

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

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SESSION 1

0:45

Time available for students to  
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
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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.

Our class really enjoyed the concert.

P1

P2

This sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

The crowd was astounded by the skill  
of the artest.

P2

P3

Which word correctly completes this sentence?

The captain is the best player            the team.

Shade one  
bubble.



in

by

over

under

P4

A comma ( , ) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing  
comma go?

We went hiking canoeing and climbing during the holidays.



P5

Read *Tina* and then answer practice question 5.

**Tina**

(1) Tina was walking through the park when she noticed something on the  
grass. (2) She decided to have a look.

In sentence (2) the word *She* starts with a capital letter because it is

- a name.
- a person.
- easier to read.
- the beginning of a sentence.

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Write the correct spelling of each circled word in the box.

1 Amy had (groan) taller over the past year.  1

2 A craft (activity) was organised for the children.  2

3 Many (turtles) crossed the beach to lay eggs  
in their nests.  3

4 The snowboarders were delayed by a (blizzerd).  4

5 Allan liked working with Karen because of her  
positive (atitude).  5

6 The reporter (admitted) that his facts  
were wrong.  6

7 A fingerprint (identifys) a person.  7

8 Car fumes (polloot) the air.  8

9 Many (solgers) marched proudly in the  
ANZAC Day parade.  9

10 The reporter asked the actor for an (opinuin)  
on the movie.  10

11 The family lived in (tempory) accommodation  
while their house was being built.  11

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12 The good news was cerculated to the whole school.  12

13 The tiger snarled angrerly at its keeper.  13

14 Only small children could ride on the miniture pony.  14

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

15 The anonymous messadge was erased from the voicemail.  15

16 The teenager seriously injured his right rist when he fell awkwardly.  16

17 The students were drarfting an article about their excursion to go in the newsletter.  17

18 The parents eagerly decorated the nursry for the baby.  18

19 The tourist guide was ment to provide clear directions.  19

20 The player bruised his right nuckle as he attempted to catch the spinning ball.  20

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Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

- 21** The new furniture was delivered but it had numerous scratches on it.  21
- 
- 22** Diseases introduced to control the rabbit population were ineffectave in the long term.  22
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- 23** Humidity is a measure of moysture in the atmosphere.  23
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- 24** Frequent storms and heavy rain are forecarst for the next fortnight.  24
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- 25** High temperatures tipically occur during the summer months.  25
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- 26** The bushwalkers appreciated the magnificent senery.  26
- 
- 27** The concrete pillar surports the roof of the museum.  27
- 
- 28** The emptyness of the stadium was disappointing for the athletes.  28
- 
- 29** A number of echos sounded eerily throughout the gorge.  29
- 
- 30** The paddocks were severly damaged by erosion.  30

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Brackets ( ) are needed in this sentence. Which part of the sentence needs brackets?

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Sir Donald George Bradman 1908–2001 was a famous Australian cricketer.

- Sir
- George
- 1908–2001
- Australian

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Which word is **not** needed in this sentence?

The space shuttle descended down to Earth on schedule.

descended

down

Earth

schedule

33

Which words correctly complete this sentence?

Belinda likes gold bangles, [ ] are expensive, [ ] she has to save for them.

- which      so
- what      why
- which      because
- what      whether

34

Which words correctly complete the second sentence?

The children went to the pool yesterday. Some of them [ ] again today but it was closed.

- was planning to go
- were planning to go
- is planning on going
- are planning on going

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35 Which of these has correct use of capital letters?

- "I live in the suburb of kensington," the boy said. "where do you live?"
- "I live in the suburb of Kensington," the boy said. "Where do you live?"
- "I live in the suburb of kensington," the boy said. "Where do you live?"
- "I live in the suburb of Kensington," the boy said. "where do you live?"

36 Which word or words correctly complete this sentence?

If I   the final, it would have been my best performance.

- win
- won
- had won
- would win

37 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Lee's mother told her to tidy her room.
- Lee's mother "told her to" tidy her room.
- Lee's mother told "her to tidy her room."
- Lee's "mother told her to tidy" her room.

38 Which word correctly completes this sentence?

Australia is drought affected;  , we must conserve water.

- besides
- however
- therefore
- otherwise

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Which word or words correctly complete this sentence?

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On Friday Vanessa [REDACTED] been travelling for a month.

- has
- would
- had have
- will have

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Ron was shocked when he was asked to wear a rabbit costume in the school play.

Which of these is punctuated correctly?

- “What. Are you asking me to dress as a rabbit for the play. Never!”
- “What! Are you asking me to dress as a rabbit for the play! Never?”
- “What? Are you asking me to dress as a rabbit for the play? Never?”
- “What? Are you asking me to dress as a rabbit for the play? Never!”

41

Which word in this sentence is **not** correct?

In primary school we stayed in one room all day, but in high school they moved to different rooms for different classes.

one

but

they

for

42

Which sentence tells the reader that something was found?

- Penny came around to the idea.
- Penny came forward with the information.
- Penny came down with the flu last weekend.
- Penny came across the old photos on the desk.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The final destination on our holiday is Queenstown New Zealand.
- The final destination on our holiday, is Queenstown New Zealand.
- The final destination on our holiday is Queenstown, New Zealand.
- The final destination, on our holiday is Queenstown, New Zealand.

44

Which word correctly completes this sentence?

Mr Chan,            car was parked beside ours, had arrived early.

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
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Which word correctly completes this sentence?

Far            helping, their advice made our task harder.

- less
- more
- from
- beyond

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The Great Victoria Desert, the largest in Australia spans over 700 kilometres.
- The Great Victoria Desert the largest in Australia, spans over 700 kilometres.
- The Great Victoria Desert, the largest in Australia spans over, 700 kilometres.
- The Great Victoria Desert, the largest in Australia, spans over 700 kilometres.

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Which words correctly complete this sentence?

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Despite [ ] heavy rains that fell across [ ] enormous area of the countryside, it is too early to say if [ ] drought has been broken.

- the an a
- the an the
- an the an
- a an the

48

Which word or words correctly complete this sentence?

That is the bike I [ ] bought if I'd kept saving.

would have

would of

having

have

49

Which word correctly completes this sentence?

The students must be on the bus ten minutes prior [ ] departure.

of

to

before

towards

50

Which word correctly completes this sentence?

The three [ ] holiday together at the beach every summer.

- families
- family's
- familys
- families'

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Read *Apollo 13* and then answer questions 51 to 53.

### Apollo 13

(1) On 11 April 1970, the Apollo 13 spacecraft began its mission to the moon. (2) Two days into the journey, there was an explosion that caused a loss of electrical power and failure of the oxygen tanks. (3) The mission was aborted and the focus became getting the three astronauts safely back to Earth alive. (4) There were many dangers for the men. (5) Some of these were the limited amount of oxygen and drinking water, the loss of heating and the build-up of carbon dioxide. (6) On 17 April, four days after the explosion, the trio splashed down in the Pacific Ocean unharmed.

Shade one bubble.



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Sentences (1) and (2) each begin with a phrase that provides information about

- when something happened.
- where something happened.
- what happened.
- who was involved.

52

In sentence (6) the words *four days after the explosion* are included to

- remind the reader of the date.
- indicate that the date is accurate.
- add extra details about the mission.
- emphasise how long the men had been in danger.

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In the text the people on the spacecraft are referred to as *the three astronauts*, *the men* and *the trio*. A reason for this is to

- create confusion.
- help readers to understand.
- avoid unnecessary repetition.
- distinguish between different people.

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Each of these sentences has the final punctuation missing.  
In which sentence is a question mark ( ? ) needed?

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- I wonder which books Min-Lee likes to read
- Min-Lee likes to read fiction best, doesn't she
- I asked Min-Lee which books she likes to read
- Min-Lee, who reads lots of books, likes fiction best

55

Which word or words are **not** needed in this sentence?

The school captain presented the representative from the charity organisation with a cheque for the amount of \$2500.

- school
- representative from the
- charity
- the amount of

56

An apostrophe ( ' ) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing apostrophe go?



The songs on the last two albums reflected the groups interest in unusual instruments.

57

Which punctuation correctly completes this sentence?

Shana has started playing the drums      she has given up the trumpet.

- colon ( : )
- comma ( , )
- semi-colon ( ; )
- question mark ( ? )

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