

The SATs Grades Explained

The National Curriculum is split into 8 levels ranging from Level 1 (Year 1) to Level 8 (End of Key Stage 3).

LEVELS	
P -Levels	Working towards level 1
Level 1	Average for a typical 5 year old
Level 2	Average for a typical 7 year old
Level 3	Average for a typical 9 year old
Level 4	Average for a typical 11 year old
Level 5	Average for a typical 13 year old
Level 6	Average for a typical 14 year old
Level 7	Above average for a typical 14 year old
Level 8	Only available in maths

For some subjects each level is then further split into 'sub-levels' or 'grades' from a to c where 'c' represents a child who is just working within the level; 'b' represents a child who is working securely within the level and 'a' represents a child who is working towards the next level.

An average Year 2 child is expected to be working at level 2b – and so would be working securely within level 2.

An average Y6 child is expected to be working at level 4b – and so would be working securely within level 4.

Only reading, writing and maths at Year 2 need to be reported with levels and grades. Speaking and Listening and science at Year 2 and reading, writing, maths and science at Year 6 are reported as just levels that the child is working within.

The table below shows where an average child is expected to be working for the **end** of each year – this will help you as a parent to judge where your child is working for their age group.

Year group	Average Level Expected
1	1a
2	2b
3	2a/3c
4	3b
5	4c
6	4b/4a

- c - Just into that level
- b - Secure at that level
- a - Working towards the next level