

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

9

2013

SESSION 1

0:45

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 of each circled word in the box.

1 A strait line is the shortest distance between two points. 1

2 It had started as an ordinry day but finished up being quite exciting. 2

3 Cities and other urben areas need careful planning. 3

4 The dam is nearly full after all the rain in the cachment area. 4

5 Finishing the marathon was a huge acomplishment. 5

6 I completed a fitness circut in the park. 6

7 I adjusted the brightness of my computer moniter. 7

8 The building suffered structurell damage after the storm. 8

9 We rafted down the river through a deep canion. 9

10 The noise from the loudspeakers was defening. 10

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11 He used up practicly all his mobile phone credit that day. 11

12 The politician started his campane to be re-elected. 12

13 Mammals nurchure their young with milk. 13

14 My lack of preparation placed my position in the team in jepardy. 14

15 He incorporated the latest information into his report. 15

16 In India she aquired a taste for spicy food. 16

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

17 Many local governments are trying to reduce the amount of garbege going into landfill. 17

18 Our teacher asked us to classafy compounds according to whether they are soluble or not. 18

19 The imaginative music contributed to the wierd atmosphere of the movie. 19

20 The oil spill was confined to the southen side of the headland so pollution was kept to a minimum. 20

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21	Most gorilla habitats are severely threatened by defforestation.	21
22	It took considarable guidance from a qualified instructor for my brother to learn to drive.	22
23	She was fulfilling her obligations by submitting a comprehensive report.	23
24	The construction of the bridge was ahead of shedule due to efficient project management.	24
25	His friend is a gormet cook who appreciates exotic ingredients.	25
26	Cell growth and reproduction are aided by proteins called enzymes.	26
27	The composition of the substance was permenently altered as a result of the experiment.	27
28	The stuntman experienced an overwhelming sense of exilaration after his first parachute jump.	28
29	Our new vaccum cleaner has increased suction and an extendable handle.	29
30	Having two delicious desserts to choose from was an enviable dilema.	30

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

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Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

 the day the rain continued to pour down, soaking the ground and running  the dam.

- ☐ Throughout into
- ☐ Through on
- ☐ Across in
- ☐ Since along

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Which word completes this sentence correctly?

We would be delighted to send a copy of our brochure to .

- ☐ you
- ☐ yours
- ☐ yourself
- ☐ yourselves

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Which word completes this sentence correctly?

 are welcome to attend the opening ceremony.

- ☐ Everyone
- ☐ Anybody
- ☐ Another
- ☐ All

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Which word completes this sentence correctly?

Picasso is [redacted] the greatest modern European artist.

- ☐ seeming
- ☐ always
- ☐ perhaps
- ☐ certain

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Which word or words complete this sentence correctly?

From the back of the hall I [redacted] hear the band because the audience was cheering so loudly.

- ☐ cannot
- ☐ will not
- ☐ could not
- ☐ might not

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Which prefix turns *obedient* into its opposite?

- ☐ dis-
- ☐ un-
- ☐ mis-
- ☐ im-

37

The reason I like autumn is that it is neither hot nor cold.

Which sentence gives the same information?

- ☐ The reason I like autumn is that it is hot or cold.
- ☐ The reason I like autumn is that it is hot and cold.
- ☐ The reason I like autumn is that it is hot and not cold.
- ☐ The reason I like autumn is that it is not hot and not cold.

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Which sentence correctly combines the information about Chris into a single sentence?

Chris ran all the way home. She had missed her bus. She arrived just in time for dinner.

- ☐ Chris ran all the way home to arrive just in time for dinner, missing her bus.
- ☐ Chris missed her bus, arriving just in time for dinner running all the way home.
- ☐ Having missed her bus, Chris ran all the way home to arrive just in time for dinner.
- ☐ Arriving just in time for dinner, Chris missed her bus and had to run all the way home.

39

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Tigers are large cats, that live in forests, swamps and, grasslands.
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Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

With one last burst of energy, she [redacted] the girl in front and [redacted] on to win the race.

- ☐ overtook goes
- ☐ overtook went
- ☐ overtaken goes
- ☐ overtakes went

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Which sentence is **not** punctuated correctly?

- ☐ He might've come if he had known our plans.
- ☐ Don't forget to put what you need on the list.
- ☐ Wer'e pleased that he is coming home so soon.
- ☐ We think we'll be ready by the end of the month.

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Which is a correct sentence?

- ☐ I come home and fed my dog after the show.
- ☐ Today I seen the manager about the weekend job.
- ☐ Every day I keep trying to shoot more goals.
- ☐ We done our homework before we ate dinner.

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Which word from this text does **not** indicate time?

While we might still win the match it is not looking likely. The visitors were first to score a try, then kicked two goals just before half-time.

- ☐ While
- ☐ first
- ☐ then
- ☐ before

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ A glider's long narrow wings allow it to glide on warm air currents.
- ☐ A gliders' long narrow wings allow it to glide on warm air currents.
- ☐ A glider's long narrow wing's allow it to glide on warm air currents.
- ☐ A gliders' long narrow wings' allow it to glide on warm air currents.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Galileo who was born in 1564 is recognised as the first person to turn a telescope towards the sky.
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Before he went into the surf, Ben set down the surfboard that he had repaired last week and waxed it on the sand.

Which happened first?

- ☐ Ben went into the surf.
- ☐ Ben set down the surfboard.
- ☐ Ben repaired the surfboard.
- ☐ Ben waxed the surfboard.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ The RSPCA, or Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is an advocate for the humane treatment of animals.
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Which is a complete sentence?

- ☐ After leaving the road.
- ☐ The group took out their map.
- ☐ To check that they were on the right path.
- ☐ And had not become lost.

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Most of the searching performed on the internet utilises Boolean logic. Boolean logic refers to the logical relationships among search terms and is named after the British mathematician George Boole. It allows you to combine search terms using *and*, *not* and *or*.

In the last sentence, what does *It* refer to?

- ☐ the searching
- ☐ the internet
- ☐ Boolean logic
- ☐ the logical relationships

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Which is a correct sentence?

- ☐ Featuring multiple airbags, we were convinced to buy the car.
- ☐ Trekking through the jungle, the colourful birds entranced us.
- ☐ Growing luxuriantly, the ferns and palms shaded the valley.
- ☐ Making a hasty phone call, the train reached her station.

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

We gasped at the sight of the crumbling castle on the bend of the river.

- ☐ verb
- ☐ adverb
- ☐ noun
- ☐ adjective

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Which words complete this sentence correctly?

The remarkable discovery of the Wollemi Pine in the Greater Blue Mountains [redacted] the area being inscribed on the World Heritage List in December 2000.

- ☐ is why
- ☐ then caused
- ☐ suggested that
- ☐ contributed to

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Which of these words is a noun?

- ☐ define
- ☐ definite
- ☐ definitive
- ☐ definition

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Which is a correct sentence?

- ☐ I ran to the oval so quick that I was there first.
- ☐ The train can travel quite fast on the new track.
- ☐ He typed the address wrong so the website did not appear.
- ☐ She drew the diagram neat so everyone would understand it.

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Which sentence is **not** punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Some equipment—tennis balls, nets and score sheets—was left behind.
- ☐ Some equipment (tennis balls, nets and score sheets) was left behind.
- ☐ Some equipment was left behind, tennis balls, nets and score sheets.
- ☐ Some equipment was left behind: tennis balls, nets and score sheets.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ I go to Pinetree High, Treeview, Tasmania, where my dad went to school.
- ☐ I go to Pinetree High, Treeview Tasmania where my dad went to school.
- ☐ I go to Pinetree High, Treeview, Tasmania where my dad went to school.
- ☐ I go to Pinetree High, Treeview Tasmania, where my dad went to school.

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Which option is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ “Why did you say you would help?” my sister asked, “when you knew you were busy.”
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- ☐ “Why did you say you would help?” my sister asked. “When you knew you were busy.”
- ☐ “Why did you say you would help,” my sister asked. “When you knew you were busy?”

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Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

After he had in the long distance race, he about the difficulties he had faced.

- ☐ run spoke
- ☐ ran spoken
- ☐ run spoken
- ☐ ran spoke

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