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GL-STYLE SUBJECT PACK

GL-style 11+ English Pack 2

English

Name _____ **Date** _____

Instructions

- Do not open this booklet until you are told to.
- Mark every answer on the separate answer sheet. Rough working can go in this booklet.
- Each test is timed separately. Do one test at a time, and stop when you are told to.
- Each test starts with a worked example. Read it carefully.
- Work as quickly and carefully as you can. If a question is too hard, mark your best guess and move on. Come back to it if you have time.

What is in this pack

Test	Questions	Time
Test 1	1 to 50	50 minutes
Test 2	1 to 50	50 minutes
Test 3	1 to 50	50 minutes
Test 4	1 to 50	50 minutes

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Before you start: notes for the adult

Each test in this pack is timed, so your child can practise working at speed. You will need:

- this question booklet, and the answer sheet printed separately,
- a pencil and an eraser,
- a clock or timer that you control.

Running the pack. Each test is timed separately. Do one test at a time. Read the worked example with your child before you start the clock, then give the time shown at the top of the test. When the time is up, say "Stop", even if the test is not finished. A short break between tests is fine.

Marking. Use the answer key on the first page of the solutions booklet. Each correct answer scores one mark. Then read the worked solutions together for every question your child got wrong or guessed.

What to practise next. The solutions booklet ends with a list of the skills in each test. Practise them with the three 11+ Workbooks that come free with this pack, and with the free Smart Cub videos and exercises.

Tips for you, the test taker

- Read every question carefully, all the way to the end.
- Look at every answer choice before you choose one.
- Mark your answer next to the right question number on the answer sheet.
- If you are stuck, make your best guess, mark it, and move on. Come back to it if you have time.

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Test 1

50 minutes | Questions 1 to 50

Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions. You can look back at the passage as often as you like.

The Treehouse Treaty

In this story, cousins Priya and Callum are staying with their gran for a week, and both of them want the old treehouse at the bottom of her garden.

Gran's garden was much longer than it looked from the road. It stretched past the vegetable beds and the lopsided compost heap, all the way down to a crooked oak tree, and in the oak tree, wedged between three thick branches, sat the treehouse. Priya spotted it from the car window. So did her cousin Callum. Neither of them said a word, but both of them unbuckled their seat belts a little faster than usual.

"One week," said Gran, handing out glasses of lemonade on the back step. "Seven days of sunshine, if the forecast is honest, and not one minute of squabbling." She looked at Priya, who was ten, and then at Callum, who was eleven and had recently started telling people he was practically grown up. "Your grandad built that treehouse the summer your mums were girls, so please treat that ladder gently."

Callum reached the treehouse first. He climbed the rope ladder two rungs at a time, pushed open the trapdoor and announced that he was the eldest and therefore the captain. By teatime he had propped a telescope in the window and pinned a sign to the door. It read: CALLUM'S LOOKOUT. KEEP OUT. "A captain needs somewhere to keep watch," he explained, "and I have a lot of watching to do."

Priya read the sign twice and felt her cheeks grow hot. She had not wanted the treehouse as a lookout at all. She wanted it for the notebook in her rucksack, in which she planned to list every bird that visited the garden. The next morning, while Callum was eating his toast, she slipped up the ladder, arranged some cushions in the corner and hung her own sign beneath his. It said: PRIYA'S STUDY. PLEASE KNOCK.

On Wednesday the two signs met in a showdown. Callum found a cushion where his telescope should have been, and Priya found her sign turned to face the wall. "You can't just take over!" she cried from the foot of the tree. "You only want it so you can be bossy!" "Somebody has to be in charge," Callum called back, "and I'm older!" From the kitchen window came the sound of Gran turning up the radio very loudly indeed. At supper they sat at opposite ends of the table, passing the peas through Gran as though she were a postbox.

That night the weather finally turned. The wind howled round the chimney like a wolf that had lost its pack, and thunder rolled across the sky as if someone were shifting heavy furniture upstairs. Priya lay awake and thought about her notebook, which she had left in the treehouse. In the next room, Callum lay awake and thought about his telescope. Neither of them mentioned it in the morning.

When they trudged down the garden after breakfast, the damage was plain. A branch had snapped off in the night and landed on the ladder, which now dangled from the tree in a tangle, its bottom rungs splintered and its ropes frayed. Callum jumped for the lowest rung and missed by a mile. "Don't," said Priya. "You'll end up in the compost heap." "I wasn't going

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to," Callum muttered, though both of them knew he had been. For a moment they stood side by side, staring up at the treehouse, and neither remembered to be cross. Callum's jaw was tight, the way it went when he was pretending not to mind. Priya's eyes were shiny.

It was Gran who changed everything. She appeared at the end of the lawn with a toolbox in each hand. "I could mend that ladder in an hour," she said, "but I shan't. Whoever mends a treehouse has earned the right to sit in it, and I expect that means both of you." Then she marched back to the house, humming. "I suppose," said Callum, "you are good at measuring." "And you are strong enough to hold things still," said Priya, a little reluctantly.

They worked through Thursday and most of Friday. Priya measured every plank twice, and Callum held each one steady while she sawed. She tied the new ropes with a knot she had learned from a camping book, which Callum declared "acceptable". He hit his thumb with the hammer only once, and Priya laughed so hard that she had to sit down in the vegetable bed. By Friday evening the ladder was sturdier than it had ever been, and the two of them climbed it together.

Up in the treehouse, Priya turned over an empty cereal box and found a pencil. "We need rules," she said. "A treaty." Callum agreed, so long as it was written in proper language. Clause one said that the treehouse belonged to both of them. Clause two gave Priya the mornings for reading and Callum the afternoons for keeping watch, with the evenings shared. Clause three said that nobody was allowed to be bossy, and that anyone accused of bossiness had the right to say "Fair point" and start again. Clause four banned crumbs, though not biscuits.

They carried the treaty down to the kitchen and asked Gran to witness it. She read every clause slowly, with her glasses on the end of her nose, and signed at the bottom in wobbly handwriting. Then she added a clause of her own: "Clause five. The ladder must be inspected every morning, and the inspector must report to Gran, who will be paid in cake." It seemed a very fair price.

That evening Callum took down both signs and nailed up a new one, painted in two colours. It read: THE TREEHOUSE. CALLUM AND PRIYA (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER). Priya pretended to grumble, but she was smiling as she tucked her notebook into the corner. Far below, Gran sent up two glasses of lemonade in a bucket on a rope, and the cousins drank them side by side, watching a blackbird land on the roof.

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