# The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

# Elstree




## 7+ Entrance Examination

## Sample Paper

### ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

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# The Eagle and the Turtle

A Turtle was not happy. He wanted to stop being a Turtle, "I'm tired of swimming about in the sea and crawling about on the beach, getting nowhere in particular," he grumbled. "I want to be able to fly in the air like an eagle."

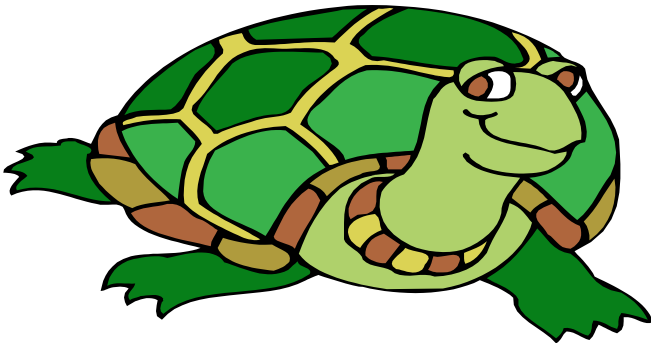


He spoke to the Eagle about it. "You're not built for flying," the Eagle told the Turtle. "You haven't any wings."

"Don't worry about that," answered the Turtle. "I've watched how the birds do it. I've watched them soar and glide, skim and dive. Even if I haven't got wings, I can make my four flippers act like four stout oars in the air. Just get me up there, and you'll see I can fly as well as any of the birds - probably better! Besides if you'll carry me high enough, I"ll bring you lots of rare pearls from the sea."

The Eagle was tempted, and carried the Turtle up to a great height. "Now, then," cried the Eagle, "fly!"

But the moment the Turtle was on his own, he fell from the sky. He fell like a stone. He was smashed into little pieces.



Now answer the questions carefully

1. Explain what the word " grumbled" means

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2. How can we tell that the eagle does not want to carry the turtle high in the sky?

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3. How does the turtle persuade the eagle to help him? Please write in a sentence.

_____ 4 marks

4. Write **one** good thing and **one** bad thing about being a turtle

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_____ 4 marks

5. Write **one** good thing and **one b**ad things about being an eagle

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_____ 4 marks

6. If you had to choose to be any animal, bird or insect, what would you choose and why?

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_____ 3 marks