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English SAT-style KS1 across the Curriculum

QUESTIONS on Task cards. WITH ANSWERS

These SAT style materials are part of a wide range of English materials we are introducing across the subjects.

The intention is to embed topics such as sequencing, grammar, inferences, and so on as a matter of routine when you are studying History, and other subjects in due course.

But here we are also introducing direct SAT-style questions based on our task cards.

These cover both fiction and non-fiction. They consist of a large picture and a story for both fiction and non fiction and a set of task cards.

To make the process of getting used to questions more interesting, less formal, and more routine, we suggest you read out the entire story. This can be used for a variety of purposes, such as spelling, but it is mainly to get children interested in the story, and so they know the whole compass of what they are about to do.

The accompanying task cards then divide up the story into paragraphs, and below each paragraph is a SAT-style question. A subheading on the card tells you what part of the SAT is being tested.

Each question card has an answer card so that children can look up the answers after they have completed the task. They can also be used by teachers as a quick check on the answers.

When one task card is completed successfully and the answers returned to the teacher, another task card can be issued.

For support, children can work in pairs on their card. There are 16 cards, allowing for a 32-child class use with children working in pairs.

Summarising is hard. It takes time. Here is an example of how it is done:

Original:

The tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun is small. For thousands of years it remained undisturbed while the bigger tombs around were ransacked by grave robbers. It was sealed in 1325BC and from then until 1922, no living soul entered the sealed chamber.

1. Change sentences to make them more compact. For example The tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun is small. becomes: The small tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun (no full stop yet)

and

For thousands of years it remained undisturbed while the bigger tombs around were ransacked by grave robbers.

becomes

remained undisturbed for thousands of years. (the grave robber part is not necessary)

Joining gives

The small tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun remained undisturbed for thousands of years.

Then:

It was sealed in 1325BC and from then until 1922, no living soul entered the sealed chamber.

can be incorporated in the first sentence like this:

Final:

The small tomb of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun was sealed in 1325BC, and remained undisturbed until 1922. (17 words, reduced from 43)