

8 Strategies for Answering SATs Questions

1. Keywords



Highlight the **keywords** in the question to give you a clue about what to do next.

2. Cross off



To avoid making silly mistakes, **cross off** parts of the question you've tackled to make sure you don't miss any steps or repeat steps when answering the question.

3. Remember units



Unless the units are already included in the answer box, make sure you remember to write your answers in full and **include units**.

E.g. If the answer is 12 **minutes**, make sure you remember to include '**minutes**' in your answer.

4. Use a formula



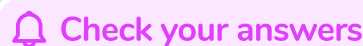
Try to remember formulas! Think about the contents of the question and any formulas you could use.

5. Use a diagram



Drawing a bar model or array can help you to estimate what the answer size could be, or help you to identify the goal of the question, what you are being asked to do.

6. Check your answers



Always **double check** your answers! Work backwards and check that your answers make sense, to help you pick up on any silly mistakes.

7. Use the inverse



For some questions it is helpful to think about the relationship between multiplication and division, and addition and subtraction, and how they are the **opposite** to each other to tackle a problem.

8. Look out for marks



Always **check the number of marks** a question has, this can help you figure out how many steps there are to answer a particular question.