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2024 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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1

Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?

Tick **one**.

Do you know how long it took for the trees to grow ☐

We have planted rose bushes around the trees ☐

How beautiful the flowers will be ☐

I will ask my teacher if I can show you ☐

1 mark

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2

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

After he ate the lion lay down, and slept for many hours. ☐

After he ate the lion, lay down and slept for many hours. ☐

After he ate, the lion lay down and slept for many hours. ☐

After he ate the lion lay down and slept, for many hours. ☐

1 mark

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3

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was raining heavily she had lost her umbrella the week before.

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4

Which sentence uses a **comma** correctly?

Tick **one**.

Sadly, the match had to be cancelled.

☐

However, talented she will still need to work hard.

☐

Therefore the answer, is obvious.

☐

Before next weekend all our packing, must be finished.

☐

1 mark

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5

Which sentence is a **command**?

Tick **one**.

The nurse will bandage your sprained ankle. ☐

You have been told to stay at home and rest. ☐

Putting an ice pack on it should help. ☐

Hold the handrail to keep yourself steady. ☐

1 mark

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6

Which sentence uses an **apostrophe** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The car's horn beeps loudly. ☐

The cars' horn beeps loudly. ☐

The cars horn beep's loudly. ☐

The cars horn beeps' loudly. ☐

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7

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the **simple past**.

Oliver feels proud when he collects his medal after he wins the race.

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8

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is a **possessive pronoun** or a **relative pronoun**.

Sentence	Possessive pronoun	Relative pronoun
That red cycle helmet is <u>mine</u> .		
I wear it when I ride the new bike <u>which</u> my uncle gave me.		
My bike goes much faster than <u>yours</u> .		

1 mark

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9

Tick one sentence that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **one**.

If you don't mind, I'd rather stay at home today ☐

He asked why his parents wanted to move house ☐

If you finish your homework, are you able to stay ☐

She wondered if she would ever find the answer to her question ☐

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10

Tick the word that is an **antonym** of happy.

Tick **one**.

contented ☐

bored ☐

cheerful ☐

miserable ☐

1 mark

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11

Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

The school would save so much money, wouldn't it? ☐

The school could end up better off financially. ☐

The school would benefit from the financial savings. ☐

It's a great idea to save school funds! ☐

1 mark

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12

Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

I will not tell you any more about the film you'll have to see it
for yourself.

1 mark

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13

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

In July, I will visit my grandparents in newcastle. ☐

In July, I will visit my Grandparents in Newcastle. ☐

In July, I will visit my grandparents in Newcastle. ☐

In july, I will visit my grandparents in Newcastle. ☐

1 mark

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Insert a pair of **brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The players both former world champions waited at the side of
the court.

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15

Look at the underlined **pronoun** in the sentence below.
Circle the **noun** that it refers to.

Early bicycles did not have pedals, so riders had to push
themselves along using their feet.

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16

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the
sentence below?

The cat that was stuck in the tree belongs to my sister.

Tick **one**.

- a noun phrase ☐
- a relative clause ☐
- a co-ordinating conjunction ☐
- a main clause ☐

1 mark

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17

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in **Standard** or **non-Standard** English.

Sentence	Standard English	Non-Standard English
"You haven't done a bad job!" she told us.		
"You ain't done a bad job!" she told us.		
"You've done an excellent job!" she told us.		
"You done an excellent job!" she told us.		

1 mark

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18

Insert a **full stop**, a **question mark** and an **exclamation mark** in the correct places in the sentence below.

" Did you see that goal I thought it was incredible "
exclaimed Elle

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19

Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

We'd appreciate it if you could put your litter in the bin outside.

☐

Please pick up your litter and put it in the bin.

☐

We request that you put any litter in the bins provided.

☐

Don't forget – litter goes in the bin!

☐

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20

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

We discovered the dusty, narrow pathway behind the house.

Tick **one**.

a noun phrase

☐

a relative clause

☐

a main clause

☐

an adverbial

☐

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21

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

"Please take out your books, said the teacher calmly, and finish your poems."

☐

"Please take out your books," said the teacher calmly, and finish your poems.

☐

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☐

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☐

1 mark

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Insert a **colon** and a **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

We are pleased to announce the three winners of the art competition Samir Ben and Ella.

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23

Tick one box in each row to show whether the words are **synonyms** or **antonyms**.

Pair of words	Synonyms	Antonyms
rough, smooth		
courageous, brave		
vivid, dull		

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What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

If you get tired on the cycle ride, stop and have a break.

Tick **one**.

a relative clause ☐

a noun phrase ☐

a subordinate clause ☐

a preposition phrase ☐

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Insert a pair of **commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

One of the world's most interesting plants the Venus flytrap
catches its prey by snapping its leaves shut.

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Which sentence is in the **passive**?

Tick **one**.

The manager has sent you an email. ☐

Our dog lost her new collar. ☐

The weather was very cold this winter. ☐

The meal was enjoyed by everyone. ☐

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What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the word below?

happiness

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28

What is the **word class** of the underlined words in the sentence below?

Although the battery on her phone was low, Amy managed to call her mum when she knew she would be late.

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Explain how the **comma** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. We have cooked chicken soup and fresh bread.
2. We have cooked chicken, soup and fresh bread.

1 mark

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Circle the **modal verb** in the sentence below.

Hannah said I could share her snack because I had forgotten mine.

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Circle the four **nouns** in the sentence below.

The successful athletes were full of pride when they accepted
their medals from the judges.

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Tick one box to show the **subject** of the sentence below.

Every Saturday, Nadim takes his dog for a walk in the park.

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☐
☐
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33

Add a **prefix** to the word charge in the sentence below to show that the waiter did not charge too much.

The waiter was careful not to _____ charge the customer.

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34

What is the **word class** of the underlined words in the sentence below?

We had a drink after our swim in the pool.

Tick **one**.

adjectives ☐

adverbs ☐

nouns ☐

verbs ☐

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Insert a **hyphen** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There was a build up of litter around the bins in the
school playground.

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Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

The journey proved difficult as they had to travel by night, but
they made good time once the stars came out to guide them.

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Which **word class** is hand-operated in the sentence below?

One person turned the hand-operated wheel while the other steered the boat.

Tick **one**.

a verb ☐

an adjective ☐

a noun ☐

an adverb ☐

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38

Draw a line to match the first part of each sentence to the second part so that each sentence is correct.

The teachers •

• staffroom was full of books and old armchairs.

The teachers' •

• new mug was a present from her class.

The teacher's •

• were taking part in the school play.

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39

Add a **prefix** to the underlined word to make its antonym.
Write the whole word in the box.

Aisha had a very mature attitude to life.

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40

What is the **word class** of the underlined words in the sentence below?

After school, Jack takes his little brother to the park.

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In which sentence is dance a **verb**?

Tick **one**.

Our class took part in an Irish dance workshop.

☐

After he sprained his ankle, he could not dance.

☐

The dance involved moving very quickly.

☐

Ballet and hip-hop are my favourite types of dance.

☐

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42

Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below.

If nobody is home, your parcel will not be delivered.



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43

In which sentence is fast an **adverb**?

Tick **one**.

Although he ran fast, Tom did not win the race.

☐

Although he was a fast runner, Tom did not win the race.

☐

Tom did not win the race, despite his fast time.

☐

Tom's time was fast, but he did not win.

☐

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Rewrite the underlined verbs in the **simple past**.

Joseph hurriedly draws the man's portrait, but then tears the

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page out of his sketchbook.

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Circle the two **prepositions** in the sentence below.

After playtime, you must stay inside the classroom until it
is lunchtime.

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Rewrite the underlined verb so that it is in the **past progressive**.

Alexandra walked home.

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Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The noise of the traffic disturbed us.

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Which sentence is an **exclamation**?

Tick **one**.

It's surprising how little is known about deep-sea creatures

☐

It amazes me that anything can live so far under the sea

☐

How do they survive without sunlight

☐

How strange some deep-sea creatures look

☐

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Underline the **adverbial** in the sentence below.

We put on our PE kits before the match.

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Circle the two adjectives that are **synonyms** in the sentence below.

The street was lined with grand houses; the modest cottage
stood out amongst its imposing neighbours.

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