



EP.V71 Verbal Reasoning: Hidden and Compound Words Set 5

Total Marks

GL ASSESSMENT EP.V71 · Calculators not allowed · about 24 minutes

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This is a 24-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. 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.

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

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

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q3. "BASEMENT"

- ☐ A) Meal
- ☐ B) Base
- ☐ C) Menu
- ☐ D) Tend
- ☐ E) Seat

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q4. "GRANITE"

- ☐ A) Rant
- ☐ B) Gate
- ☐ C) Gran
- ☐ D) Rain
- ☐ E) Tire

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q5. "PLASTER"

- ☐ A) Plan
- ☐ B) Last
- ☐ C) Star
- ☐ D) Rest
- ☐ E) Pale

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

6 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q6. "CHAPTER"

- ☐ A) Chat
- ☐ B) Heap
- ☐ C) Chap
- ☐ D) Tear
- ☐ E) Cart

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

7 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q7. "CUSTOMER"

- ☐ A) Cost
- ☐ B) Tome
- ☐ C) More
- ☐ D) Cute
- ☐ E) Must

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

8 (HIDDEN WORD IN ONE WORD) Q8. "OCTOPUS"

- ☐ A) Octo
- ☐ B) Stop
- ☐ C) Opus
- ☐ D) Scot
- ☐ E) Tops

(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)

9 SECTION 2: HIDDEN WORD ACROSS TWO WORDS (6 minutes, 8 questions)

A word is hidden between two words that are next to each other in the sentence below, using the end of the first of those two words and the start of the second. Which word is hidden?

Q1. "She practised her guitar music every single evening."

- ☐ A) Arm
- ☐ B) Owl
- ☐ C) Bee
- ☐ D) Fox
- ☐ E) Ant

(Total for Question 9 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 10 is 1 mark)

11 (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

(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 12 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 13 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 14 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 15 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 16 is 1 mark)

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

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) Wood
- ☐ B) Fly
- ☐ C) Place
- ☐ D) Arm
- ☐ E) Man

(Total for Question 17 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 18 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 19 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 20 is 1 mark)

21 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q5. BREAK (....) POUR

- ☐ A) Fast
- ☐ B) Water
- ☐ C) Down
- ☐ D) Neck
- ☐ E) Up

(Total for Question 21 is 1 mark)

22 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q6. LIFE (....) LINE

- ☐ A) Boat
- ☐ B) Guard
- ☐ C) Span
- ☐ D) Time
- ☐ E) Saver

(Total for Question 22 is 1 mark)

23 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q7. ROAD (....) WALK

- ☐ A) Block
- ☐ B) Side
- ☐ C) Way
- ☐ D) Map
- ☐ E) Kill

(Total for Question 23 is 1 mark)

24 (COMPOUND WORD BUILDING) Q8. CORNER (....) WALL

- ☐ A) Shop
- ☐ B) Back
- ☐ C) Store
- ☐ D) Stone
- ☐ E) Piece

(Total for Question 24 is 1 mark)

25 SECTION 4: MOVE A LETTER (6 minutes, 8 questions)

In each question, move one letter from the first word to the second word, keeping the other letters of the first word in the same order, so that both the word left behind and the new word formed are real words. Choose the letter that moves.

Q1. Move one letter from PATCH to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) P
- ☐ B) A
- ☐ C) T
- ☐ D) C
- ☐ E) H

(Total for Question 25 is 1 mark)

26 (MOVE A LETTER) Q2. Move one letter from SPOIL to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) S
- ☐ B) P
- ☐ C) O
- ☐ D) I
- ☐ E) L

(Total for Question 26 is 1 mark)

27 (MOVE A LETTER) Q3. Move one letter from BRICK to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) B
- ☐ B) R
- ☐ C) I
- ☐ D) C
- ☐ E) K

(Total for Question 27 is 1 mark)

28 (MOVE A LETTER) Q4. Move one letter from PRINT to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) P
- ☐ B) R
- ☐ C) I
- ☐ D) N
- ☐ E) T

(Total for Question 28 is 1 mark)

29 (MOVE A LETTER) Q5. Move one letter from STOMP to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) S
- ☐ B) T
- ☐ C) O
- ☐ D) M
- ☐ E) P

(Total for Question 29 is 1 mark)

30 (MOVE A LETTER) Q6. Move one letter from FLING to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) F
- ☐ B) L
- ☐ C) I
- ☐ D) N
- ☐ E) G

(Total for Question 30 is 1 mark)

31 (MOVE A LETTER) Q7. Move one letter from CLASP to the front of AT to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) C
- ☐ B) L
- ☐ C) A
- ☐ D) S
- ☐ E) P

(Total for Question 31 is 1 mark)

32 (MOVE A LETTER) Q8. Move one letter from MOUSE to the end of N to make two new, real words. Which letter moves?

- ☐ A) M
- ☐ B) O
- ☐ C) U
- ☐ D) S
- ☐ E) E

(Total for Question 32 is 1 mark)

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Question 1

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

Question 2

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

Question 3

- **B1 B) Base** - the first four letters of BASEMENT, B-A-S-E, run together with no gaps and spell BASE; cao
- **Answer: B) Base**

Question 4

- **B1 C) Gran** - the first four letters of GRANITE, G-R-A-N, run together with no gaps and spell GRAN, an informal word for grandmother; cao
- **Answer: C) Gran**

Question 5

- **B1 B) Last** - letters 2 to 5 of PLASTER, L-A-S-T, run together with no gaps and spell LAST; cao
- **Answer: B) Last**

Question 6

- **B1 C) Chap** - the first four letters of CHAPTER, C-H-A-P, run together with no gaps and spell CHAP, an informal word for a man; cao
- **Answer: C) Chap**

Question 7

- **B1 B) Tome** - letters 4 to 7 of CUSTOMER, T-O-M-E, run together with no gaps and spell TOME, a word for a large book; cao
- **Answer: B) Tome**

Question 8

- **B1 C) Opus** - letters 4 to 7 of OCTOPUS, O-P-U-S, run together with no gaps and spell OPUS, a word for a musical work; cao
- **Answer: C) Opus**

Question 9

- **B1 A) Arm** - GUITAR and MUSIC are next to each other; the last 2 letters of GUITAR (AR) joined to the first 1 letter of MUSIC (M) spells ARM; cao
- **Answer: A) Arm**

Question 10

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

Question 11

- **B1 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
- **Answer: A) Care**

Question 12

- **B1 C) 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

Question 13

- **B1 B)** 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
- **Answer: B) Rain**

Question 14

- **B1 C)** 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
- **Answer: C) Hero**

Question 15

- **B1 B)** 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
- **Answer: B) Carpet**

Question 16

- **B1 A)** 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
- **Answer: A) Doorbell**

Question 17

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

Question 18

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

Question 19

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

Question 20

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

Question 21

- **B1 C)** Down - BREAK gains DOWN to become BREAKDOWN, and DOWN gains POUR to become DOWNPOUR; cao
- **Answer: C) Down**

Question 22

- **B1 D)** Time - LIFE gains TIME to become LIFETIME, and TIME gains LINE to become TIMELINE; cao
- **Answer: D) Time**

Question 23

- **B1 B)** Side - ROAD gains SIDE to become ROADSIDE, and SIDE gains WALK to become SIDEWALK; cao
- **Answer: B) Side**

Question 24

- **B1 D)** Stone - CORNER gains STONE to become CORNERSTONE, and STONE gains WALL to become STONEWALL; cao
- **Answer: D) Stone**

Question 25

- **B1 D)** C - removing C from PATCH leaves PATH, and adding C to the front of AT makes CAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: D) C (PATCH becomes PATH; AT becomes CAT)**

Question 26

- **B1 B)** P - removing P from SPOIL leaves SOIL, and adding P to the front of AT makes PAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: B) P (SPOIL becomes SOIL; AT becomes PAT)**

Question 27

- **B1 A)** B - removing B from BRICK leaves RICK, and adding B to the front of AT makes BAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: A) B (BRICK becomes RICK; AT becomes BAT)**

Question 28

- **B1 B)** R - removing R from PRINT leaves PINT, and adding R to the front of AT makes RAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: B) R (PRINT becomes PINT; AT becomes RAT)**

Question 29

- **B1 D)** M - removing M from STOMP leaves STOP, and adding M to the front of AT makes MAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: D) M (STOMP becomes STOP; AT becomes MAT)**

Question 30

- **B1 A)** F - removing F from FLING leaves LING, and adding F to the front of AT makes FAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: A) F (FLING becomes LING; AT becomes FAT)**

Question 31

- **B1 D)** S - removing S from CLASP leaves CLAP, and adding S to the front of AT makes SAT, both real words; cao
- **Answer: D) S (CLASP becomes CLAP; AT becomes SAT)**

Question 32

- **B1 B)** O - removing O from MOUSE leaves MUSE, and adding O to the end of N makes NO, both real words; cao
- **Answer: B) O (MOUSE becomes MUSE; N becomes NO)**