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Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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1

Underline the **subject** of the sentence below.

A whale lives in the sea.

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2

Draw a line to match each word to its correct **suffix**.

Words

child

champion

neighbour

friend

member

Suffix

hood

ship

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3

Draw a line to match each **prefix** to the correct word to make a new word.

Prefix	Word
en	cover
de	large
dis	frost

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4

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

Tick **one**.

- Shall we go round the fitness trail in the park
- We could go tomorrow if you like
- What I really like is the rope bridge
- Let me know what you would like to do

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5

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Nevertheless we, are going on Saturday.

Finally, I think I understand what you mean.

Considering, all his efforts the result was disappointing.

At the last, count there were twenty people coming.

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6

Which sentence uses **commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The band will perform at concerts in Belfast, Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham and, Sheffield.

The children could choose to play netball, cricket, hockey or tennis.

Owls badgers, hedgehogs and bats are all nocturnal animals.

Painting, drawing, sculpture and print-making, were all options on the art day.

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7

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Add one ounce (around one) tablespoon of yeast to your bread mix.

Add one ounce around one tablespoon of yeast (to your bread mix).

Add one ounce (around one tablespoon) of yeast to your bread mix.

Add one ounce around (one tablespoon) of yeast to your bread mix.

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8

Which sentence expresses the greatest certainty?

Tick **one**.

It may rain later in the week.

The train might arrive late again today.

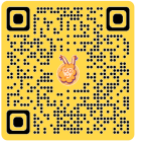
I will walk through the park to get to school.

It should be sunny and warm tomorrow.

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Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The African elephant the largest land mammal in the world
can weigh up to 6.6 tonnes.

1 mark

10

What does the word them refer to in the sentence below?

Although deserts are very dry, a rich variety of plants and animals can
survive in them.

Tick **one**.

deserts

variety

plants

animals

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11

Circle the correct **verb form** in each underlined pair to complete the passage below.

William Shakespeare, the famous writer, is / was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564 and later will move / moved to London where he will become / became an actor. Even today, Shakespeare's plays are performed / performed around the world.

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Draw a line to match each word below to its **antonym**.

Word

near

cold

distant

warm

Antonym

close

far

hot

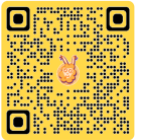
cool

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Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The suitcase was heavy the box was lighter but more awkward
to carry.

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14

Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes
below them.

Liam was not completely surprised at the knock on his door that

↓

morning. In fact, he had been waiting for this particular visitor.

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"It is good to see you," he said, opening the door.

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15 What is the **word class** of the underlined words?

I have two brothers. Brian is older and Stanley is younger than me.

Tick **one**.

adjective

noun

adverb

verb

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16 Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The story was exciting it was full of action and adventure.

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17

Which sentence is the most formal?

Tick **one**.

Getting enough sleep is important, isn't it?

Let's set off early for school tomorrow.

Do you fancy coming with us to the park?

It is essential that we remember our water bottles.

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18

Circle the two words that are **synonyms** of each other in the passage below.

The school will supply all meals during the trip. If parents wish to provide children with additional drinks, they may do so.

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19

Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

After they had been for a swim, the boys had a drink

because they were very thirsty.

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20

Insert a **pair of dashes** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The Caspian Sea which is a saltwater lake is the largest inland
body of water in the world.

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21

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Many fossils are not as big as people think some are so small
that you need a microscope to see them.

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22

Draw a line to match each sentence to its description.
Use each description once.

Sentence

Jake was cycling.

Jake cycled.

Jake is cycling.

Description

• an action in progress in the present

• an action in progress in the past

• an action in the past

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23

Which option is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

He is famous for his innovative music: a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments and songs.

He is famous for his innovative music. a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments and songs.

He is famous for his innovative music; a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments, and songs.

He is famous for his innovative music, (a mix of recorded noises, traditional instruments and songs).

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24

Underline the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below.

When the crowd heard the clattering sound, they gasped in astonishment.

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25

Use the information in the box to complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

My grandma, _____, went on

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My grandma loves travelling.

holiday to Spain.

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26

What are the **word classes** of the two underlined words in the sentence below?

The erosive force of the sea erodes the coastline.

Tick **one**.

noun

adjective

adjective

verb

noun

verb

adjective

adverb

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27

Insert the correct punctuation into the sentence below.

What time does the concert start whispered Dad as we
took our seats.

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What is the sentence below?

Safiya asked the teacher which page we had to read

Tick **one**.

a question

a command

a statement

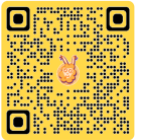
an exclamation

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How does the use of the **passive** in the second sentence affect the way the information is presented?

1. Max dropped the red bucket.
2. The red bucket was dropped.

Tick **one**.

- It does not say who dropped the bucket.
- It shows that the action happened in the past.
- It shows that it was an accident.
- It does not say why the bucket was dropped.

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30

Circle the four **nouns** in the sentence below.

The strength of the wind made the trees in the forest sway and bend.

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31

Circle the **possessive pronoun** in the sentence below.

The house next to ours, which belongs to Mrs Green, is for sale.

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The teacher wants to write a sign to remind children to turn the lights off.

Write the **command** that the teacher might use on the sign.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

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Circle the **relative pronoun** in the sentence below.

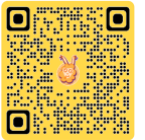
The children who were going swimming had their lunch earlier
than we did.

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34

Circle the **subordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

Since it is sunny today, we can play rounders or cricket.

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35

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The dog was fed by Bill.

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36

Which option makes the sentence start with an **adverbial**?

_____ we lined up for the class photo.

Tick **one**.

It was noisy and crowded, but

The photographer arrived while

With big smiles on our faces,

The whole class were ready so

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Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

_____ it rained all afternoon, the picnic was a success.

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38

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

I started drawing a car, but then I changed my mind because
I had a better idea.

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39

Circle the **preposition** in each sentence below.

The bird flew above the trees.

The children sang many songs in their concert.

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40

Complete each sentence with the **simple past** of the verbs in the boxes.

I _____ my homework on the computer.

↓
to do

I _____ to do a project about horses.

↓
to choose

I _____ by making notes about different breeds.

↓
to begin

1 mark

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41

Insert a **hyphen** in the correct place in the sentence below.

We were very busy in the run up to the school play.

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42

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in **Standard** or **non-Standard English**.

Sentence	Standard English	Non-Standard English
I were going to keep the picture to show you.		
We was helping to design the new school building.		
He doesn't know nothing about football.		
I have done all the washing-up.		

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43

Add a different **prefix** to each word to form its **antonym**.

_____obey

_____tolerant

_____patient

1 mark

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44

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The majestic lioness under the shady tree watched her cubs play.

Tick **one**.

- a fronted adverbial
- a subordinate clause
- a main clause
- a noun phrase

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45

Tick one box in each row to show if the statement about the **apostrophe** is **true** or **false**.

Sentence	The apostrophe shows that...	True	False
The boys' lunch was delicious.	there is only one boy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gina put out the cats' food.	there is more than one cat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The girl's party is this afternoon.	there is more than one girl.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The trees' leaves were green.	there is only one tree.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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46

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The children grew vegetables.

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47

Insert **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

Frogs are amphibians they live on land but they lay their
eggs in water their eggs are called frogspawn during the
winter, frogs hibernate at the bottom of ponds or in
compost heaps

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Circle the three **adverbs** in the sentence below.

Because it was raining hard, the driver was unable to see clearly
and almost crashed his shiny new car.

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49

Tick one box in each row to show which form of the verb is underlined in each sentence.

Sentence	Simple past	Past progressive	Past perfect
Nathan <u>had hoped</u> for a part in the school play.			
The children <u>were rehearsing</u> their lines.			
Lots of parents <u>came</u> to watch.			

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Circle the two **determiners** in the sentence below.

In an hour, we will be getting on our train.

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