

The Swot Shop

Enrolment for Springboard Kindergarten Program

Suitability Self-Assessment

The Springboard Program at The Swot Shop is a three-year foundational program for bright and motivated young learners starting in the last year of preschool (or early childhood education) followed by Kindergarten and Year 1.

All Swot Shop programs are developed for children with strong academic potential who show curiosity and an intrinsic enjoyment of learning. This is why most of our programs have an entry test which children take to establish their suitability for the challenging nature of the programs.

In the early years, assessing academic potential is less reliable. Therefore, there is no entry test for the Springboard programs. Instead, we encourage parents to use self-assessment to ensure that the children who enrol and take part in the program have the skills that should be mastered prior to enrolment.

To be eligible for the Kindergarten Springboard Program children must be in kindergarten at school.

Furthermore, each child should master the following skills:

- ✓ Separates easily from parents.
- ✓ Able to verbally express their ideas to the teacher or a small group.
- ✓ Makes reasonable copies of lower case alphabet letters.
- ✓ Writes their first name so it can be read by an adult.
- ✓ Recalls details of a story read to them from a picture book.
- ✓ Can use at least one full sentence to answer a question orally.
- ✓ Names the days of the week.
- ✓ Can recognise and read the numbers from 0 to 9.

- ✓ Can correctly count a small group of objects (up to 10 of them)
- ✓ Can recognise a simple repeating pattern.
- ✓ Knows the names of at least six different colours.
- ✓ Understands the meaning of the following words: more than, less than, above, below, between, over, under, right, left and half.
- ✓ Can recognise the following shapes: square, circle, rectangle and triangle.
- ✓ Recognise the value of the following coins: 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2
- ✓ Can follow a simple one-step instruction.
- ✓ Can cut along a straight line with scissors.
- ✓ Can apply appropriate amounts of glue when pasting pictures into booklets.

In addition, the following social and emotional skills are important for a student's success in the course:

- ✓ Shows confidence in their ability to work autonomously.
- ✓ Readily engages with peers and contributes in a group setting.
- ✓ Able to regulate own emotions.
- ✓ Able to show sportsmanship in games (when there is just one or two winners).

Below we have listed some sample questions that you can use to further assess if your child is ready for the Springboard Kindergarten program.

Sample Questions

Below are some sample questions that can assist you with the assessment. The instructions should be read by you as the parent.

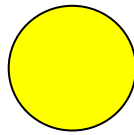
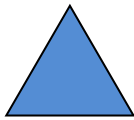
1. Here is a picture of an Australian coin:



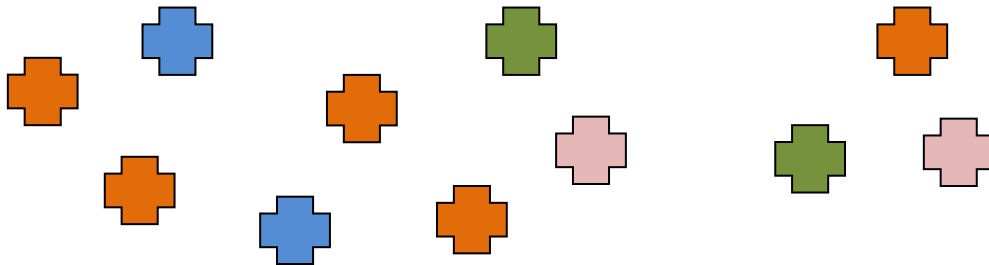
Which of the coins in this row is worth more or is more valuable?



2. Which shape is the yellow rectangle?

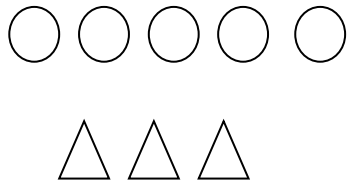


3. How many orange crosses can you count?



4. Pretend it is Thursday today. What day will it be tomorrow?

5. Look at this picture:



Which are correct?

There are some triangles above some circles. Yes or no

There are more triangles than circles. Yes or no

There are five squares in the picture. Yes or no

There are a total of eight shapes in the picture. Yes or no

6. Look at this pattern:



Which shape would come next in the box? (Pick one from the list below)

