ben and Jack have a competition to see who can hold their breath for longest. Jack and Logan both managed 50 seconds and Ben lasted 6 seconds more. Matt held his breath for one second less than Ben.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Matt held his breath for 56 seconds.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Ben held his breath for 56 seconds</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Jack held his breath for 5 seconds less than Matt.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Ben won the completion.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Only Ben can hold his breath for less than a minute.</i>	



**JUMP 13**

*Alex and Adam are the same age. Hallie is two years older than Alex and turned 12 on her last birthday. Fiona is the same age as Adam was three years ago.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Adam was 10 last year.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Fiona is 12 now.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Fiona is 7 now.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Hallie is 13 now.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Hallie was a year older than Fiona three years ago.</i>	




**JUMP 15**

*Mariam and Nate are Liam's parents. Nate is Charlie's uncle and Dacey is Charlie's brother. Brian is Mariam's brother.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Liam is Dacey's nephew.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Liam is Charlie's cousin.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Miriam is Dacey's niece.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Dacey is Nate's uncle.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Brian is Nate's nephew.</i>	

<p><b>STOP AND CHECK</b></p>  <p>checkpoints</p>	<p><b>SCORE OUT OF 15</b></p>
	<p><b>PERCENTAGE</b></p>





## LEVEL 2: OKAY



### JUMP 1

*Tom and Huck like fishing and hiking on any day of the week. Tom's uncle doesn't hike but enjoys fishing at the weekend. Huck's uncle enjoys hiking and fishing, but never goes outdoors on a Sunday.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Tom and Huck are the only two people who like fishing and hiking.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Tom, Huck and the two uncles could go hiking at the weekend.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Tom, Huck and the two uncles could go fishing at the weekend.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Tom, Huck and Tom's uncle could go fishing on Friday.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Tom, Huck and Huck's uncle could go fishing on Saturday.</i>	



### JUMP 2

*Fiona, Sally and Amy all collect stamps. Fiona and Amy only collect stamps from Europe, while Sally collects stamps from all continents except North America. Fiona only collect stamps produced in this century. Sally and Amy collect any stamps that were printed after the end of the Second World War in 1945.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>The girls all collect stamps from Europe.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Each of the girls could have a UK stamp in their collection.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Fiona could have a Swedish stamp printed in 2000.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Amy could have a Japanese stamp printed in 2000.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Sally could have an Egyptian stamp printed in 2000.</i>	



**JUMP 5**

*There are 8 Bells in 1 Blue and 8 Blues in 1 Sky. 10 Skies equal 10 Suns. 1 Sun equals 4 Moons. Bells, Blues and Skies are blue in colour. Suns and Moons are yellow.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>There are 16 Bells in 1 Blue.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>There is 1 Blue in 1 Sun.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>10 Skies equal 4 Moons.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>4 Moons is the same as 8 Blues.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>8 Moons equals 1 Sky plus 4 Blues.</i>	



**JUMP 7**

*David is Josh's uncle and is married to Katlin. Katlin met Josh's father's brother in 1992. 10 years before Josh's first birthday. Josh's twin brother, Elvis, is 30 years younger than both his parents, Nate and Summer.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Katlin is Elvis's aunt.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Josh is David's nephew and Katlin's niece.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Elvis is David's niece and Katlin's nephew.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Katlin met Nate in 1992.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Josh and Elvis were born in 2002.</i>	



**JUMP 8**

*Pete is two years younger than Jamie and a year older than Azalea. Azalea is 12 and is three years older than Betsy.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Betsy is the youngest person.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Pete is the oldest person.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Jamie is three years older than Azalea.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Azalea is three years older than Betsy.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Betsy is 9 years old.</i>	



**JUMP 9**

*Willy Whale swims 200 metres in 2 minutes, 10 seconds faster than Timmy Tadpole but 5 seconds slower than Sammy Shark. Freddy Fish can swim 100 metres in 50 seconds, while Penny Piranha takes 5 seconds longer than Freddy.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Freddy Fish is the fastest swimmer.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Penny Piranha is the slowest swimmer.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Willy Whale is faster than Penny Piranha.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Timmy Tadpole is slower than Freddy but faster than Penny.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Sammy Shark is faster than Freddy and Penny.</i>	



**JUMP 10**

*On average, Orange trees grows 8 centimetres per year, 2 centimetres less than Apple trees. Money trees grow at half the speed of apple trees but twice as fast as Wisdom trees. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, Ethan planted one of each type of tree. All the trees he planted were the same height.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, the Apple tree will have grown 6 cm.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, the Apple tree will have grown 20 cm.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, the Orange tree will have grown 24 cm.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, the Wisdom tree will have grown 10 cm.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, the Money tree will have grown 25 cm.</i>	




**JUMP 15**

*Babies are created from the genes or chromosomes of parents. Half of the genes come from the mother and the other half come from the father. How the genes combine determines the sex of the baby. Males have XY cells, so will give either an X gene or a Y gene. Females only have XX cells, so can only give X genes. The genes from the mother and father combine to form either XX cells or XY cells in the baby.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>A male baby has XY cells.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>A female baby has XX cells.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Y genes come from a baby's father.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>X genes come from a baby's mother.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>A baby can be formed from two of its mother's X genes.</i>	



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### LEVEL 3: THE CHALLENGE

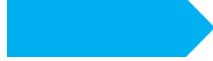


#### JUMP 1

*Bruce, Maddie, Jonas and Jackie each have £30 to spend on credits for a new online PS4 game. The first credit costs £6. All credits after that are sold in multiples of £3. So 2 credits costs £9, 3 credits costs £12 and so on. Bruce buys 5 credits and Maddie buys 2 more credits than Bruce but one less than Jackie. Jonas spends £24 on PS4 game credits.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>The friends can buy a maximum of 9 PS4 game credits each.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Bruce spends £18 on PS4 game credits.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Jonas spends £3 more than Maddie.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Jackie buys the most PS4 game credits.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Bruce buys the least PS4 game credits.</i>	



**JUMP 7**

*Ancient Rome was a Republic. Rome's leaders were elected by the public and served for a limited amount of time, not like kings and queens of a monarchy who can rule for life because of their birth-right. Ancient Rome had a complex government with written laws and a constitution. The structure of this government played an important role in forming future democracies, like the United States. The Republic ruled Rome from 509 BC to 45 BC.*

Tick or check the only **FALSE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>People voted Roman leaders into power.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Leaders of a republic can only rule for a limited time.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>Leaders of a monarchy can only rule for a limited time.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>The Republic ruled Rome for more than 400 years.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Politicians in the USA used ideas from Ancient Rome to write laws.</i>	

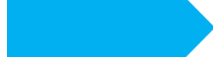



**JUMP 10**

*Mark, Felix and Ben went fishing. Mark caught 12 fish, but returned 3 to the river because they were too small. The total mass of his remaining fish was 15 kilograms. Felix caught 12 fish and returned a quarter of them to the river. The mass of all the fish he took home was 18 kilograms. Ben caught 4 large fish, each with a mass of 2 kilograms – he didn't return any to the river.*

Tick or check the only **TRUE** statement.

<b>A</b>	<i>Felix caught the most fish and Ben the least.</i>	
<b>B</b>	<i>Mark caught the most fish, and Ben the least.</i>	
<b>C</b>	<i>The total mass of fish the boys took home was 35 kilograms.</i>	
<b>D</b>	<i>Mark and Felix each took home the same number of fish.</i>	
<b>E</b>	<i>Each of Felix's fish had a mass of 2 kilograms.</i>	



<p><b>STOP AND CHECK</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>checkpoints</p> </div>	<p><b>SCORE OUT OF 10</b></p>
	<p><b>PERCENTAGE</b></p>

## YOU TEACH!

Have some fun challenging you family, friends and teachers with your 'Reading Information' Verbal Reasoning questions.

Write four questions to show them you understand and that you can show them how to do it! Two questions should have a **TRUE** response, and they should select a **FALSE** option for the other two.

Make your questions interesting. You could read through the questions in this activity to give you ideas, but no copying!

You could write questions about

- money
- sport
- music
- games
- history – do some googling!





Cut and paste the **CHECK POINT** into your workbook.



**CHECK POINT**  
**VERBAL REASONING ACTIVITY 17A**  
**READING INFORMATION**

My score for this activity was \_\_\_\_\_/40

My percentage for this activity was \_\_\_\_\_%

This activity was easy because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This activity was difficult because \_\_\_\_\_