

Test your skills

Change these adjectives to make comparative and superlative adjectives.

- 1 sunny _____
- 2 adaptable _____
- 3 brave _____

Turn these sentences into the past tense.

- 4 (BUY) We _____ our tickets for the cinema.
- 5 (KNOW) I _____ all the words for the spelling test.
- 6 (POUR) The water _____ in through the crack in the ceiling.

Underline the prepositions in these sentences.

- 7 The palace was built in a beautiful setting by the river.
- 8 My brother was sitting near the window and beside the fireplace.

Underline the determiner in each sentence then write whether it is an article, demonstrative, number, ordinal, possessive adjective or quantifier.

- 9 Who was first to arrive? _____
- 10 I would like to order a sandwich, please. _____
- 11 Where is that book? _____
- 12 We need to bake five cakes. _____

Underline the main clauses in these compound sentences.

- 13 Daffodils are spring bulbs whereas dahlias are summer bulbs.
- 14 Mixing blue and yellow makes green but varying the amount of each colour changes the shade.
- 15 Hockey is played with a stick but tennis is played with a racquet.

Underline the fronted adverbials in these sentences.

- 16 Although the scenery was fantastic, it was too hot to sit out.
- 17 Whenever we go camping, we always take a good torch.
- 18 However, you must make the safety of yourself and others the first priority.
- 19 As long as you are home by teatime, you can go out with your friends this afternoon.

Write out these sentences placing a semi-colon between the two clauses.

20 Haru and Tom visited Alex he had been ill with the flu.

21 The wood panelling was gorgeous it was typical of a Tudor building.

Change these third-person sentences into the first person.

22 Lily-Ann was off to her gymnastics class.

23 Ruby and Dewi were playing with Alima in her garden.

24 She stubbed her toe against the table leg.

Underline the verbs and circle the adverbs in these sentences.

25 The huge creature steadily swam towards the shore.

26 Dev generously shared his crayons with the girls.

27 The warehouse was packed solidly with crates.

28 He smiled broadly at the waiting crowd.

Write one word in the space to make the correct form of the verb given in capitals.

29 (BAKE) She _____ a cake for the party when the telephone rang.

30 (GO) I _____ to visit the doctor last week.

31 (BREAK) I was so clumsy that I _____ my glasses.

Write whether the underlined words are a noun phrase, a preposition phrase or a clause.

32 The thorny brambles and weeds were taking over the garden. _____

33 Halfway between the villages stood the farmer's old barn. _____

Turn the positive sentences into negative sentences by adding or replacing words with 'never', 'none' or 'nothing'.

34 My bedroom is almost neat and tidy!

35 There is something you can do to get ready for the holiday.

Put an apostrophe in the right place to show single or plural possession.

36 This book has a torn cover. _____

37 Those jars have labels. _____

38 These elephants have trunks. _____

Turn these into simple sentences by removing all of the unnecessary words and detail. Just keep the words needed for each sentence to make sense.

39 The prettily meandering brook babbled over stones and pebbles as it flowed from its source on the top of the hill into the river.

40 The irritating beeping sound of Rupa's much-hated alarm clock broke through her dream and woke her.

Write out these sentences adding commas in the correct places.

41 The hand-knitted blanket was in shades of pink cream purple and blue.

42 Rosie said "Yes I enjoy crafts but it is hard to find time for them all!"

43 The little babies all lying in their cots slept contentedly.

44 "I know" said Mrs David sympathetically. "It can be really tricky" she continued.

Place a colon in the correct place in each sentence.

45 Miss Dembenski’s poster has a great message “Always do your best and that is enough.”

46 There are four things you need a pencil, ruler, pen and eraser.

47 Sherry is a lovely horse she has such a gentle manner.

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Put an apostrophe in the correct place to show possession.

49 Marly has a book. _____

50 The flock has a shepherd. _____

51 Our bicycles have wheels. _____

Unit 10

- 1 sunnier, sunniest 2 more adaptable, most adaptable
3 braver, bravest 4 bought 5 knew 6 poured
7 in, by 8 near, beside 9 first, ordinal 10 a, article
11 that, demonstrative 12 five, number
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25–28 steadily, swam, generously, shared; packed,
solidly; smiled, broadly
29 baked 30 went 31 broke 32 Noun phrase
33 Preposition phrase
34 My bedroom is never neat and tidy.
35 There is nothing you can do to get ready for the holiday.
36 This book's torn cover. 37 Those jars' labels.
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