

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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SESSION 1

45 mins

Time available for students to
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil **only**



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

1 The autamatic doors would not open.

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2 There are lots of frogs and taddpoles in the pond.

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3 Last summer was the warmist for ten years.

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4 My little brother had truble learning to tie his shoelaces.

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5 His shirt was dirtyer than mine at the end of the football match.

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6 I know all the lirics of the songs.

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7 I urn money working in the paper shop after school.

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8 The guest speaker made a strong impresion on us.

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9 The iron stopped working because it was fawlty.

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10 Crocodiles and alligaters are both reptiles.

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11 I was so tired I could not stop (yorning).

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12 Dad dropped the (ankor) when we reached the fishing spot.

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13 The composer was a musical (genious).

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14 He had a lung disease called (neumoniam).

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15 Our bus broke down and was towed to the (deppo).

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

16 I will formatt my document according to the instructions.

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17 We like riding over the new brige that was built for cyclists and walkers.

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18 We threw all the plant clippings into the weelbarrow and took them to the compost bin.

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19 We learn about many of the hardships the early pioneers faced by reading their jurnals.

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20 The soccer club sold sossage sandwiches to raise money for new equipment.

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- 21 The water restrictions decreased the average daily consumption.
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- 22 Many disposable items can be recycled rather than discarded as garbage.
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- 23 Lavender oil is thought to have natural antiseptic and pain relief properties.
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- 24 Carrots and spinach are delicious vegetables.
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- 25 Magpies can be very aggressive when they are protecting their young.
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- 26 Frogs are amphibious animals which live in both terrestrial and aquatic habitats.
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- 27 We improved our flexibility by doing stretching exercises.
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- 28 The volunteers were embarrassed by all the praise and recognition they received.
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- 29 The mining boom created a bustling community in the once peaceful country town.
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- 30 The two horses neighed noisily and scratched the stony ground.

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

31

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

If we win a few more games it is that our team will make the finals.

- unlikely
- possible
- doubtful
- necessary

32

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

Our dog follows me I leave the house.

- whenever
- wherever
- whatever
- whichever

33

Which word or words complete this sentence correctly?

The creek was full after all the rain that fallen.

- had
- have
- was
- has been

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Which word completes the sentence correctly?

The team captain and the coach both trained in first aid.

- is
- are
- will
- was

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They walked through the thick bush with difficulty.

In this sentence, *with difficulty* is a phrase describing

- why an action is done.
- how an action is done.
- when an action is done.
- where an action is done.

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Which word completes this sentence correctly?

The man [redacted] fixing the roof knows my dad.

- who's
- who'll
- whose
- who'd

37

Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

[redacted] likely to call on [redacted] skills to help finish the puzzle.

- There your
- They're your
- There you're
- They're you're

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Which words complete this sentence correctly?

Considering how carefully we have trained, [redacted]

- therefore we should be successful at the carnival.
- afterwards we should be successful at the carnival.
- and we should be successful at the carnival.
- we should be successful at the carnival.

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In which sentence should *well* replace *good*?

- We all played good and won the game.
- We felt so good that we had another chance.
- It was a very good result.
- The swim definitely did me good.

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In the second sentence of this text, what does *They* refer to?

Some new staff members have introduced afternoon study periods for interested students on weekdays during term. They will be held in the library for an hour.

- new staff members
- afternoon study periods
- interested students
- weekdays

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Which of these needs to be written as two separate sentences?

- I like netball but my sister likes soccer.
- We went to the store as soon as it opened.
- Joe is my cousin he lives next door.
- I swam in four races and won three.

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Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

Certain plants feed on insects, [redacted] enables them to live in areas [redacted] most other plants would not survive.

- which as
- that while
- which where
- that and

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Which sentence contains two action verbs?

- My aunt grows many different flowers in her garden.
- On our sport afternoons we play netball and tennis.
- The tropical fish swim around their tank all day.
- We camped near the beach and surfed every day.

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Which sentence is correct?

- A gecko will make a feast of termites whenever it can find it.
- A gecko will make a feast of termites whenever it can find them.
- A gecko will make a feast of termites whenever they can find them.
- A gecko will make a feast of termites whenever they can find it.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- When the band appeared, the crowd started cheering, whistling and clapping.
- When the band appeared the crowd started cheering, whistling, and, clapping.
- When the band appeared the crowd started, cheering, whistling and clapping.
- When the band appeared, the crowd started, cheering, whistling and clapping.

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Which is a compound sentence?

- Mark looked everywhere for the naughty pup.
- He found it hiding under the house.
- It was chewing a slipper belonging to Dad.
- Mark took the pup inside and he gave it some real food.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Dorothea Mackellar wrote the famous Australian poem (*My Country*).
- Dorothea Mackellar wrote the famous, Australian poem, *My Country*.
- Dorothea Mackellar wrote the famous, Australian poem (*My Country*).
- Dorothea Mackellar wrote the famous Australian poem, *My Country*.

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Which word from this sentence is an adjective?

Staying close to each other, we stumbled towards the building guided only by the flickering light of the candle.

- Staying
- stumbled
- guided
- flickering

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Which sentence contains an apostrophe of possession?

- Dan's idea for this weekend is a beach trip.
- I think that Dad's coming with us as well.
- When we get there we'll see if the surf's up.
- Mai's learning to ride her new board.

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Which sentence correctly combines these three sentences into one sentence?

Waves can crash at the base of a cliff. When they do, weak parts of the rocks can be worn away. A sea cave may form.

- After waves crash at the base of sea cliffs, a sea cave can form which wears away weak parts of the rocks.
- Waves crashing at the base of a cliff form a sea cave, worn away by weak parts of the rocks.
- Sea caves and rocks being worn away can indicate that waves have crashed into the base of a cliff.
- A sea cave may form when waves crash at the base of a cliff and wear away weak parts of the rocks.

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Which event happened last?

Before we pitched the tent, we cleared the site and spread out the groundsheet that we had borrowed.

- we pitched the tent
- we cleared the site
- we spread out the groundsheet
- we borrowed the groundsheet

52

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The solution is clear: We must return immediately.
- Mum dictated: her list, milk, bread, and apples.
- She told us she is travelling to: New Zealand.
- One word summed up the show: hilarious.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Outstanding Australian Tourist Attractions include Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef.
- Outstanding Australian tourist attractions include Uluru and The great Barrier Reef.
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- Outstanding Australian Tourist attractions include Uluru and The Great Barrier Reef.

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Which option is **not** punctuated correctly?

- The crew was training hard; they practised in rain or sunshine.
- Tom could talk of nothing else. Fishing was his passion.
- Sam was often late he seemed to lack the ability to plan his time.
- Mai is always calm and confident — her attitude is her finest asset.

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Which sentence makes sense?

- Flying low over the city, the fog prevented the plane from landing.
- Waving his arms in the air, the mother calmed her crying baby.
- Balancing on the narrow wire, we sat watching the tightrope walker.
- Having many chores to do, they rose early to start before the heat.

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Joe is training for a race by running for an hour each day for the next twenty days.

Which option correctly describes his preparation?

- He is doing twenty one hour runs in preparation for the race.
- He is doing twenty-one-hour runs in preparation for the race.
- He is doing twenty one-hour runs in preparation for the race.
- He is doing twenty-one hour runs in preparation for the race.

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Which option is punctuated correctly?

- The captain said the team is, “Fit and ready to play and declared our first victory will be very soon.”
- The captain said, “The team is fit and ready to play and declared, our first victory will be very soon.”
- The captain said the team is fit and ready to play and declared. “Our first victory will be very soon.”
- The captain said the team is fit and ready to play and declared, “Our first victory will be very soon.”

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Which sentence is correct?

- The coach asked Tim and I to collect the bats.
- The coach asked Tim and me to collect the bats.
- Tim and me collected the bats when the coach asked.
- The bats were collected by Tim and I when the coach asked.

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