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SESSION 1

Time available for students
to complete test: 40 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil only



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YEAR 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

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

P1 We went to scool.

 P1

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

P2 We bought fresh bred.

 P2

P3 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Do you have pet?

a

if

he

she

☐☐☐☐

Shade one
bubble.



Read the text *Cats and dogs*. The text has a gap.
Choose the correct word or words to fill the gap.

Cats and dogs

Some people like cats **P4**
they like dogs.

- ☐ more
- ☐ more best
- ☐ more than
- ☐ more better

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Read the text *Kookaburra*.

The spelling mistakes have been circled.

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

Kookaburra



Here is a kookaburra.

It has a sharp (beek).

 1

It has (broun) wings.

 2

It has long (tayl) feathers.

 3

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.

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

4

The baby was crying (becos) he was hungry.

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5

My sister (gos) to dance classes.

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6

The sheep ran to her baby (lam).

 6

7

Bees are (insecs) that fly.

 7

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

8 The lions were roring loudly.

8

9 Uluru is a famus place in Australia.

9

10 Did you notis the red car?

10

11 I can see my face in the mirra.

11

12 Rain can cause a flud.

12

The words below are pairs of opposites.
In each pair, one of the words is spelled incorrectly.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

Opposites

— long

— shawt

13

■ thik

— thin

14

✓ right

✗ rong

15

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

16 I was verey happy at the park.

16

17 We went driveing in the new car.

17

18 Jake sumtimes surprises his family by making biscuits for them.

18

19 A nurse helpes sick people.

19

20 The bus stoped and the children got on.

20

21 At school, I lurn many things.

21

22 I offen visit my uncle at the weekend.

22

23 The drink costs two dollers.

23

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Read the text *Polar bears*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Polar bears

Shade one
bubble.



Polar bears live in very cold parts of the world. They **24** white fur
that blends in with the snow, **25** they can't be seen easily.
26 thick fur also helps to keep them warm.

24

has

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had

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have

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having

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if

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so

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but

☐

also

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26

They

☐

These

☐

Them

☐

Their

☐

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27 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



Kate [REDACTED] two kittens playing in the grass.

see

☐

saw

☐

sawed

☐

seen

☐

28 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

I found a [REDACTED] hiding place than she did.

best

☐

good

☐

better

☐

more gooder

☐

29 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ When did the last show begin?
- ☐ When the whistle blew the game was over?
- ☐ When Lucy was running I saw her trip over?
- ☐ When I have finished this book I will lend it to you?

30 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Jo likes to listen to music [REDACTED] she is cleaning her room.

even

☐

after

☐

while

☐

during

☐

YEAR 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Read the text *Shooting goals*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

Shooting goals



Shade one
bubble.



First, Jess holds the ball high
above her head. Jess stands
with her feet **31** apart.

- ☐ slight
- ☐ slightly
- ☐ slighter
- ☐ slightest

Jess bends her knees
before **32** shoots.

- ☐ she
- ☐ she's
- ☐ her
- ☐ hers

33 stretches upward
and takes her shot.

- ☐ Finally, Jess
- ☐ Finally, jess
- ☐ finally, Jess
- ☐ finally, jess

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- 34** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



It was an day.

fun

☐

good

☐

happy

☐

exciting

☐

Read the text *Big race*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Big race

Lisa is **35** in a big race tomorrow.

Lisa is my best friend **36** I **37** she does well.

I really want **38** to win.

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run

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ran

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runs

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running

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36

or

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so

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then

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where

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hope

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hopes

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hoped

☐

hoping

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38

me

☐

she

☐

him

☐

her

☐

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Read the text *Shopping list*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

Shopping list

Shade one bubble.



Dad asked **39** to write a shopping list.

“We need **40** and bananas,” he said.

“Did you write all that **41**”

39

josh

☐

Josh

☐

JOSH

☐

josH

☐

40

☐ bread milk apples

☐ bread milk, apples

☐ bread, milk, apples

☐ bread, milk, apples.

41

down

☐

down.

☐

down?

☐

down!

☐

42

Which word can be used instead of the underlined words?

I am going to visit my big sister's house tomorrow.

I like it at her house.

here

☐

then

☐

there

☐

where

☐

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43 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

The boy put on his shoes he tied his laces.

Shade one bubble.



- ☐ next
- ☐ and so
- ☐ because
- ☐ and then

44 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

I think I prefer shoes.

- | | | | |
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| this | that | them | those |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

45 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Jan swam the full length the pool.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| to | of | by | on |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

46 Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ My brother and I went riding.
- ☐ My brother and me went riding.
- ☐ Me and my brother went riding.
- ☐ Me and mine brother went riding.

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