

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPELLING TEST (SAST)

1	ON	Please put your shoe ON. Write ON.
2	HOT	The water in the bath is HOT. Write HOT.
3	CUP	I drink from a CUP. Write CUP.
4	VAN	The lady can drive a VAN. Write VAN.
5	JAM	I like JAM on toast. Write JAM.
6	LOST	I LOST my key. Write LOST.
7	SIT	Please SIT on this chair. Write SIT.
8	PLAN	I used to PLAN to make this model. Write PLAN.
9	MUD	I got MUD on my shoes when it rained. Write MUD.
10	BEG	I taught my dog to BEG for a biscuit. Write BEG.
11	THE	Is this the TOY you want? Write TOY.
12	GO	I will GO to the shops after school. Write GO.
13	FOR	Is this letter FOR me? Write FOR.
14	SO	You did that job SO quickly. Write SO.
15	ME	This present is not for ME. Write ME.
16	ARE	Animals ARE in the field. Write ARE.
17	OF	I am not sure OF your name. Write OF.
18	DO	What will you DO next? Write DO.
19	WHO	WHO was knocking at the door? Write WHO
20	HERE	Put the box over HERE. Write HERE.
21	SHIP	A SHIP is on the sea. Write SHIP.
22	CHOP	The butcher will CHOP the meat. Write CHOP.
23	FOOD	We must take FOOD to the picnic. Write FOOD.
24	FIRE	We need dry sticks to start the FIRE. Write FIRE.
25	THIN	The THIN cat squeezed through the fence. Write THIN.
26	DATE	What is the DATE today? Write DATE.
27	SEEM	The shop did not SEEM to be open. Write SEEM
28	DART	I threw a DART at the dartboard. Write DART.
29	LOUD	Your voice is too LOUD. Write LOUD.
30	FROM	Our teacher comes FROM Sydney. Write FROM.
31	EYE	Please shut one EYE and look at this. Write EYE.
32	FIGHT	I saw two dogs FIGHT in the park. Write FIGHT.
33	FRIEND	She is my best FRIEND. Write FRIEND.
34	DONE	What have you DONE with your book? Write DONE.
35	ANY	Are there ANY cakes left? Write ANY.

36	GREAT	I was chased by a GREAT big dog. Write GREAT.
37	SURE	I am not SURE how to spell this. Write SURE.
38	WOMEN	Two WOMEN went for a swim. Write WOMEN.
39	ANSWER	Please ANSWER my question. Write ANSWER
40	BEAUTIFUL	The flowers in the garden are BEAUTIFUL.
41	ORCHESTRA	I play piano in the ORCHESTRA.
42	EQUALLY	They shared the money EQUALLY.
43	APPRECIATE	Thank you. I APPRECIATE your help.
44	FAMILIAR	His faced seemed FAMILIAR. Had we met before?
45	ENTHUSIASTIC	The student was an ENTHUSIASTIC player.
46	SIGNATURE	She wrote her SIGNATURE on the paper.
47	BREATHE	Fresh air is good to BREATHE
48	PERMANENT	Will that sign be taken away or is it PERMANENT?
49	SUFFICIENT	We have SUFFICIENT food to last for the weekend.
50	SURPLUS	We will sell the SURPLUS apples. We have too many.
51	CUSTOMARY	It is CUSTOMARY to shake hands.
52	ESPECIALLY	The gift is ESPECIALLY for you.
53	MATERIALLY	This story is not MATERIALLY different from the one in your book.
54	CEMETERY	The funeral took place at the CEMETERY
55	LEISURE	She spent her LEISURE time in the garden.
56	FRATERNALLY	FRATERNALLY means the same as brotherly.
57	SUCCESSFUL	The fund-raising was very SUCCESSFUL
58	DEFINITE	I agreed on a DEFINITE time to meet her.
59	EXHIBITION	There is an art EXHIBITION at the gallery
60	APPARATUS	We used this APPARATUS in the science lab
61	MORTGAGE	I bought the house by taking a MORTGAGE
62	EQUIPPED	The campers were EQUIPPED with new tents.
63	SUBTERRANEAN	SUBTERRANEAN means under the ground.
64	POLITICIAN	Did you vote for that POLITICIAN
65	MISCELLANEOUS	Mixing different items together makes a MISCELLANEOUS set.
66	EXAGGERATE	The fish wasn't that big! Don't EXAGGERATE.
67	GURANTEEE	My washing machine has a two-year GURANTEEE
68	EMBARRASSING	I find it EMBARRASSING to give a speech.
69	CONSCIENTIOUS	Students who work hard are said to be CONSCIENTIOUS.
70	SEISMOGRAPH	A SEISMOGRAPH is an instrument to measure the strength of earthquakes.

Table 2: Approximate spelling ages

Raw Score	Approx. Spelling Age	Raw Score	Approx. Spelling Age
12	below 6.0 yrs	33	9.0 yrs
13	6.0 yrs	34	9.2 yrs
14	6.0 yrs	35	9.5 yrs
15	6.1 yrs	36	9.7 yrs
16	6.3 yrs	37	10.0 yrs
17	6.4 yrs	38	10.2 yrs
18	6.5 yrs	39	10.5 yrs
19	6.7 yrs	40	10.7 yrs
20	6.8 yrs	41	10.9 yrs
21	6.9 yrs	42	11.2 yrs
22	7.1 yrs	43	11.4 yrs
23	7.2 yrs	44	11.7 yrs
24	7.3 yrs	45	12.0 yrs
25	7.5 yrs	46	12.2 yrs
26	7.6 yrs	47	12.4 yrs
27	7.8 yrs	48	13.0 yrs
28	8.0 yrs	49	13.8 yrs
29	8.2 yrs	50	14.2 yrs
30	8.4 yrs	51	14.5 yrs
31	8.6 yrs	52	15.5 yrs
32	8.9 yrs	53	above 15.5 yrs

- .. Note that spelling ages are in years and tenths of a year (not months).
1. Apply Standard Error of Measurement + 2 and - 2 points on raw score.

Example: Child scores 26 marks.

- Subtract 2 from 26 = 24.
- Add 2 to 26 = 28.
- Enter table at raw score 24 and at 28.

Thus the child's spelling age is between 7.3 years and 8.0 years.

Table 1: Ages, average scores, normal ranges and critically low scores

Students' Age (yrs/mths)	Average Score	Normal Range	Critically Low Score	Students' Age (yrs/mths)	Average Score	Normal Range	Critically Low Score	Students' Age (yrs/mths)	Average Score	Normal Range	Critically Low Score
6.0	14	8 – 20	4	9.3	34	28 – 40	24	12.6	47	40 – 54	37
6.1	15	9 – 21	5	9.4	35	29 – 41	25	12.7	47	40 – 54	37
6.2	15	9 – 21	5	9.5	35	29 – 41	25	12.8	48	41 – 55	38
6.3	16	10 – 22	6	9.6	35	29 – 41	25	12.9	48	41 – 55	38
6.4	16	10 – 22	6	9.7	36	30 – 42	26	12.10	48	41 – 55	38
6.5	17	11 – 23	7	9.8	36	30 – 42	26	12.11	48	41 – 55	38
6.6	18	12 – 24	8	9.9	36	30 – 42	26	13.0	48	41 – 55	38
6.7	18	12 – 24	8	9.10	37	31 – 43	27	13.1	48	41 – 55	38
6.8	19	13 – 25	9	9.11	37	31 – 43	27	13.2	48	41 – 55	38
6.9	19	13 – 25	9	10.0	37	31 – 43	27	13.3	48	41 – 55	38
6.10	20	14 – 26	10	10.1	37	31 – 43	27	13.4	48	41 – 55	38
6.11	21	15 – 27	11	10.2	38	32 – 44	28	13.5	48	41 – 55	38
7.0	22	16 – 28	12	10.3	38	32 – 44	28	13.6	48	41 – 55	38
7.1	22	16 – 28	12	10.4	38	32 – 44	28	13.7	49	42 – 56	39
7.2	23	17 – 29	13	10.5	39	33 – 44	29	13.8	49	42 – 56	39
7.3	23	17 – 29	13	10.6	39	34 – 44	29	13.9	49	42 – 56	39
7.4	24	18 – 30	14	10.7	40	35 – 45	30	13.10	49	42 – 56	39
7.5	24	18 – 30	14	10.8	40	35 – 45	30	13.11	50	43 – 57	40
7.6	25	19 – 31	15	10.9	40	35 – 45	30	14.0	50	43 – 57	40
7.7	25	19 – 31	15	10.10	41	35 – 47	31	14.1	50	43 – 57	40
7.8	26	20 – 32	16	10.11	41	35 – 47	31	14.2	50	43 – 57	40
7.9	27	21 – 33	17	11.0	41	35 – 47	31	14.3	50	43 – 57	40
7.10	27	21 – 33	17	11.1	42	36 – 48	32	14.4	51	45 – 57	41
7.11	28	22 – 34	18	11.2	42	36 – 48	32	14.5	51	45 – 57	41
8.0	28	22 – 34	18	11.3	42	36 – 48	32	14.6	51	45 – 57	41
8.1	29	23 – 35	19	11.4	43	39 – 49	33	14.7	51	45 – 57	41
8.2	29	23 – 35	19	11.5	43	39 – 49	33	14.8	51	45 – 57	41
8.3	30	24 – 36	20	11.6	44	38 – 50	34	14.9	51	45 – 57	41
8.4	30	24 – 36	20	11.7	44	38 – 50	34	14.10	52	46 – 58	42
8.5	31	25 – 37	21	11.8	44	38 – 50	34	14.11	52	46 – 58	42
8.6	31	25 – 37	21	11.9	44	38 – 50	34	15.0	52	46 – 58	42
8.7	31	26 – 36	21	11.10	45	39 – 51	35	15.1	52	46 – 58	42
8.8	32	26 – 37	22	11.11	45	39 – 51	35	15.2	52	46 – 58	42
8.9	32	26 – 38	22	12.0	45	39 – 51	35	15.3	52	46 – 58	42
8.10	32	26 – 38	22	12.1	46	40 – 52	36	15.4	52	46 – 58	42
8.11	33	27 – 39	23	12.2	46	40 – 52	36	15.5	52	46 – 58	42
9.0	33	27 – 39	23	12.3	46	40 – 52	36	15.6	52	46 – 58	42
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