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2023 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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1 Which sentence is a **command**?

Tick **one**.

The relay race will be next. ☐

I hope I don't drop the baton. ☐

Run as fast as you can. ☐

I know you can win this race. ☐

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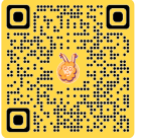
2 Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is an **exclamation** or a **question**.

Sentence	Exclamation	Question
How disappointing it was that it rained on sports day	☐	☐
How many times have you been to the swimming pool this week	☐	☐
How will you spend your summer holidays	☐	☐
How kind you are to give me this present	☐	☐

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3

Draw a line to match each word to a **suffix** to make four different words.
Use each suffix only once.

Word	Suffix
social	ish
relation	al
child	ise
season	ship

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4

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

We will be planting seeds making a pond and
looking for snails.

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5

Circle the correct word in each underlined pair to complete the sentences below using **Standard English**.

The autumn leaves was / were crunching beneath our feet as we walked along.

We done / did a great job in picking the juiciest fruit for our pie.

My brother didn't do anything / nothing to help us.

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6

Which pair of words are **antonyms**?

Tick **one**.

marine submarine ☐

unicycle bicycle ☐

proper improper ☐

act interact ☐

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7

Tick the sentence that shows Lara is **most likely** to go swimming on Saturday.

Tick **one**.

Lara will go swimming on Saturday. ☐

Lara should go swimming on Saturday. ☐

Lara might go swimming on Saturday. ☐

Lara could go swimming on Saturday. ☐

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8

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

Charlotte who usually hated getting wet loved splashing about in the sea.

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9

Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

We can't keep your things here, as there's no room.

☐

It is essential that you take all your belongings with you.

☐

Please pack up all your stuff before you leave.

☐

It's time to get all your bits and pieces together.

☐

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10

Circle two words in the sentence below that are **synonyms** of each other.

Rita was overjoyed when she won the competition with her exceptional drawing – her mum was delighted too!

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11

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink was really enjoyable.

☐

Charlie's party which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.

☐

Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.

☐

Charlie's party which, was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.

☐

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

Tick **one**.

The recycling plant was closed for the weekend.

☐

The children plant beans in the school garden.

☐

I remember to water my plant every day.

☐

The roses were growing in a plant pot.

☐

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

Dipti is keen to practise the drums she wants to play in
the school band.

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Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

I asked him to phone me when he got here. ☐

I told him to call me as soon as he turned up. ☐

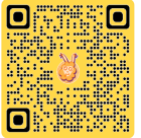
I got him to ring me when he came in. ☐

I requested that he telephone me on arrival. ☐

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

I usually feed my cat before I eat breakfast.

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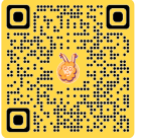
Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The house was in need of repair the windows were broken
and the roof was leaking.

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17

Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted form** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Let's hope it warms up soon.		
The teachers' coats were hanging in the staffroom.		
The children wear their scarves when it's cold.		

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Which option completes the sentence using the **present progressive**?

I _____ the photos to the school website.

Tick **one**.

upload ☐

will upload ☐

have uploaded ☐

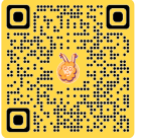
am uploading ☐

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19

Which sentence uses **tense** correctly?

Tick **one**.

She is getting the ball and then she scored the winning goal.

☐

My friends thought the film was good, but I don't like thrillers.

☐

When the clock strikes midnight, everyone was in bed.

☐

Tonight he is playing rounders and she joined in.

☐

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20

Replace the underlined words in the passage below with the correct **pronouns**. Write one pronoun in each box.

Maggie and Helena wanted to visit the museum. Maggie and Helena



tried to go after school but the museum was closed.



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Insert **inverted commas** in the correct places in the sentence below.

May I use the computer ? asked Sam .

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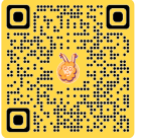
Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is a **verb**, a **noun** or an **adjective**.

Sentence	Verb	Noun	Adjective
There are many <u>magnetic</u> materials.	☐	☐	☐
<u>Magnets</u> attract some metals.	☐	☐	☐
We can <u>magnetise</u> the nail.	☐	☐	☐

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23

Tick all the sentences that have been punctuated correctly.

Tick **all** the correct responses.

When you have tidied your bedroom,
you can play in the garden? ☐

If I tidy my bedroom, can I play in the
garden? ☐

You can play in the garden if you tidy
your bedroom? ☐

Can I play in the garden when I have
tidied my bedroom? ☐

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Insert one **apostrophe** in the correct place in the sentence below.

When James plays darts, he uses his
fathers dartboard.

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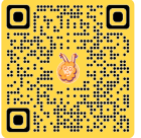
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— 25 Circle all the adjectives in the sentence below. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible: cold and wet. 1 mark	Link
26 Insert a pair of dashes in the correct place in the sentence below. I am excited and I mean really excited to be going on holiday next week! 1 mark	Link
27 Rewrite the question below as a statement. Use only the words given. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly. Is art Tariq's favourite subject? 1 mark	Link





28

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Erin wanted the most up-to date computer that was available. ☐

Erin wanted the most-up-to-date computer that was available. ☐

Erin wanted the most up-to-date-computer that was available. ☐

Erin wanted the most up-to-date computer that was available. ☐

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Insert a **comma** after the **fronted adverbial** in each sentence.

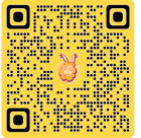
Luckily for us the ball rolled slowly past the goal.

After three hours of hard work the builders managed to dig out the tree.

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Underline the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The house where I was born has been demolished.

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What could the **exclamation mark** tell you about the sentence below?

"We are going swimming tomorrow!"

Tick **all** the correct responses.

It shows that the person feels strongly about going swimming. ☐

It shows that the person has not finished speaking. ☐

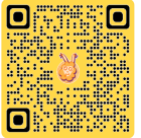
It shows that the person is speaking loudly. ☐

It shows that the person is not sure if they are going swimming. ☐

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Circle the **subject** of the sentence below.

Josh wrote a letter to his Canadian friend.

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What are the underlined words in the sentence below?

The girl with curly red hair is in my class.

Tick **one**.

a relative clause ☐

a subordinate clause ☐

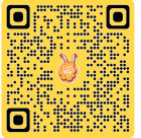
a main clause ☐

a noun phrase ☐

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34

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

I will not be able to come to your party, but

Karina said that she would come.

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35

Which two sentences contain a **preposition**?

Tick **two**.

Kelly wrote a poem on Tuesday night. ☐

She worked very hard all evening. ☐

Her mum read the poem before school. ☐

Kelly's mum said it was excellent. ☐

Kelly really enjoyed writing her poem. ☐

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Circle the **possessive pronoun** in the sentence below.

She asked to borrow Zak's pencil because hers were all blunt.

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37

Explain how the position of the **comma** changes the meaning of the sentences below.

1. As Fred ate the sweet orange, balloons were given to the children.
2. As Fred ate the sweet, orange balloons were given to the children.

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Which sentence uses a **semi-colon** correctly?

Tick **one**.

In the bag we found; five carrots, two cabbages and a large onion.

☐

The book began with a boy called Tim; climbing a steep hill.

☐

Jessie went to look for her brother; Bill.

☐

The wind was howling; the rain was drumming on the roof.

☐

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39

Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

_____ football is his favourite sport, James also enjoys watching tennis on TV.

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Circle the **adverb** in the sentence below.

The boy had seven brothers, each one quite different from
the others.

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Complete each sentence with a word from the same **word family**
as proud.

We _____ represented our school in the competition.

proud

We took _____ in representing our school in the competition.

proud

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42

Circle the **relative pronoun** in each sentence below.

A large collection of gold and silver, which is known as the Staffordshire Hoard, was discovered in 2009.

Mr Herbert, who made the discovery using his metal detector, received a reward for finding it.

Some of the artefacts that he found are on display in museums.

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43

Insert **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

we hope that you enjoy the new school meals the menu will be put on the school website if you have any comments, please send us an email

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

Although our team was less experienced than the others and
nobody expected us to do well, we won the tournament because
we had practised regularly.

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Add a different **prefix** to each word to form its **antonym**.

_____honest

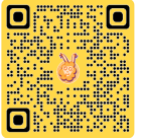
_____separable

_____noticeable

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46 Circle the three **determiners** in the sentence below.

The black kitten licked its paws and curled itself up into
a tight ball.

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

A song will be sung by the children.

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48 Circle all the **conjunctions** in the sentence below.

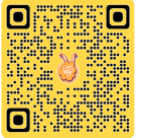
When my brother visits, we always go to the park so that we
can play cricket.

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

The Romans invaded Britain over two thousand years ago.

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Tick one box in each row to show whether once is an **adverb**
or a **conjunction**.

Sentence	Adverb	Conjunction
I've only been to France <u>once</u> with my family.		
<u>Once</u> I arrived in Paris, I tried to speak French.		
My accent really improved <u>once</u> we had been there a few days.		

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