

SPAG paper 2018

Do in pairs, starting at the end of the paper (the harder questions).

Going through together after 25 minutes □

Do as much as you can - you won't get through all of it!

50

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

Hassan and I are going to our dance class; we are going to be late as we missed the bus.

49

Rewrite the underlined verb in the sentence below so it is in the **present progressive**.

I taught my sister to skateboard.

am teaching

48

Circle the four **verbs** in the passage below.

There were hundreds of gulls circling in the sky.

They gathered near the dock, searching for scraps.

47

Circle each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

the island called zanzibar is in the indian ocean off the coast of africa.

46

Add a **suffix** to the words in the boxes to complete the sentences.

Our school believes in _____ equality _____ for all pupils.

equal

We took _____ additional _____ clothing in case it turned cold.

addition

45

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

The boy who knocked on our door was at the wrong house.

44

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

On Wednesday, Felix has a dental appointment.

43

Rewrite the two sentences below as one sentence using an appropriate **co-ordinating conjunction**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

We have time to play a game. We will have to finish it before dinner.

We have time to play a game, but we will have to finish it before dinner.

We have time to play a game and we will have to finish it before dinner.

42

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

When Mum saw that I was wearing Oliver's gloves, she wanted to know where mine were.

41

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

I asked her if she needed any help.

I asked, "Do you need any help?"

40

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		✓
Everyone heard the thunder.	✓	
Nicole was riding her bike.	✓	

39

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

My prize was a fluffy green pencil case with a gold zip.

Noun phrase / expanded noun phrase

38

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

During the winter months, the sun does not appear high in

↓
did

the sky and the days are much shorter than the nights.

↓
were

37

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

We visited the funfair that came to our town.

My uncle who lives in Australia has sent me a present.

My friend whose rabbit I look after is on holiday.

36

Which **two** sentences use punctuation to show **parenthesis**?

Tick **two**.

There are some books – including story books – in the cupboard.

☒

To make space, we moved the chairs, tables and the boxes of games.

☐

Our classroom, at the end of the corridor, has a red door.

☒

On Tuesday, we will be selling cakes for charity.

☐

35

Explain how the position of the **apostrophe** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. What are your brother's favourite toys?
2. What are your brothers' favourite toys?

Award 1 mark for a response that demonstrates understanding of the plural possessive apostrophe, e.g.

- *In the second sentence, it means that there is more than one brother.*
- *In the second one, it shows plural possession.*
- *1. One brother. 2. Two brothers.*

Also accept responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

In the first sentence, there is only one brother.

34

Insert one **hyphen** and one **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

My grandmother is a ballroom-dancing champion poet and singer.

33

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

On a mountain bike, you can cycle across rocky ground, along muddy paths and over harsh terrain.

32

Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

She suggested that her mother be present.



She really hopes to be ready on time.

☐

Don't forget to lock the door!

☐

If Johnny's late, we'll start without him.

☐

31

What is the **word class** of each underlined word?

Josef has beautiful writing. adjective

Josef writes beautifully. adverb

30

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined noun is **singular** or **plural**.

	Singular	Plural
The <u>customers</u> ' hunger was satisfied by the pizza.		✓
The <u>princess's</u> slippers were made of glass.	✓	
Those are the <u>boys</u> ' books.		✓

29

Circle the most **formal** option in each box below to complete the invitation.

We would like to invite you to a

catch-up
celebration
get-together

to mark this

fab
really cool
momentous

occasion.

It will

start up
commence
kick off

at 5pm.

28

Write the name of punctuation that could be used instead of commas in the sentence below.

Somehow, after much swaying and rocking, the tightrope walker managed to regain his balance.

Brackets or dashes

1 mark

27

Underline the **subject** of the sentence below.

The tightrope walker carried a balancing pole.

26

Jane wants to know if the band is playing at the festival.
Write the **question** she could ask to find out.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct and accurately punctuated question, e.g.

- *Is the band playing at the festival?*
- *Do you know if the band is playing at the festival?*
- *Are Busted playing at the festival?*
- *Are the band playing Leeds this year?*

Also accept a correctly constructed and punctuated question that is enclosed in inverted commas, e.g.

“Is the band going to be playing at the festival?”

Do not accept the addition of a reporting clause resulting in a question contained within a statement, e.g.

Jane asked, “Is the band playing at the festival?”

25

Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

Watching too much television should be avoided.

☒

You shouldn't watch too much TV.

☐

Watching lots of TV isn't a good idea.

☐

You really should try not to watch loads of telly.

☐

24

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

When Jack's grandmother came to stay, she gave Jack some money.

him

Jack used his money to buy a game called Gables. Jack could not

He

wait to get home and play the new game.

it

23

Complete the sentence below with a **noun** formed from the verb invent.

The engineer thought her latest _____ invention _____ would solve the problem.

22

Insert a **subordinating conjunction** to show that we ate lunch and listened to music at the same time.

We listened to the music ^{while/whilst}
as/when we ate our lunch.

21

Which **word class** is the underlined word in the sentence below?

My brother thinks that football is an amazing game.

Tick **one**.

adverb

☐

adjective

☐

determiner

☒

conjunction

☐

20

Explain how the **modal verb** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

- 1) Yusuf and his sister go swimming with their dad.
- 2) Yusuf and his sister might go swimming with their dad.

Award 1 mark for a response that demonstrates that the modal verb indicates possibility or uncertainty, e.g.

- *In the second sentence they are not definitely going swimming.*
- *The second sentence means maybe they are going to go swimming.*
- *In the second sentence, they might go but in the first, they will definitely go.*

Also accept responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

In the first one, they are definitely going.

Also accept responses that demonstrate understanding by using an appropriate alternative modal verb, e.g.

In the second one, they could go swimming.

19

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and, warmer.

☐

Lately the days, have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

☐

Lately the days, have been growing noticeably longer, and warmer.

☐

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

☒

18

Which sentence uses the underlined word as a **noun**?

Tick **one**.

Dancers must be very fit and athletic.

☐

Can I help you with that jigsaw?

☐

We heard thunder, but we did not see any lightning.

☒

The ocean is grey and angry-looking today.

☐

17

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

There are two places that I have always wanted to visit:the
Arctic and Antarctica.

16

Which sentence must **not** end with an **exclamation mark**?

Tick **one**.

What a hilarious film that was

☐

I loved the opening scene

☐

Was the ending funny

☒

I have never laughed so much

☐

15

What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the sentence?

Charlie spilt his juice, but it didn't go on his shirt.

Tick **one**.

an adverbial

☐

a main clause

☒

a noun phrase

☐

a subordinate clause

☐

14

Tick the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **one**.

I find baking tricky – there are too many things to go wrong.

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I find baking tricky there are too many things – to go wrong.

☐

I find baking – tricky there are too many things to go wrong.

☐

I find baking tricky there are – too many things to go wrong.

☐

13

Which sentence is written in **Standard English**?

Tick **one**.

Two sports teams come to our school yesterday.

☐

My friend was tidying the classroom.

☒

Today the children done their school play.

☐

The teachers was going to send a letter next week.

☐

12

Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**?

Soon after a Frenchman _____ the first land speed record, it was broken.

Tick **one**.

has set

☐

had set

☒

set

☐

was setting

☐

11

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

Prefix

im

in

en

mis

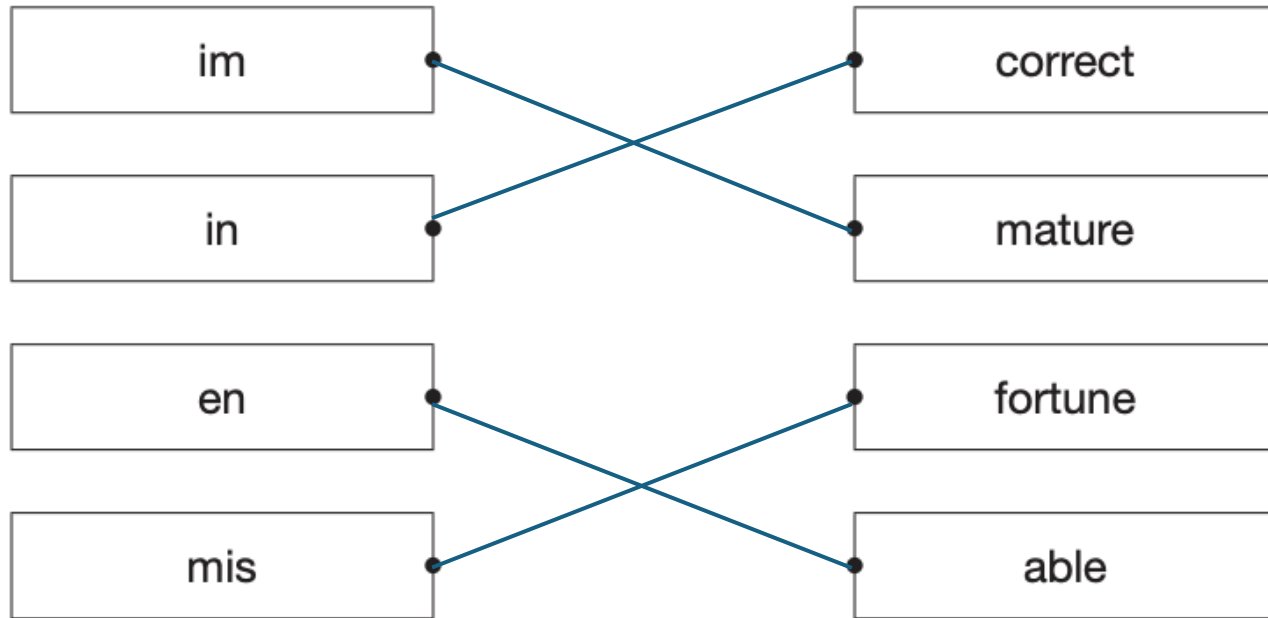
Word

correct

mature

fortune

able



10

Which sentence is a **command**?

Tick **one**.

You should bring a coat.

☐

You will need a coat in case it rains.

☐

I am going to bring a coat.

☐

Bring a coat in case it rains.

☒

9

Which verb is a **synonym** of the verb produce?

Tick **one**.

make

☒

buy

☐

sell

☐

trade

☐

8

Which sentence is grammatically correct?

Tick **one**.

Tomorrow we went shopping at the sales.

☐

In three weeks' time, I will be on holiday.

☒

Next weekend, we had gone to the river to fish.

☐

Last summer, we swim at the beach and collect seashells.

☐

7

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

My father ,who works at the museum ,gave my class a
guided tour.

6

Tick the **adverb** in the sentence below.

Tick **one**.

The lively crowd cheered loudly when the rally car race began.

☐

☒

☐

☐

5

Add two **commas** to the sentence below to make it clear that Ana has four favourite things.

Ana's favourite things are camping ,holidays ,cycling and swimming.

4

Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the sentence is a **question**, a **statement** or a **command**.

Sentence	Question	Statement	Command
In autumn, many trees lose their leaves		✓	
Look at the trees carefully			✓
Scientists are studying how trees can live for thousands of years		✓	
How can you tell a tree's age	✓		

3

The prefix re- can be added to the root word play to make the word **replay**.

Tick the meaning of the word **replay**.

Tick **one**.

to play together

☐

to play later

☐

to play again

☒

to play badly

☐

2

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

Tick **one**.

What happened that day might never be known

☐

What really happened that day

☒

Someone must know what really happened that day

☐

I'd like to know what happened that day

☐

1

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

Although he was the youngest, Tom was one of the tallest.