

Bath Bombs & tablets & sweets

Did you know that bath bombs, tablets and certain types of sweets have something in common? They're all made by carefully blending powdered ingredients, adding a small amount of an active ingredient, binding it all together with a liquid, then pressing the resulting mixture into a mould.

They all have to have extensive trialling before they can go to customers. Sweets are tested for flavour and medicines are tested for their effectiveness. They have to be thoroughly tested for safety **to/too/two!**

The products also have to be checked after they are manufactured. A variety of investigations will check the quality, hardness and effectiveness of a sample of the tablets or sweets so that the quality stays consistent.

There are many scientists and technicians whose jobs are to plan and carry out all of these tests. Someone has to check the testing as well, to make sure that **it's/its** all been done accurately.

Reading comprehension and SPAG



1. What literary device does the text start with?

2. Underline a subordinate clause in the text.

3. Circle the correct forms of the **homophones**.

4. Circle an adverb in the text.

5. What does the word *extensive* mean?.

6. Why does the author use an exclamation mark at the end of the second paragraph?

6. The word *effectiveness* is used twice. Write a close synonym or short phrase.

7. In your own words, explain why the testing and checking are so important.

Bath Bombs & tablets & sweets

Did you know that bath bombs, tablets and certain types of sweets have something in common? They're all made by carefully blending powdered ingredients, adding a small amount of an active ingredient, binding it all together with a liquid, then pressing the resulting mixture into a mould.

They all have to have extensive trialling before they can go to customers. Sweets are tested for flavour and medicines are tested for their effectiveness. They have to be thoroughly tested for safety to, too, two!

The products also have to be checked after they are manufactured. A variety of investigations will check the quality, hardness and effectiveness of a sample of the tablets or sweets so that the quality stays consistent. Samples are stored and checked again months, and even years, later.

There are many scientists and technicians whose jobs are to plan and carry out all of these tests. Someone has to check the testing as well, to make sure that it's/its all been done accurately.

Reading comprehension and SPAG

1. What literary device does the text start with?
rhetorical question
2. Underline a subordinate clause in the text. *Several!*
3. Circle the correct forms of the **homophones**.
4. Circle an adverb in the text. *There are 3*
5. What does the word *extensive* mean?. *A great deal / an awful lot / very much*
6. Why does the author use an exclamation mark at the end of the second paragraph? *For emphasis—this is a very important point.*
6. The word *effectiveness* is used twice. Write a close synonym or short phrase. *Anything that conveys 'how good it is at doing its job'.*
7. In your own words, explain why the testing and checking are so important. *Convey an understanding that it's for the safety of customers/patients: avoiding side effects or allergies, checking for correct amounts of ingredients. Also for loss of quality over time, or in transport.*