3.42-5 Verbal Reasoning: Hidden and Compound Words Set 5: 10-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT EP.V71 · about 10 minutes

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This is a 10-minute Verbal Reasoning depth practice on hidden and compound words (Set 5), styled on GL Assessment 11+ multiple-choice papers. It is a fifth, all-new set of questions on this topic. There are 32 questions across four sections: Hidden Word in One Word, Hidden Word Across Two Words, Compound Word Building and Move a Letter. Every question is worth 1 mark, for 32 marks in total. Difficulty increases through each section and across the pack as a whole, finishing with scholarship-level stretch questions. For each question, choose the ONE best answer from the options A to E. No calculator is allowed. Read every instruction carefully, since the exact rule changes between sections: sometimes the hidden word runs inside a single word, sometimes it spans the join between two neighbouring words, and sometimes you are building or breaking up a compound word.

Worked example (Hidden Word in One Word). A four-letter word is hidden inside the word below, spelled using letters that run in order with no gaps. Which option is the hidden word? "WARDROBE" A) WARD B) ROBE C) DROP D) BORE E) WEAR **Answer: B) ROBE.** Reading WARDROBE letter by letter (W-A-R-D-R-O-B-E), the last four letters, R-O-B-E, run together with no gaps and spell ROBE, a real word. DROP, BORE and WEAR cannot be traced as an unbroken run of consecutive letters in WARDROBE, so B) ROBE is the option that is genuinely spelled out. (WARD is also hidden at the very start of WARDROBE, but it is never offered as an option in this pack, so it never affects which single answer is correct.) Apply this same careful, letter-by-letter checking method across every section of this pack, from hidden words inside single words and across sentence joins, through building compound words, to moving a letter between two words.

SECTION 1: HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD (6 minutes, 8 questions)

1 A four-letter word is hidden inside the word below, spelled using letters that run in order with no gaps. Which option is the hidden word?

Q1. "BALLOON"

- ☐ A) Bowl
- ☐ B) Ball
- ☐ C) Bolt
- ☐ D) Boat
- ☐ E) Bell

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2 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q2. "The dog wanted more attention from its owner."

- [ ] A) Bus
- [ ] B) Owl
- [ ] C) Top
- [ ] D) Sun
- [ ] E) Eat

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3 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q3. "Their car experienced a flat tyre on the motorway."

- [ ] A) Care
- [ ] B) Gate
- [ ] C) Note
- [ ] D) Meal
- [ ] E) Pear

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4 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q4. "James tarried outside the door for a moment."

- [ ] A) Vase
- [ ] B) Lake
- [ ] C) Rose
- [ ] D) Dune
- [ ] E) Star

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5 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q5. "The zebra insisted on staying near the water."

- [ ] A) Rain
- [ ] B) Desk
- [ ] C) Wave
- [ ] D) Cane
- [ ] E) Hive

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6 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q6. "Their teacher offered extra help after school."

- [ ] A) Robe
- [ ] B) Dune
- [ ] C) Moon
- [ ] D) Hero
- [ ] E) Tide

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7 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q7. "The sidecar petrol tank needed refilling before the race."

- [ ] A) Carpet
- [ ] B) Pencil
- [ ] C) Balcony
- [ ] D) Helmet
- [ ] E) Sandwich

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8 (HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS) Q8. "The blacksmith's outdoor bellows glowed red hot."

- [ ] A) Sandwich
- [ ] B) Lantern
- [ ] C) Hamster
- [ ] D) Doorbell
- [ ] E) Staircase

SECTION 3: COMPOUND WORD BUILDING (6 minutes, 8 questions)

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9 Find the one word that can be joined onto the end of the first word and the front of the second word to make two new real words.

Q1. FIRE (....) WORK

- [ ] A) Arm
- [ ] B) Place
- [ ] C) Man
- [ ] D) Fly
- [ ] E) Wood

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10 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q2. KEY (....) WALK

- [ ] A) Note
- [ ] B) Stone
- [ ] C) Word
- [ ] D) Hole
- [ ] E) Board

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11 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q3. LAND (....) SHIP

- [ ] A) Owner
- [ ] B) Scape
- [ ] C) Mark
- [ ] D) Slide
- [ ] E) Mass

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12 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q2. "SANDWICH"

- [ ] A) Wish
- [ ] B) Dish
- [ ] C) Sand
- [ ] D) Wash
- [ ] E) Sick

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13 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q4. WILD (....) WOOD

- [ ] A) Life
- [ ] B) Cat
- [ ] C) Fire
- [ ] D) Flower
- [ ] E) Card

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Question 1

B) Ball - the first four letters of BALLOON, B-A-L-L, run together with no gaps and spell BALL; cao **B1**

Answer: B) Ball

Question 2

E) Eat - MORE and ATTENTION are next to each other; the last 1 letter of MORE (B) joined to the first 2 letters of ATTENTION (AT) spells EAT; cao **B1**

Answer: E) Eat

Question 3

A) Care - CAR and EXPERIENCED are next to each other; the last 3 letters of CAR (CAR) joined to the first 1 letter of EXPERIENCED (E) spells CARE; cao **B1**

Answer: A) Care

Question 4

E) Star - JAMES and TARRIED are next to each other; the last 1 letter of JAMES (S) joined to the first 3 letters of TARRIED (TAR) spells STAR; cao **B1**

Answer: E) Star

Question 5

A) Rain - ZEBRA and INSISTED are next to each other; the last 2 letters of ZEBRA (RA) joined to the first 2 letters of INSISTED (IN) spells RAIN; cao **B1**

Answer: A) Rain

Question 6

D) Hero - TEACHER and OFFERED are next to each other; the last 3 letters of TEACHER (HER) joined to the first 1 letter of OFFERED (O) spells HERO; cao **B1**

Answer: D) Hero

Question 7

A) Carpet - SIDECAR and PETROL are next to each other; the last 3 letters of SIDECAR (CAR) joined to the first 3 letters of PETROL (PET) spells CARPET; cao **B1**

Answer: A) Carpet

Question 8

D) Doorbell - OUTDOOR and BELLOWS are next to each other; the last 4 letters of OUTDOOR (DOOR) joined to the first 4 letters of BELLOWS (BELL) spells DOORBELL; cao **B1**

Answer: D) Doorbell

Question 9

E) Wood - FIRE gains WOOD to become FIREWOOD, and WOOD gains WORK to become WOODWORK; cao **B1**

Answer: E) Wood

Question 10

E) Board - KEY gains BOARD to become KEYBOARD, and BOARD gains WALK to become BOARDWALK; cao **B1**

Answer: E) Board

Question 11

A) Owner - LAND gains OWNER to become LANDOWNER, and OWNER gains SHIP to become OWNERSHIP; cao **B1**

Answer: A) Owner

Question 12

C) Sand - the first four letters of SANDWICH, S-A-N-D, run together with no gaps and spell SAND; cao **B1**

Answer: C) Sand

Question 13

C) Fire - WILD gains FIRE to become WILDFIRE, and FIRE gains WOOD to become FIREWOOD; cao **B1**

Answer: C) Fire

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