# Preparing for the NNAT Test 



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## 4 parts to the test.

- 1) Pattern Completion,
- 2) Reasoning by Analogy,
- 3) Serial Reasoning,
- 4) Spatial Visualization (2 different types of questions).

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Pattern Completion

- Levels. The distribution of question-types changes with each level. Levels A - C have more Pattern Completion and Reasoning by Analogy. Levels D G have more Reasoning by Analogy, Serial Reasoning and Spatial Visualization.

| Grade | NNAT Level |
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| K | A |
| 1 | B |
| 2 | C |
| 3 and 4 | D |
| 5 and 6 | E |
| 7,8, and 9 | F |
| 10,11, and 12 | G |




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- Administration. 48 questions given by pencil/paper or on computer. Usually administered in groups. Teacher takes students through each type of sample item. No additional verbal instructions are given. The instruction is the same for all questions: What goes in the empty box? Once the test begins, students work at their own pace (about 30 minutes).
- Score required to qualify for gifted programs will vary by school district. Children are compared to other children within 3 months of their age.
- NNAT 2 vs. 3. Both tests use 4 colors: black, white, yellow and blue. NNAT 2 uses a different shade of blue for a $5^{\text {th }}$ color. NNAT 3 uses green for a $5^{\text {th }}$ color. This was done to accommodate students with color-vision deficits. NNAT2 will go away June 30.


Reasoning by Analogy


Spatial Visualization

## What is on the Test?

1. Pattern Completion

2. Reasoning by Analogy

What belongs in the empty box?
3. Serial Reasoning

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4. Spatial Visualization

Combination


Folding


TIP: Tell your child to look for what is beneath the imaginary white card that is covering up part of the puzzle. Imagine that the red stripe continues up beneath the white card. Touch where the green stripe would be under the card. Look for an answer choice where the red, green and orange stripes are where they should be beneath the white card.


TIP: Cover up the answer choices. Ask your child to describe what the answer choice should look like. We will need a small purple triangle in the top left corner. Then there will be a large green diagonal stripe with a yellow diagonal stripe next to it. There's a tiny bit of blue in the bottom right corner.


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Can you find the answer choice you described?


Tip: Show your child how to use their finger to trace where the lines need to continue beneath the white box to complete the pattern. After they trace the lines with their fingers, have them say where the colors will be in the answer.


## Tips For Solving Pattern Completion Puzzles

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These get difficult at the higher levels! But the solution can be found in the same way.

## Learn the 10 Common

## Reasoning by Analogy Rules

1. Figures stay the same
2. Change in color or shade
3. Change in quantity
4. Change in size
5. Change in shape
6. Piece is added or taken away
7. Pieces move or switch positions
8. Rotation
9. Mirror image or flip (vertical or horizontal)
10. Overall design to the puzzle

What is the relationship/rule between the first pair? Look for the exact same relationship between the second pair.

What belongs in the empty box?


Same figure goes from small to big.

stays the same
color or shading changes

quantity changes





Master the individual rules in order to analyze the multiple changes in harder puzzle:

1. Size change - outer shape
2. Piece is taken away - half of inside shape
3. Piece moves - other half of inside shape
4. Color change - outer shape takes on the color of the part of the inside shape that was taken away

TIP: Talk through your reasoning out loud when learning to solve these puzzles.

## Learn the 7 Common Serial Reasoning Rules

1. Figures stay the same
2. "Big 5"
3. Rotation across 9-Boxes
4. 2 of the Same, 1 Different
5. 3 of the Same
6. 2 Differences
7. 3 or More Differences

What belongs in the empty box?


Tip: Teach your child to recognize this common "Big 5 pattern where the 4 corners and center and center squares con
the same 5 the same 5 pictures; and the 4 boxes in between contain the same 4 pictures. You can also look at it as pictures it as picture
alternating alternating
across 9 boxes or an A-B pattern.

Can you spot the pattern up and down the columns and across the rows?


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You learn to spot these through practice!

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## Tips for Solving Serial Reasoning Puzzles

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## Tips for Solving Serial Reasoning Puzzles



Folding Puzzles


These include rotations at higher grade levels. They are not indicated to the child - the child must spot them.

## Spatial Visualization Puzzles

## Combination Puzzles



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## NNAT Test Prep

- Evaluate Level - Pre- and Post-assessment for CogAT
- Build up Weaknesses
- Teach Nuances of Each Question Type (i.e. 10 types of figural analogies, 7 types of serial reasoning)
- Teach Test-Taking Skills
- Use different ? than those on the site - site ?'s given as homework
- Math, ELA, Homework Help
- Assessing Skills - Is Your Child at Grade Level?


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[^0]:    "The Big 5" Pattern

