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2012

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS



SESSION 1

0:45

Time available for students to
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil **only**





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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

P1

The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled.
Write the correct spelling of the circled word in the box.

I have one bruther and one sister.

 P1

P2

There is one spelling mistake in this sentence.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

The music teacher played my gitar.

 P2

Shade one bubble to show your answer.

P3

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

I like going the city.

- at
- on
- to
- in



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The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled. Write the correct spelling of each circled word in the box.

1 Our geography class investigated how frequently people recycle their rubbish. 1

2 Jess emptied all the bags in a frantic effort to find the lost phone. 2

3 The thick bush made it hard to proceed down the track. 3

4 A tall stone pillar supports the new statue in the park. 4

5 An ambulance took the trauma patient to the hospital. 5

6 Advertising must not misrepresent facts to make products seem more appealing. 6

7 When the referee blew the final whistle the score was even. 7

8 The new stopwatch was very accurate and timed each lap with precision. 8

9 We decided to volunteer and collect funds for charity. 9

10 Dad started a new business selling hardware in our town. 10

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11 The lack of playing fields in our area is outrayjus. 11

12 The sun was partially eclipst by the moon. 12

13 Our art class visited a fascinating eksabition of bark paintings last week. 13

14 He plotted his chess moves strategicly and his opponent was soon defeated. 14

15 The committee wrote a very complementary letter of thanks. 15

16 The beat of the music makes a calming rythem that helps the baby sleep. 16

17 There was a touching reconsiliasion between the two characters at the end of the film. 17

**There is one spelling mistake in each sentence.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

18 The habetat of the endangered eagle is threatened by development. 18

19 The electrician admitted that he had damaged the ceiling. 19

20 My uncle was interested in a career in agraculture, so he took an animal husbandry course at the technical college. 20

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| 21 | She was genrally a proficient pianist, achieving high marks in all her examinations. | 21 |
| 22 | The discovery of a reliable way to establish longetude allowed navigators to successfully identify their location while at sea. | 22 |
| 23 | The mechanic was hesitant to give an estimate before inspecting the car. | 23 |
| 24 | This suspenseful novel has codes to decipher and exciting mysterys to unravel. | 24 |
| 25 | An interprater was summoned to help the overseas visitor communicate his dilemma. | 25 |
| 26 | Preliminary experiments with electricity exploited the natural phenomonon of lightning. | 26 |
| 27 | Guide dogs need the discipline of obedience training when they are puppies, if they are to be managable when fully grown. | 27 |
| 28 | The prefered option of farmers is to grow crops that require a reduced rate of pesticide application. | 28 |
| 29 | An essential feature of foreign language study is to learn the correct pronunciation and intonation. | 29 |
| 30 | Some species of fish form inseprable pairs and vigorously defend their territory. | 30 |

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For questions 31 to 58, shade one bubble to show your answer.

31

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

It's important to stand up [] what you think is right.

- to
- for
- with
- about

32

Which clause completes this sentence correctly?

Because Lucy was late, []

- so she missed the bus.
- then she missed the bus.
- was why she missed the bus.
- she missed the bus.

33

Which set of words completes this sentence correctly?

After [] finished the assignment, [] going to visit [] aunt.

- his his he's
- he's his his
- his he's he's
- he's he's his

34

Which option completes this sentence correctly?

If it [] all day tomorrow, the games will be cancelled.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Because we love cooking we arrived, early for the demonstration.
- Because we love cooking, we arrived early, for the demonstration.
- Because we love cooking we arrived early, for the demonstration.
- Because we love cooking, we arrived early for the demonstration.

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Which sentence is correct?

- Jim, of all the athletes who are competing, is the best.
- Jim, of all the athletes who is competing, are the best.
- Jim, of all the athletes who is competing, is the best.
- Jim, of all the athletes who are competing, are the best.

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Which sentence uses brackets correctly?

- I read somewhere in a magazine perhaps that next summer is (going to be) a very hot one.
- I read (somewhere) in a magazine perhaps that next summer is going to be a very hot one.
- I read somewhere (in a magazine perhaps) that next summer is going to be a very hot one.
- I read somewhere in a magazine perhaps that (next) summer is going to be a very hot one.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Before we start building the stool, we need to measure, cut and sand the wood and pre-drill the holes for the screws.
- Before we start building the stool, we need to measure cut and sand the wood, and pre-drill the holes, for the screws.
- Before we start building the stool we need to measure cut and sand the wood, and pre-drill the holes, for the screws.
- Before we start building the stool we need to measure, cut and sand, the wood and pre-drill the holes for the screws.

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Which sentence correctly combines the information in this table?

Poosum type	Food in the wild
brushtail	eucalyptus leaves, flowers, berries, grasses and insects
ringtail	eucalyptus and rainforest leaves, flowers and fruit

- Brushtail and ringtail possums in the wild eat eucalyptus and rainforest leaves while they also eat flowers, berries, grasses, insects and fruit.
- Both brushtail and ringtail possums eat food in the wild; they eat eucalyptus leaves, rainforest leaves, flowers, berries, grasses, insects and fruit.
- In the wild, both brushtail and ringtail possums eat flowers and eucalyptus leaves; brushtails also eat berries, grasses and insects while ringtails also eat rainforest leaves and fruit.
- Brushtail possums and ringtail possums eat eucalyptus leaves together in the wild; brushtail possums eat flowers and fruit, and ringtail possums eat flowers, berries, grasses and insects.

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Which contraction is used correctly in this sentence?

The girls were very sorry that they we're late; if they're bus had been on time they wouldn't have missed you're presentation.

41

The trail led down into the crater. We found ourselves walking amongst towering lava castles, treading alongside yellow sulfur pools and wandering through natural arches and caves.

Which underlined word in this text is used as an adjective?

- walking
- towering
- treading
- wandering

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Joe, who usually amazed everyone with his punctuality, was unaccountably late for his important appointment.
- Joe who usually amazed everyone, with his punctuality, was unaccountably late for his important appointment.
- Joe, who usually amazed everyone with his punctuality was unaccountably late, for his important appointment.
- Joe, who usually amazed everyone with his punctuality was unaccountably late for his important appointment.

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Read these three sentences.

Two years went by. Then John returned from Charleville. Then John started university.

Which option accurately combines the information about John into a single sentence?

- John started university two years after he returned from Charleville.
- Two years after John returned from Charleville, he started university.
- Two years later, John returned from Charleville and started university.
- John returned from Charleville and two years later started university.

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Which sentence uses an adverb correctly?

- Jan arrived lately to the chess club meeting.
- Lee conducted his science experiment confidently.
- Ben pulled at the string slow so it did not break.
- Cass grabbed her bag and ran to the shops as quick as she could.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- "I will meet you at the park later," said Tom "and then we can finish our game."
- "I will meet you at the park later," said Tom, "and then we can finish our game."
- "I will meet you at the park later said Tom and then we can finish our game."
- "I will meet you at the park later" said Tom, "and then we can finish our game."

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The text below has some words missing.
Choose the correct word or words to complete each sentence.

- 46 We followed a winding trail out of the valley [redacted] bathed in deep shadow.
- what is
 - what was
 - which is
 - which was
-

- 47 There was no direct route [redacted] consequently we had a long trip back to the town.
- but
 - and
 - then
 - although
-

- 48 The town was picturesque but dull, its chief attraction [redacted] proximity to the mountain trails.
- is
 - be
 - been
 - being

- 49 Which words complete this sentence correctly?
However hard you [redacted], you were never going to crack that code.
- might have tried
 - would have tried
 - may try
 - could try

- 50 Which apostrophe is used correctly in this sentence?
The long summer's day's allowed us plenty of time for picnics and
ride's on our bike's.
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Although the problem seemed simple to her, the teacher decided to simplify it further for her students.

In this sentence, *simple* and *simplify* are:

	simple	simplify
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<input type="radio"/>	adjective	verb
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<input type="radio"/>	adverb	noun

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Which part of this sentence is an adjectival clause?

The astronaut who was making her first space flight was the last person to enter the craft before the countdown began.

- The astronaut
- who was making her first space flight
- was the last person to enter the craft
- before the countdown began.

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Which sentence is correct?

- Everyone selected for the team have to give up a lot of time for practice.
- Jane, just like her teammates, is a formidable opponent on the court.
- His younger brother, but not his two little sisters, always seem to be with him.
- The Prime Minister, accompanied by several staff members, were visiting India.

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What type of word is *underneath* in this sentence?

Underneath the newspaper was what we had all been looking for—the lost phone.

adverb

adjective

preposition

conjunction

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The bell rang to signal the return to classes after lunch and Pat rushed to the art room. Her pottery dish had been fired in the kiln overnight and she was keen to check on it.

Which event happened first?

- The bell rang.
- Pat rushed to the art room.
- The pottery dish was fired in the kiln.
- Pat checked on her pottery dish.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The detective picked up the key he recognised it at once.
- The detective picked up the key; he recognised it at once.
- The detective picked up the key, he recognised it at once.
- The detective picked up the key (he recognised it at once.)

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Which of these words is a noun?

hopeless

respectful

nervously

cleverness

58

In which sentence is the underlined contraction **incorrect**?

- Tomorrow he'll go to basketball practice after school.
- I knew the way to the grounds because I'd been there before.
- They'd have finished their work if the bell had not rung early.
- I thought that you had shut the gate because you're the last person to go out.

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