



ABILITY TEST REPORT

Symbol Checking Test

Feedback for

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About this report

This report gives you feedback on the Symbol Checking Test you completed on 17 October 2026. It is written for you, and it is yours to keep. The organisation that invited you to take the test will let you know about the next steps in your application separately.

What the test measured

Three things that come up wherever signals, indications and instructions have to be checked before acting on them:

- Switching to a new rule -- dropping the old instruction and working to the new one straight away.
- Sustained attention at pace -- keeping the same careful check going for the whole time.
- Checking two features before acting -- for example, confirming both what a symbol shows and how many marks it has before ticking it.

No railway or technical knowledge was needed. The rule you were working to was on the screen throughout.

What your results suggest

You showed a sound checking method: you worked to the rule and kept going through the changes. The marks that are easiest to gain on tests like this come from small things -- a symbol accepted on one feature only, the old rule creeping back just after a switch, a check rushed as the pace rose -- and the following page is aimed at exactly those.

Areas to develop

Whatever your result, all three of the things the test measured improve quickly with regular practice on ordinary, everyday material -- you don't need specialist resources to work on them.

The suggestions below are in order, based on your results: the first area is where you are likely to benefit most from further development.

Switching to a new rule. Straight after a change is when the old rule is strongest; the first few checks after a switch deserve the most care. *Try this:* next time a plan, a route or an instruction changes, say the new version aloud once and then check the first two or three things you do against it before carrying on.

Sustained attention at pace. Speed is worth having only when the check stays complete; a quick answer that skips a feature costs more than a careful one. *Try this:* on any routine checking task, set yourself a steady pace you can keep accurate rather than the fastest you can manage, and look at the last item as carefully as the first.

Checking two features before acting. Most slips on tasks like this come from a symbol that is right on one feature and wrong on the other; the eye accepts it because the first check passed. *Try this:* when you check anything with two details that must both be right -- a date and a time on a booking, a platform and a departure time on a board -- say both details to yourself before you accept it, every time.

These three habits -- check both features before acting, work to the current rule not the last one, and keep the last check as careful as the first -- are what reliable checking is built on. They are learned by doing, and they transfer to any role that calls on them. We hope this feedback is useful, and we wish you well with your application.