

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

**9**  
2014

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 water was frozer after the frosty night.

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2 The teams agreed that the referee for the match was always fare.

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3 I know all the lirics of the songs.

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4 There was polite larfter when he finished telling the joke.

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5 The iron stopped working because it was fawlty.

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6 The answer was a number with four didgits.

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7 Crocodiles and alligaters are both reptiles.

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8 I was so tired I could not stop yorning.

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9 A molacule of water contains hydrogen and oxygen.

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10 The composer was a musical genious.

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11 The spice called cinamon is made from the bark of a tropical tree. 11

12 The directions were so vaig that we could not find the playing field. 12

13 Our bus broke down and was towed to the deppo. 13

14 The police discovered there were a lot of counterfit notes in circulation. 14

15 The skills were ranked in a hyerarchy of difficulty. 15

16 In the deep water the divers saw many bazaar and rare fish. 16

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

17 I will formatt my document according to the instructions. 17

18 The baker was careful when divideing the mixture into equal portions. 18

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

20 Inability to speak the language can be a barriar to understanding another culture. 20

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|    |                                                                                     |    |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 21 | Management of the economy is one of the main functions of the government.           | 21 |
| 22 | The burglar left the building and was confronted by the guard dog.                  | 22 |
| 23 | Lavender oil is thought to have natural antiseptic and pain relief properties.      | 23 |
| 24 | The police have made significant progress in their investigation.                   | 24 |
| 25 | After wandering around for hours, we eventually arrived, hungry and exhausted.      | 25 |
| 26 | The diagram was reflected around the vertical axis of symmetry.                     | 26 |
| 27 | The museum displayed some of the collections in cabinets in the main corridor.      | 27 |
| 28 | The volunteers were embarrassed by all the praise and recognition they received.    | 28 |
| 29 | The brains of vertebrate species are divided into two hemispheres.                  | 29 |
| 30 | They were acquaintances who later developed a friendship based on mutual interests. | 30 |

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

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Which words complete this sentence correctly?

☐ we took our brothers to the playground ☐ we went to the library.

- ☐ Later            following
- ☐ Then            next
- ☐ Now            and later
- ☐ First            and then

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Which word or words complete this sentence correctly?

Because of the difference in time zones, the winner ☐ announced early tomorrow.

- ☐ being
- ☐ has been
- ☐ be
- ☐ is being

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Which word completes this sentence correctly?

Without some modification it is ☐ that the invention will work.

- ☐ indeed
- ☐ unlikely
- ☐ improbably
- ☐ inevitable

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Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

☐ likely to call on ☐ skills to help finish the puzzle.

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

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Which clause completes this sentence correctly?

it is still my favourite show.

- ☐ When so many events need to be explained,
- ☐ After the characters have changed so much,
- ☐ Although there are so many new characters this year,
- ☐ Whether the action becomes hard to believe,

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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 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 word from this sentence indicates uncertainty?

The weather forecast is for possible showers later but it said that the morning will be sunny.

- ☐ possible
- ☐ later
- ☐ but
- ☐ will

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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 word completes this text correctly?

Her argument persuaded many people. [REDACTED], there were still some who were unconvinced.

- ☐ Despite
- ☐ Otherwise
- ☐ Nevertheless
- ☐ Furthermore

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The award-winning Jenolan Caves are extensive and are considered Australia's most outstanding. Friendly guides will show you through your choice of ten spectacular show caves.

The words *award-winning*, *outstanding* and *Friendly* are all

- ☐ verbs.
- ☐ nouns.
- ☐ adverbs.
- ☐ adjectives.

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Which sentence is written in the past tense?

- ☐ We should go if the weather is fine.
- ☐ The animal bones date from the 1800s.
- ☐ They were very keen to visit the new exhibition.
- ☐ Packed with photographs, it is a fascinating book.

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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 is a correct sentence?

- ☐ The little boy and girl you saw in the park are my neighbours.
- ☐ He and his pet dog was playing in the park yesterday.
- ☐ My friend and I am going to the movies this afternoon.
- ☐ There was four black pens and one red one in my bag.

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Which option is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ “I will take my book,” said David, “as it will be a long wait.”
- ☐ “I will take my book.” said David “As it will be a long wait.”
- ☐ “I will take my book” said David “as it will be a long wait.”
- ☐ “I will take my book,” said David, “As it will be a long wait.”

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Which is a correct sentence?

- ☐ There’s two bananas left in the bowl.
- ☐ There’s lots of boats sailing today.
- ☐ There’s more boys than girls in our class.
- ☐ There’s someone here to see you.

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Which option is correct?

- ☐ The teacher said, “It would be great if people could take your rubbish with you and put it in the bin.”
- ☐ The teacher told the crowd it would be great if you could pick up their rubbish and put it in the bin.
- ☐ The teacher said, “It would be great if you could all take their rubbish with them and put it in the bin.”
- ☐ The teacher told the crowd it would be great if they could take their rubbish with them and put it in the bin.

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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.
- ☐ 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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Which words could replace *not a balance* in this sentence?

There was not a balance in the number of boys and girls at the party.

- ☐ a misbalance
- ☐ an imbalance
- ☐ an unbalance
- ☐ an overbalance

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Which part of this sentence can also be a complete sentence?

After the party finished, everyone helped, with Dad doing the washing up and the rest of us reorganising the furniture.

- ☐ After the party finished
- ☐ everyone helped
- ☐ with Dad doing the washing up
- ☐ and the rest of us reorganising the furniture.

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Over the School Holidays, the council's decision to extend opening hours at the pool has seen a dramatic rise in the number of visitors (300 more in January alone).

This sentence contains an error in the use of

- ☐ brackets.
- ☐ an apostrophe.
- ☐ capital letters.
- ☐ a comma.

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In which sentence is the word *past* used as a preposition?

- ☐ I looked past the sign and saw the winding track.
- ☐ History is the study of past events and happenings.
- ☐ My grandmother often talked about the past.
- ☐ The batter was not ready and the ball flew past.

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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 of the following is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ My brother is obsessed with dinosaurs. He talks about them constantly.
- ☐ We collected the gear after training. Which is what we always do.
- ☐ The weather is predicted to be good, we will leave early.
- ☐ It poured with rain all night that means the bus will be crowded.

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Which of these sentences is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ The Dragon's game against the Tiger's was a season highlight.
- ☐ The Dragons' game against the Tigers' was a season highlight.
- ☐ The Dragons game against the Tigers was a season highlight.
- ☐ The Dragons' game against the Tigers was a season highlight.

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How many clauses are in the sentence below?

Ali, whose sister is my best friend, is a member of the rock group performing at the sports ground when the grand final is played.

- ☐ one clause
- ☐ two clauses
- ☐ three clauses
- ☐ four clauses

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