



Set B: Test 3

There are **6 questions** in this test.
Give yourself **10 minutes** to read the text and answer the questions.

The Flight of Daedalus and Icarus

This is an old story about an inventor called Daedalus.

Daedalus had been brought by the King to the island of Crete in order to build a labyrinth — a maze filled with winding passages.

The King was so impressed with the results that he refused to let Daedalus leave.

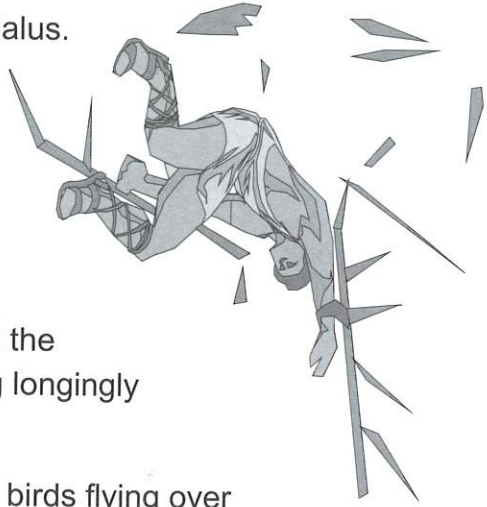
Daedalus grew very unhappy. He would stand on the edge of the cliffs beside the King's palace, looking longingly out to sea towards his homeland.

One day, as he stood there, Daedalus noticed the birds flying over the sea to Greece. He became transfixed as they swooped and dived through the air like acrobats. "If they can fly, why can't I?" the inventor thought to himself.

Working secretly, Daedalus fashioned two pairs of wings out of feathers and wax — one pair for him, and one for his son, Icarus. He made the wings large enough to support the weight of a person, and he put straps on them, so that they could be worn on the arms. Soon, the human wings were ready.

Daedalus and Icarus donned their new limbs and stood expectantly at the edge of the cliffs. Before they took off, Daedalus warned his son: "Do not fly too close to the sun, or else the wax in your wings will melt." Then, with a brave leap, they escaped into the air and set a course for Greece.

Icarus soon grew overexcited. "Look how high I can fly!" he shouted to his father. Daedalus pleaded with his son to be careful, but, ignoring his father's warning, Icarus flew too high, and his wings melted in the bright sunlight. He tumbled down into the sea and drowned.



1. Daedalus went to Crete to...

Tick **one** box.

learn to fly.

visit his son Icarus.

build a labyrinth.

talk to the King.

1 mark

2. Look at the sentence *Daedalus grew very unhappy*.
Why was Daedalus unhappy?

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1 mark

3. The author writes that the birds moved *like acrobats*.
What does this suggest about the birds?

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1 mark

4. What does the word *transfixed* tell you about Daedalus' reaction
to the birds?

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1 mark

5. Why did Daedalus work *secretly*?

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1 mark

6. Using your own words, summarise what happens in the last two paragraphs.

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3 marks

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There are **7 questions** in this test.

Give yourself **10 minutes** to read the text and answer the questions.

FUN DAY RAISES FUNDS FOR FRIEND

By Julie Wakefield

Year Six pupils at Ramsway Junior School hosted a Charity Fun Day on Saturday, donating the proceeds to the Disability Support Unit at St. Mary's Hospital.

The children's efforts began long before the day itself, as year group leader, Mr James Parkinson, explained: "One of the Year Six classes came up with the idea back in January, and since then all of the planning has been coordinated by the pupils themselves."

The Fun Day began at 10am with the children's races. Students of all ages took part in light-hearted events such as an egg and spoon race and an inflatable obstacle course, with

prizes donated by local businesses.

Come lunchtime, the school field was full of local families, many enjoying picnics in the bright April sunshine.



The morning sack race was a real hit.

A wide variety of activities were on offer throughout the afternoon. One of the most entertaining was the adults three-legged race, perhaps topped only by the final 'Soak a Teacher' event at 4pm. Students could pay one pound each to aim wet sponges at a member of Ramsway's staff.

"I must say I was a little nervous about this one at first," said a rather wet Mr Parkinson, "but since it's for charity I was happy to be a part of the fun."

This particular charity has a special importance for the pupils at Ramsway, as one of their classmates, Sophia Martin, attends the Disability Support Unit once a fortnight. "I love going to St. Mary's," Sophia told the Ramsway Herald. "There are loads of fun activities, like wheelchair basketball."

"The support St. Mary's provide is invaluable," said Sophia's mother, May Martin. "It's so wonderful to see it backed by the school in this way."

The Fun Day raised £1500 in total, and pupils hope to add to this with the ticket sales from their Leaver's Show in the Summer Term.



Sophia has been going to St. Mary's for many years.

1. Read each statement and **tick** whether it is true or false.

The Fun Day began at 9am.

True

False

The 'Soak a Teacher' event was at 4pm.

Sophia's mother is Mary Martin.

The Fun Day raised £1000 in total.

 1 mark

2. In what month did the Fun Day take place?

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 1 mark

3. Why is Mr Parkinson *rather wet*?

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 1 mark

4. How often does Sophia go to the Disability Support Unit?

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 1 mark

5. What activity takes place at St. Mary's Hospital? Circle **one** option.

An obstacle course

Sack races

A picnic

Basketball

 1 mark

6. What does the word *invaluable* suggest about the support that St. Mary's provides?

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 1 mark

7. How do you think Sophia feels about her classmates raising funds for St. Mary's? Give a reason for your answer.

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 2 marks

END OF TEST

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