

### ★ Pay attention to instructions/examples carefully...

You'll be provided with both verbal and written instructions for completing the papers, so make sure you listen! You'll also be given examples for specific types of questions. Even if you're sure you already understand how to complete the questions, it's a really good idea to pay attention to the examples. You never know when they might slip in something slightly different!

It can be really tempting to try to use the instruction/example time to get a headstart on the questions, but doing so is a BAD idea. There's a large chance you'll miss something important and end up in a mess, and you may even be disqualified for cheating. In short; it's not worth it.

### ★ It's probably going to be a bit tough...

... and it's supposed to be! Don't worry if you find the level of work hard. If you do, so does everyone else. The test has been designed like that on purpose. If you're a bit stuck, move on. You might not be able to leave the section you're on, but you can certainly go and find a question you find easier.

### ★ Don't spend too much time on each question

If you get stuck on a question, guess it (on the answer sheet if you have one) and then MOVE ON. It might be a good idea to put a mark next to the question so you can find it easily again later if you have time left over, but otherwise forget about it! Each question is only worth one mark - it's much better to sacrifice one mark rather than waste loads of time trying to figure it out.

### ★ You might find the time limits pretty tough

Over the last few years, the 11+ has become infamous (one of your vocabulary list words!) for being really hard to complete in the time given. If you don't finish a section, don't worry. Just work as hard as you can to get as much done as possible, as ACCURATELY as possible. There's no prize for finishing first.

### ★ Oh no, not [insert worst subject area here]

We're pretty certain that some point in test you'll come across your most dreaded subject area... again, don't worry! It's one section - do your best and, when the time is up, put it out of your mind. Even if you think it hasn't gone very well, don't let it affect you for the rest of the paper. There will be something better suited to you just around the corner.

### ★ Check, check and check again

If you have time to check a section, you're giving yourself a fantastic opportunity to get rid of some of those silly mistakes that we're ALL guilty of making. Please don't waste the time... not many people have the advantage of having that extra time to check so don't squander it! You've all seen the difference just one mark

### ★ Don't worry about it...

Exam nerves are bound to happen, and they're a good thing in some ways (the adrenaline they provide will help you focus). However, there's no point in getting overly stressed about the 11+ exam. It's not a life or death situation, and panicking will only make you do worse. Take a deep breath and just do your best. After that, whatever happens, happens.