## Appendix: Mastery levels in the National tests of English

Translated from the Teacher’s guidelines for using the tests of English (see website)

**Mastery level 1**

Pupils

* Can understand some concrete, common words and expressions
* Can find common, concrete words in a text
* Can follow clear, simple instructions
* Can link common, concrete words to pictures
* Can make links between familiar, concrete words within a theme, e.g. *fish* and *acquarium*
* Can recognise some learnt grammatical expressions and simple function words in context, e.g. personal pronouns.

**Mastery level 2**

Pupils

* Can understand a number of common words and expressions
* Can understand simple sentences
* Can link simple sentences to pictures
* Can make links between common words in a text, when they are within a theme
* Can find specific details in a longer text
* Can find simple synonyms in a short text
* Can understand the main point In a simple text
* Can find simple information even when there is some competing information in a text
* Can navigate back and forth in a text to find information
* Can draw simple conclusions when there is a good deal of support in the text
* Can recognise and use some simple function words and grammatical structures in context

**Mastery level 3**

Pupils

* Can understand rather abstract and less common words and expressions
* Can construct meaning from some complex sentences
* Can construct meaning from shorter and longer texts
* Can understand the main point In a text
* Can find information even when there is competing information in a text
* Can read a text closely
* Can understand how the paragraphs in a text relate to each other
* Can link simple information from different parts of a text
* Can use the context to understand difficult parts of a text
* Can draw simple conclusions
* Can recognise and use basic grammatical structures/ function words in context

**Mastery level 4**

Pupils

* Have a fairly wide vocabulary
* Can work pout the meaning of unknown words from the context
* Can understand quite complex sentences
* Can understand quite long and complex texts
* Can link information from different parts of a text
* Can draw conclusions
* Can make choices between some grammatical structures/ function words in order to express him/herself.

**Mastery level 5**

Pupils

* Can use appropriate reading strategies
* Has a quite wide and sophisticated vocabulary
* Can understand complex sentences
* Can understand long and complex texts
* Can read between the lines and draw advanced conclusions
* Can make choices between a range of grammatical structures/ function words in order to express him/herself.