

# 7 Plus (7+) Examination Syllabus and Guide

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## 7 Plus Syllabus

The 7 Plus exams are important assessments for children entering or changing primary school in the UK. The tests are taken in year 2, usually for year 3 entry into a new school. **7 Plus questions focus mainly on what children learn at school in year 2 for English and maths (also known as the National Curriculum).** However, these tests also often include some tougher questions, taken from the year 3 curriculum, to encourage critical thinking and extension.

This is broken down in more detail for you below. By covering both the basic and more advanced topics, you can ensure your child is well-prepared for the 7 Plus and their entry into year 3.

### English 7 Plus (7+) Syllabus

The following topics are part of the year 2 National Curriculum for English and therefore often tested in the 7 Plus entrance exams.

Category	Expected abilities
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can read fluently and understand a simple text.</li> <li>• Understands most two/three syllable words.</li> <li>• Can pick out common suffixes and understand their meanings.</li> <li>• Understands the sequence of events in a story.</li> <li>• Discusses and gives opinions on a text.</li> <li>• Recognises simple literary techniques and features.</li> <li>• Uses inference based on what is said/done in a text.</li> <li>• Answers and asks questions about a text.</li> <li>• Predicts what may happen next based on what has been read so far.</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writes a short story about themselves or a fictional character.</li> <li>• Can plan their writing before starting.</li> <li>• Writes a paragraph consisting of sentences consistently about one topic which makes logical sense.</li> <li>• Rereads and edits their writing, especially to check for SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) errors.</li> <li>• Uses sentences of different forms (statements, questions, exclamations and commands).</li> <li>• Uses description in their writing.</li> <li>• Uses both the present and past tenses correctly.</li> </ul>

Language/ Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands and uses varied vocabulary.</li> <li>• Able to discuss and clarify the meanings of known words, linking new meanings to existing vocabulary knowledge.</li> <li>• Understands basic homophones and the difference in each spelling and meaning. For example, 'new' and 'knew'.</li> <li>• Can add the correct suffixes in order to spell longer words (-ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly etc).</li> </ul>
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can spell most basic words correctly and correct visible mistakes in these words.</li> <li>• Can use basic spelling rules and punctuation correctly.</li> <li>• Can write simple sentences with correct grammar.</li> <li>• Can use upper and lower case letters correctly.</li> <li>• Joins up all letters in a word.</li> </ul>

### Mathematics 7 Plus (7+) Syllabus

The following topics are part of the Year 2 National Curriculum for maths and therefore often tested in the 7 Plus entrance exams.

Category	Expected abilities
Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can count from 0 to 100.</li> <li>• Can read and write all numbers from 0 to 100.</li> <li>• Can count numbers in steps of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 from any given number, both backwards and forwards.</li> <li>• Understands the place value digits in a two-digit number (tens and ones).</li> <li>• Can order numbers correctly by value.</li> <li>• Can estimate and round up/down numbers on a number line.</li> <li>• Can read a fraction and understands how to write one.</li> <li>• Can understand and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables.</li> <li>• Can count and sort into categories by quantity.</li> </ul>
Money, Measures, Space and Shape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows and understands the standard units to estimate and measure length, mass, temperature, capacity and time.</li> <li>• Recognises and uses money symbols for pounds and pence (£ and p).</li> <li>• Can combine amounts to make a particular value and work out the coins/notes required.</li> <li>• Can tell and write the time in five minute intervals.</li> <li>• Knows the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.</li> <li>• Can identify and describe the properties of common 2D and 3D shapes, including the number of sides, lines of symmetry,</li> </ul>

	<p>edges, vertices and faces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can order and arrange objects in patterns and sequences.</li> <li>• Can use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement (clockwise, anticlockwise etc).</li> </ul>
<p>Calculations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can write and calculate mathematical statements using the correct symbols (+, = etc).</li> <li>• Can use addition and subtraction with numbers up to 100.</li> <li>• Can do basic mental addition and subtraction calculations.</li> <li>• Understands multiplication and division by 2, 5 and 10.</li> <li>• Can check the results of their calculations.</li> <li>• Understands that addition is the opposite of subtraction and multiplication is the opposite of division.</li> </ul>
<p>Problem Solving</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can solve basic word and maths problems using money or measurements.</li> <li>• Can make decisions in order to correctly solve a maths problem.</li> <li>• Can use basic reasoning to solve number or shape problems.</li> </ul>

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