

Notes for Parents

Ways of Helping to Prepare your Child for 11+ Pre-Assessment Tests

Verbal

- Complete crosswords and wordsearch puzzles
- Solve riddles, brainteasers and cryptograms (text written in code)
- Play electronic or board and card games that require tactical thinking and rapid reactions
- Encourage regular examination of a dictionary and thesaurus
- Establish a regular reading routine
- Share reading and discuss and predict the plot
- Keep a selection of story tapes to hand
- Engage your child in discussions about stories, newspaper and magazine articles
- Play word games – Boggle, Scrabble etc
- Play card games where a range of values have to be totalled – cribbage, pontoon,

Non-Verbal

- Work out spot-the-difference puzzles
- Play tiling games involving tetrominoes or pentominoes. These are often found on mobile phones!
- Do Sudokus and Kakuros
- Assemble 3D interlocking or shape building puzzles and construct 3D modelling kits
- Solve dissection puzzles such as tangrams.
- Crack a Rubik's cube

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