

Sentence Completion Test

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Name: _____ Sex: _____ Date of birth: _____

School: _____ Year: _____ Date: _____

1. I like _____

2. The happiest time _____

3. I want to know _____

4. At home _____

5. At night time _____

6. I am sorry for _____

7. The best _____

8. Boys _____

9. What upsets me _____

10. People _____

11. A mother _____

12. I feel _____

13. My greatest fear _____

14. In my previous school _____

15. I can't _____

16. Sports _____

17. When I was younger _____

18. My nerves _____
19. Other pupils _____
20. I suffer _____
21. I failed _____
22. Reading _____
23. My mind _____
24. The future _____
- _____
25. I need _____
26. Examinations are _____
27. I am best when _____
- _____
28. Sometimes _____
29. What annoys me _____
30. I hate _____
31. At school _____
32. I am very _____
33. The only trouble _____
34. I wish _____
35. My father _____
36. I secretly _____
37. Writing is _____
38. Dancing _____
39. My greatest worry is _____
- _____
40. Most girls _____

SENTENCE COMPLETION TEST

Instructions to Students:

'Write in your neatest writing, as though you are doing an exam but write down the first thing that comes into your head. Try to make sure the result is a complete sentence but the answers do not have to be true. You can write anything you like provided it makes a complete sentence.'

Writing Speed (using Sentences Completion Task)

Norms in Words per minute

Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
School year	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Top 10%	12	14	16	18	19	20	21	25	27	28
Average	8	10	12	14	14.5	15	17	20	23	25
Adult Average								20	19	20
Bottom 10%	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16
Bottom 2%	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adult 2%								7	7	8

(This test takes about 10 minutes to complete; the average number of words written in trials was 190-220.)

TEST OF WRITING SPEED USING SINGLE LETTERS

This test is to write as many letters as you can or write out the alphabet for as long or as fast as you can. (Two minutes allowed)

Norms in characters per minute.

Age	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Year	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Top 10%	36	45	53	62	73	82	95	112
Average	28	36	45	52	60	67	75	85
Bottom 10%	20	23	25	27	30	33	38	45
Bottom 2%	3	7	9	12	23	24	26	30

Robin Hedderly has recently retired as Chief Educational Psychologist of Kirklees Metropolitan Council. He has kindly made this test available for teachers to use.

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