

YanBo 11+ Exam Tips for Children

Simple ways to stay calm, manage your time and do your best

You do not need to be perfect. Your job is to read carefully, keep moving and make the best decision you can on each question.

Before and during the test

1 Read the instruction first

Before answering, make sure you know exactly what the question is asking. A quick careful read can save a careless mistake.

2 Start calmly

The first question does not decide the whole test. Settle into the paper and focus only on the question in front of you.

3 Underline key information

Names, numbers, words such as **not, except, closest** or **best** can completely change what you need to do.

4 Keep your working clear

In Maths and reasoning, neat steps make it easier to spot mistakes and return to a question later.

5 Do not race easy questions

Fast is useful only when it is accurate. Collect the marks you can get before worrying about the hardest questions.

6 Use your final minutes wisely

Check for skipped answers, unfinished questions and simple mistakes before changing answers you were already confident about.

Remember: one difficult question is only one question. Do not let it steal time from several questions you can answer.

When a question feels difficult

Use a simple plan instead of getting stuck.

1**Read it again**

Slow down for a few seconds. Have you missed a word, diagram label or instruction?

2**Rule out what cannot work**

In multiple-choice questions, crossing out impossible answers can make the best choice much clearer.

3**Make your best decision**

If you can narrow the choices, use the evidence and choose the strongest remaining answer.

4**Move on and return**

If the question is taking too long, mark it and come back later if time allows.

If you feel nervous: put your pencil down for a moment, take one slow breath, relax your shoulders and look only at the next task. You do not need to solve the whole paper at once.

My exam-day checklist

☐ I have the equipment I need and I know where I am going.

☐ I will skip a question if it is taking too long and return later.

☐ I will read each instruction before I start a section.

☐ I will use my last few minutes to check for missed answers.

☐ I will watch for words such as not, except, best and closest.

☐ I will remember that one tricky question does not ruin the test.

Do your best - then leave the test behind.

You can control your effort, your focus and how you respond when something is difficult. That is enough.