

Year 3 English Grammar and Punctuation Test 2

total marks

1. Circle the words in the passage below that belong to the same word family as the verb 'care'.

1 mark

Zookeepers care for the animals they look after. They carefully plan what the animal will eat, making sure that visitors do not carelessly throw the wrong sort of food into their enclosures.

2. Draw lines to match the words below to the appropriate prefix.

1 mark

mis

biotic

auto

mobile

anti

take

3. Circle the inverted commas in the passage below.

1 mark

"We need to turn left here, Dad," said Layla. "Otherwise we will end up going the wrong way again!"

"Are you sure, Layla?" asked Dad. "I'm pretty sure we need to turn right!"

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4. Read this sentence. **Underline the subordinate clause.**
- 1 mark

We are going to Cornwall on holiday because we like the scenery there.

5. Look at the words in the table. Do they use 'a' or 'an' as a determiner? **Tick one option.**
- 1 mark

Word	'a'	'an'
alligator		
factory		
unicorn		
school		
emergency		

6. Read the passage below. **Draw an arrow** to where you think the author should have started a new paragraph.
- 1 mark

Lots of children and families have pets, and dogs are very popular. In this article, we will discuss how you can best care for your pet dog and help it to live a happy life. Firstly, a dog takes quite a lot of looking after. As well as feeding it, a dog needs exercise, training and companionship.

7. Read the sentence below. **Circle the verb** which uses the **present perfect** form.

We have owned our cat for six years and we love her very much.

1 mark

8. **Count the consonants** in the sentence below and put your answer in the box.

School finishes at 3.30pm.

1 mark

9. The sentences below are missing a word. **Choose a conjunction** from the box and write it in the **space** to complete each sentence.

because

but

before

I am not going to school today I am poorly.

We went to Derbyshire to visit my aunt we headed to Yorkshire for a few days.

I invited her to play at my house her mum wouldn't let her come.

1 mark

10. Choose the sub-heading which best matches the paragraph.

Keeping your hamster clean

☐

Fruit and vegetables

☐

Feeding your hamster

☐

Choosing a hamster

☐

1 mark

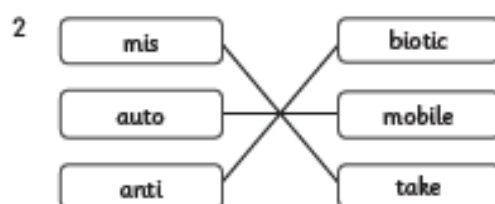
Hamsters need fresh food and water every day. This should include a spoonful of good quality hamster cereal and a small amount of fresh fruit or vegetables. Some examples are a slice of cucumber, a small stick of carrot, a grape or a slice of apple.

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1 mark

4 We are going to Cornwall on holiday because we like the scenery there.

1 mark

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factory	x	
unicorn	x	
school	x	
emergency		x

1 mark

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1 mark

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We went to Derbyshire to visit my aunt before we headed to Yorkshire for a few days.
I invited her to play at my house but her mum wouldn't let her come.

1 mark

10 Keeping your hamster clean ☐
Fruit and vegetables ☐
Feeding your hamster ☒
Choosing a hamster ☐

1 mark

Spring Term 1 SPaG Mat 1

(1)

a

Mr Whoops has made FOUR clumsy spelling mistakes in his sentences. Can you underline them and correct them?

Yesterday during my grammer lesson, I learned how to discribe nouns using expanded noun phrases. Then in my hisstory session, I read a very interesting book about the raign of Queen Victoria.

b

Write 'a' or 'an' correctly before the items on the recipe:

_____ egg _____ cupful of flour
_____ teaspoon of vanilla extract
_____ icing bag _____ greased cake tin

c

Can you add an appropriate preposition to complete the sentence?

After preparing her diving equipment, Polly investigated the coral _____ the Red Sea.

Now, underline the subordinate clause and circle the proper nouns.

d

Underline the conjunction in each sentence:

After the celebrations had finished, the balloons drifted off into the distance.

Some of them popped because they blew into the trees.

Now write another sentence linked to the picture containing the conjunction 'if'. _____

e

Tick the sentence that is a command.

Get in the bath

Would you like to wash your hands

How amazing that would be

Underline the imperative verb used with the command.

Then, add the correct punctuation marks to each sentence.

f

Can you think of silent letter words to match the pictures?



Can you think of another noun that begins with a silent letter that makes the same initial sound? _____

Spring Term 1 SPaG Mat 1 Answers

1

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grammar

describe

history

reign

b
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an egg a cupful of flour

a teaspoon of vanilla extract

an icing bag a greased cake tin

c
Can you add an appropriate preposition to complete the sentence?

After preparing her diving equipment, Polly investigated the coral _____ the Red Sea

Accept any suitable preposition, e.g. under, within, below.

d
After the celebrations had finished, the balloons drifted off into the distance.

Some of them popped because they blew into the trees.

Accept any grammatically accurate sentence that uses 'if' at the beginning of a subordinate clause, e.g. If the wind grew strong enough, the balloons could end up in a different country. OR The balloons might start to drift down towards land if it begins to rain.

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Tick the sentence that is a command.

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How amazing that would be!

Underline the imperative verb used with the command.

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Can you think of silent letter words to match the pictures?



gnome



knight

Accept any noun that begins with 'kn' or 'gn', e.g. knee, gnat, knuckle, etc.

Spring Term 1 SPaG Mat 2

2

a
Match each word class label to the correct word in the sentence. Complete the missing label.

Zarah's team played in the football match but they didn't win.

preposition.

apostrophe
word used for
contraction.

apostrophe
word used for
possession.

Challenge: Now write your own sentence and label the words. _____

b
Add the suffixes -less or -ful to turn these root words into adjectives.

beauty _____

penny _____

c
Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up THREE conjunctions. Can you help him to unjumble them?

ECAUSBE

FORBEE

IWLEH

d
Look at the picture. Can you write a present progressive sentence about it?



e
Circle the correct homophone word to fit in the sentence:

The photographer took a picture of the breath-taking (seen / scene).

The teacher told the interfering pupil not to (meddle / medal) in other people's business.

Mrs Ali didn't know (whether / weather) to take her umbrella as it looked like it might rain.

f
Can you improve this sentence by adding an expanded noun phrase, an adverb, a conjunction and extra detail?

The emperor strolled through town.

Spring Term 1 SPaG Mat 2 Answers

(2)

Match each word class label to the correct word in the sentence. Complete the missing label.

Zarah's team played in the football match but they didn't win.

~~preposition.~~

~~apostrophe
word used for
contraction.~~

~~apostrophe
word used for
possession.~~

conjunction

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Add the suffixes -less or -ful to turn these root words into adjectives.

beautiful

penniless

Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up THREE conjunctions. Can you help him to unjumble them?

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BEFORE

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WHILE

Look at the picture. Can you fill in the missing verbs to create a present progressive sentence?

Accept any present progressive sentence with is/are + -ing verb form.

Circle the correct homophone word to fit in the sentence:

The photographer took a picture of the breath-taking (seen / scene).

The teacher told the interfering pupil not to (meddle / medal) in other people's business.

Mrs Ali didn't know (whether / weather) to take her umbrella as it looked like it might rain.

Any appropriate sentence with an expanded noun

phrase to describe the emperor or the town, e.g. The confident emperor with the spotty pants foolishly strolled through town because he thought his suit was invisible.

Spring Term 1 SPaG Mat 3

3

Can you place suitable prepositions into the spaces in these sentences?

a

The stuntman ran _____ the burning car as the helicopter circled _____ him. His next task was to run _____ a massive fire and _____ the safety of a nearby building.

Oops! Mr Whoops has accidentally replaced some of the words within his sentences with his favourite foods! What type of word needs to replace each one?

b



_____ I **spaghetti** tripped over a marble

_____ **popcorn** fell down the **custard** stairs.

Draw lines to join up the root words with the correct prefixes:

c

in	legal
il	perfect
im	accurate
ir	relevant

Now, on the back of your mat, use one of the new words in a sentence with a conjunction.

Can you unjumble this word ending in 'sion' that sounds like /shuhn/?

d

vasiinon

fsuonconi

Now use one of the words in a direct speech sentence. _____

_____.

Place a tick in each row to show the type of adverb:

e

	adverb of time	adverb of place	adverb of manner
inside			
yesterday			
secretly			

Can you think of an adjective and adverb beginning with...

f

	adjective	adverb	preposition
a consonant?			
a vowel?			

Now use all the words from one of the rows in a sentence. _____

_____.

Spring Term 1 SPaG Mat 3 Answers

(3)

Can you place suitable prepositions into the spaces in these sentences?

a

Accept suitable prepositions, e.g. from/above/through/into

in legal
il perfect
im accurate
ir relevant

c

Accept any one of the new prefix words used in a sentence containing a conjunction, e.g. The criminal was sent to prison because of his illegal activities.

Place a tick in each row to show the type of adverb:

e

	adverb of time	adverb of place	adverb of manner
inside		✓	
yesterday	✓		
secretly			✓

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adverb/conjunction/adjective

Can you unjumble this word ending in 'sion' that sounds like /shuhn/?

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invasion

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confusion

Accept invasion or confusion in an accurately punctuated direct speech sentence, e.g. "Time to start our invasion," shouted the commander.

Can you think of an adjective and adverb beginning with...

f

Accept any adjectives, adverbs and prepositions starting with consonants and vowels, e.g. scaly, timidly and below; ugly, eagerly and above.

e.g. On her way to the spelling convention, the ugly witch flew eagerly above the clouds on her broomstick.

Use the spelling resource provided below to support learning these spellings words.

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	

[illegible]