



Exam Guidance for Candidates with a Reader

When a Teaching Assistant is a Reader and/or Scribe in an exam or controlled assessment, they are not allowed to give you the same support that they would do in a lesson.

They can't give you any help, check your work or let you know if your answers are right or wrong.

If I have a Reader in an exam or controlled assessment

- I must make clear what I want read to me, by pointing or asking
- My Reader can only read the instructions, the questions and my answers
- Instructions and questions can be repeated, more than once, but only if I make it clear what I want read to me
- My Reader can spell words if I ask, but only words that are already on the question paper
- My Reader is not allowed to decode mathematical and scientific symbols or unit abbreviations (e.g. 2^2 cannot be read as two squared, but the function only pointed to). I need to work out what it means myself
- My Reader can't tell me which questions to choose or when to move to the next question
- My Reader is not allowed to tell me which questions to do first
- My Reader can read back my answer, more than once, but **only if I ask**

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My Reader can read the questions in the writing section of the paper but my Reader is not allowed to read any of the questions in the reading section