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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

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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. 1 mark

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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.

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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.

1 mark

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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> .		

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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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14

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

1 mark

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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.

“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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22

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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24

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

1 mark

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25

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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26

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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27

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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29

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.

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30

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

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

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31

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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32

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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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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35

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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36

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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37

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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44

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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46

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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48

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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