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1. Where did the hens live in this story?

Flora and Val were two fine, fat, white hens. They lived in a large henhouse on a chicken farm.

Tick one box.

- (a) Under the seesaw in the park.
- (b) In a henhouse on a farm.
- (c) On the roof of a chicken farm.



2. Which is the correct order for what happened first in this story?

It started as a regular morning at The Great Gino's Circus. The strong men were practising their astonishing feats of strength. The clowns were polishing their red noses and gigantic shoes. The stunt cyclist was pedalling her very high unicycle along an uneven path.

Tick one box.

(a)	practising feats of strength, pedalling a unicycle, polishing their noses	
(b)	practising feats of strength, polishing their noses, pedalling a unicycle	
(C)	pedalling a unicycle, practising feats of strength, polishing their noses	

3. Why do you think the baobab tree has the nickname 'the tree of life'? Tick one box.

The baobab tree has many nicknames including: the upside-down tree, the bottle tree and the tree of life.

- for people.
- It looks like life. (b)
- It has lived for a long time. (C)

4. Which header gives you information about how long turtles and tortoises live? Tick one box.

(a)	Lifespan	
(b)	Characteristics	
(C)	Habitat	

5. Read the sentence.

If you're feeling adventurous, try our wild water rides.

Tick one box. The word adventurous means

(a)	feeling brave.	
(U)	icening blave.	

	0	
(b)	feeling cautious.	

feeling strong. (c)

6. Which other words could the author have used instead of propel?

Both hens dreamed of escaping. Val dreamed of building a mighty catapult that would propel her over the fence and into the world beyond.

(a)	round or fast	
(b)	shoot or hurl	
(C)	run or escape	

7. Write the missing word.

They lived all alone on

the with sea all around them.











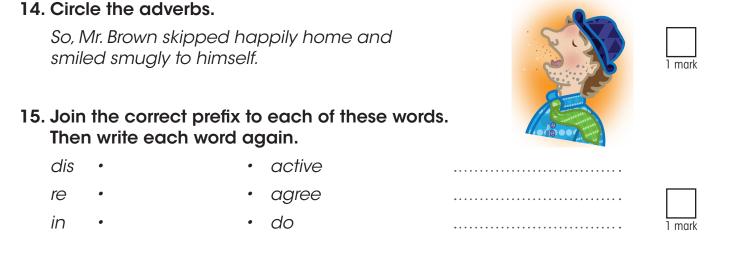




8.	Write the missing wor	ds.		
	We taste with our	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1 mark
9.	Write the next word in	n each list with the correct	spelling and suffix.	
	beginning, beginner, s	swimming,		
	measuring, measurer,	gardening,	······	1 mark
10	. At the beginning of w make one word? Tick	hich word can you add th one box.	e prefix <i>super-</i> to	
	(a) best			
	(b) speed			
	(c) market			1 mark
11	. Which suffix can vou	add to these words? Tick o	ne box.	
	, admire	imagine		
	(a) ation			
	(b) tion			
	(c) sion			1 mark
	Bonus Explain the	rule for adding this suffix.		
	point			
	••••••			
				l mark
12	. Say the underlined so Which word has the s	ound. <i>thr<u>ew</u> same sound? Tick one box.</i>		
	(a) through			
	(b) though			
	(c) thought			1 mark

13. Write a word to finish the sentence.

I enjoy reading information texts I like facts.



16. Circle the prepositions in this sentence.

We close early during the winter months, so check the website before you leave home.

17. Underline the direct speech in the sentences below.

'Bullies like Sam and Sean mustn't be allowed to get away with it,' Mum declared. 'Unless we say something to stop them, they'll do the same thing to someone else!'

Bonus Name the punctuation marks that tell you this is direct speech.

18. Add a different punctuation mark to the end of each sentence.

- (a) I was a football failure
- (b) What an awesome football
- (c) Shall we go and have a kick around

20 marks

Total for this test:





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1. What do we learn about Lara from reading this extract? Tick one box below.

Mrs Kline stopped speaking, because Lara had gone outside. Surprised, Mrs Kline followed her and to make conversation, she started talking about her garden and asking Lara questions.



'You know,' said Lara, after answering each of Mrs Kline's questions, 'you should try to work things out for yourself. I won't always be here to help you.'

Mrs Kline was astonished. 'I was only trying to ...' But once again Lara had walked away.

(a)	Lara was rude and impatient.	
(b)	Lara just wanted to spend time in the garden.	
(C)	Lara was clever and knew all the answers to	
	the questions.	

2.	Read the sentences from Go Alaska. Tick one box in each row to
	show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.

		Fact	Opinion
(a)	Brown bears, seals, sea lions and various seabirds live on the shore of Glacier Bay.		
(b)	Everyone should visit Alaska at least once.		
(C)	Glacier Bay is a National Park in Alaska.		
(d)	I think Alaska is the best place in the world for a holiday.		

3. Read the extract.

Male and female zebra finches usually measure around 10 centimetres in length, but the female has a smaller skull. The colourings are completely different between male and female finches.

Give one way from the text that male and female zebra finches are the same.

Give one way from the text that male and female zebra finches are different.

4. How is it that Luke understands what Carter is like?

Luke wasn't unpopular, he just liked to be on his own sometimes. Luke paid attention to things other people didn't while he was wandering around by himself. He noticed a skinny, unhealthy boy called Carter who seemed to spend a lot of time in the bathroom. He didn't reappear once the bell rang to go back to lessons. Maybe he was a just bit antisocial, Luke thought to himself. He could understand that.



5. Match the words to their meanings.

- moist
- astonished
- unpopular
- volunteer

- offer to do something
- slightly damp
- very surprised
- not liked by many
- 6. Circle *one word* that tells you that the pyramids were hidden underneath something.

Nina's aunt believed there was an ancient Egyptian pyramid submerged in this part of the sand dunes. Aunt Jess couldn't wait to get an exploration of the site underway.



1 mark



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7. Look at the underlined letters.

Young zebra finches are able to care for themselves by the time they are 18 days old.

Tick the words that have the same sound.

source		round	touch		
countries		trouble		colourful	
double		group		courage	

1 mark

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8. Rearrange the letters to correctly spell the missing word. Write the word in the box below.

Would you be brave enough to sleep in extremely cold at the ice hotel?

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		<i>t</i>	• • • •		r			••••	S		

9. Choose the correct prefixes to complete the table. The first one has been done for you.

	un-	re-	im-	super-	
Prefix		W	ord		New Word
im-		patient			impatient
		expe	ected		
		appear			
		pos	sible		



One prefix has not been used. Write two words using that prefix.

10. The words in bold are not spelt correctly.

George **decieded** that he **prefered** the strawberry and kiwi pavlova.

Write the sentence with the correct spellings.



11. Circle the correct spelling in each	row.
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(a)	gimnastics	jimnastics	gymnastics
(b)	myth	mith	miyth
(C)	misstory	mystery	mistory

12. Look at the words and match each to the correct ending.

instruc			
permi		on	
discu	S	ion	
atten			l mark

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13. Look at these words from *Perfect Pavlovas*. Add either *a* or *an* before each word.

teaspo	on	meringue		
egg		area		
ice cred	am	instruction		1 mark
Bonus Ex	plain the rule	for using a or c	n.	
				l mark

14. To which word class do the words in the tabel belong? Tick one box for each word.

	Noun	Verb	Adjective
squealed			
kitchen			
watched			
enormous			
muttered			

1 mark

15. Draw a line under the *main clause* in each sentence.

(a) Last night, Dad brought some takeaway food home for dinner.

(b) One fine August afternoon, there was a knock at elderly Mrs Kline's door.

16. Which sentence is written in the *present perfect*? Tick one box.

- (a) At least I taste good and don't smell like stale, stinky cabbage water.
 (b) 'I think I've had quite enough of your hamburger already!'
- (c) 'I am the king of the dinners!'

17. Write the text below with the correct punctuation.

many zebra finches still live in flocks in australia indonesia and east timor their preferred habitat is one with a good water source and close to forests

18. Add an apostrophe where it is needed in the sentence.

Ninas aunt believed there was an ancient Egyptian pyramid nearby.















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1. Which subheading best summarises the text from *Nature's Light Show*? Tick one box.

The Northern Lights are glorious streams of green, red, blue and purple lights that appear in the atmosphere high above the North Pole. Sometimes the lights look wavy and sometimes they form arcs or spirals. You can see them on clear, dark nights making quite a scene!



(a)	How are the lights created?	
(b)	What are the Northern Lights?	
(C)	What did people believe about the lights in	
	years gone by?	



2. Explain why the author began *The Salt Shaker Trick* with the sentence '*Mystify audiences with this intriguing magic trick.*'





3. *Crafty Kosta* tells the story of a poor man who tricked people by pretending to have visions.

Kosta told him that it would be his pleasure to help the king. However, he needed time for his visions to come to him. The king offered him a luxurious room at the palace to stay in and Kosta smiled all the way to bed.

Explain why Kosta was smiling all the way to bed.

Sort the sequence of events that occurred in one at <i>Camp Koala</i> into the correct order. Number 1 to	-
After that, our art group made kites from lightweight material such as chiffon.	
I think we're going to fly them tomorrow before breakfast.	CAMP
We had pizza and fruit salad for lunch (the chefs are really good!).	TOALA
We played various team sports in the activity centre this morning.	
Before lunch, we went swimming in the lake.	
Bonus Tick the clock that shows the most likely	time of the art

5. Use the words to complete the chart. Write a word with a *similar* meaning and a word with an *opposite* meaning.

strange	harsh	boring	timid	
ordinary	brave	gentle	interesting	
		Similar Word	Opposite Word	
peculiar				
fascinating				
plucky				
severe] l mark

6 In the story, *The Loon's Necklace*, a blind old man is helped by the loon bird. Underline the sentence that tells you that the old man was shocked.

The loon bird and the old man dived back down into the deep water and when they came back to the surface the old man's vision was restored and he could see once more. The old man was astounded and wept in disbelief.

7. Look at the underlined letters. Circle the odd word out in each row.

(a)	te <u>ch</u> nology	<u>ch</u> air	s <u>ch</u> ool
(b)	lun <u>ch</u> time	<u>ch</u> ef	<u>ch</u> eck

8. Add the suffix -ous and write the new words you have made.

glory	
mystery	
luxury	
vary	



Add the suffix *-ous* to the word fame.

Explain the spelling rule.

9. Rearrange the letters to make the missing *-ure* word.

`Thieves have stolen gold and other t..... from me,' the king explained.

а	е	r	r	S	S	†	е	U
	<i>t</i>	•••••		••••			••••	



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10. The underlined words are not spelt correctly. Write the sentences with the correct spellings.

The old man's <u>vizion</u> was restored.

Put on your <u>magicains</u> outfit and impress everyone with your trick!

11. Circle the correct spelling in each row.

(a)	believe	beleeve	beleive
(b)	thorought	thourght	thought
(C)	diferent	different	diferrent

12. Select the correct word to complete each sentence.

scene	(a) 'I have never you before in my	
seen	life!' declared the mayor.	

great	(b)	My grandna thinks toobhology is
grate		My grandpa thinks technology is

plane	(c) Today we can see so much of the world.	
plain	We can just hop on a	1 mar

13. Read the extract from *Crow Chaos*! Use one set of pronouns to complete the sentences.

(a)	they	our	her	We]	(b)	you	she	her	me	
(C)	she	her	me	1]	(d)	1	she	me	she	
That's v	when .		. notice	ed Mu	m.`He	lp Millie	∋! My r	new ph	ione is	in	
that bag!' yelled at											
horrible black bird, continued, running											
towara	ls it.										1 m

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14. Which sentence includes an expanded noun phrase? Tick one box.

(a)	The musician had a suggestion	
	for the mayor.	
(b)	The mayor had no intention of	
	paying the musician.	
(C)	The musician played his simple	
	wooden pipe with alee	



1 mark

15. Identify the main clause and the subordinate clause in the sentence. Write the correct part of the sentence in the boxes below.

When he was 17 years old, Marco Polo left his home in the Italian city of Venice to become a merchant.

Subordinate clause	
Main clause	1 mark

16. Match the words that belong to the same word family.

music	•	•	natural
enter	•	•	magician
magical	0	•	musician
nature	•	•	entrance

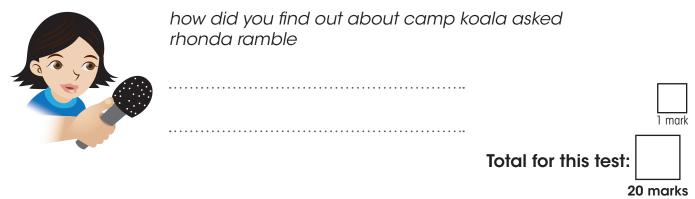
17. Tick the pairs of words that are correctly punctuated to show *singular* possession of a *plural* noun.

(a)	Harvey Lank's	friends.
(b)	Marco Polo's	book.
(C)	The kings'	treasure.
(d)	Tim's	stones.

1	mark

1 mark

18. Add the missing punctuation to the sentence below and write it correctly.





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1. Read the text and answer the questions below.

Ceres is the only dwarf planet not in the Kuiper Belt. It is found in the Asteroid Belt between Mars and Jupiter. Asteroids are solid, rocky objects that orbit the sun. Ceres was first thought to be the largest asteroid in the belt. However, as it can retain its round shape, it was named a dwarf planet. Ceres is smaller than the other dwarf planets and takes four and a half Earth years to orbit the sun.

(a) How long does it take for Ceres to orbit the sun?

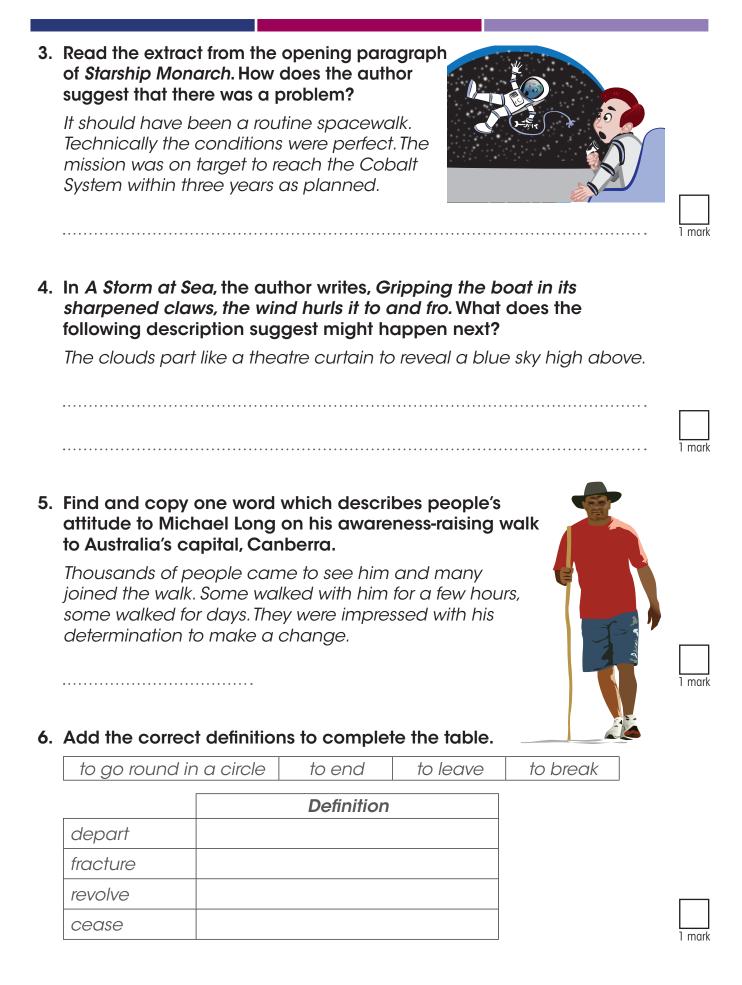
(b) Where are dwarf planets typically located?

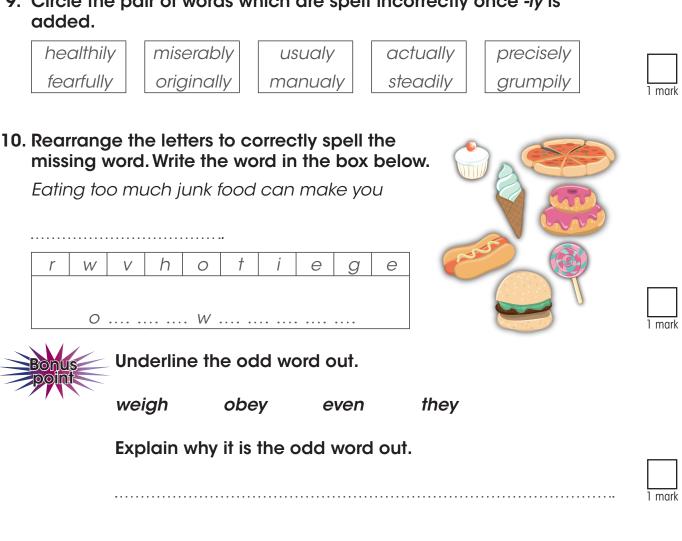
2. Which subheading best summarises the text below? Tick one box.

The bottlenose dolphin eats fish, squid and octopus and can dive over two hundred metres below the sea's surface to catch its prey. A dolphin makes clicking noises with its tongue. The clicking noises form soundwaves that travel through the water. When the soundwaves hit a fish, they bounce back to the dolphin. These echoes tell the dolphin where the fish is and how big it is.

(a) Mammal or Fish?(b) Keeping Safe Beneath the Surface

(c) Hunting





9.	Circle the pair of words which are spelt incorrectly once -ly is
	added.

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8. Match the correct endings.

- tempt
- deci
- direc

sion

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- tion
- ation
- ture



7. There are two spelling errors. Underline the errors and then rewrite the text correctly.

Sleep is as importent to the human body as having ennough food and water.





- 11. The underlined words are misspelt. Rewrite the sentences with the correct spellings.
 (a) Junk food is not going to help me get big <u>muccles</u>.
 - (b) The Indonesian island of Bali is a <u>fasinating</u> place to visit.
- 12. Circle the correct spellings to complete each sentence.
 - (a) Ben had no choice but to accept the pass and get in the game.
 - (b) He took the ball and ran towards the goal.
- 13. Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Identify the grammatical term it describes to complete the table.

fronted adverbial		pronoun	noun phrase	
prep	ositional phrase	main clause	determiner	
			Grammatical Term	
(a)	l realised he was <u>an</u> escaped convict.			
(b)	The man wiped the crumbs from his dirty, tangled beard.			
(C)	Besakih is a group of temples in Bali that are built <u>on the side</u> of a volcano.			
(d)	For a few seconds, there was an ominous silence.			
(e)	To say thank you, <u>Amelie wanted</u> to get Miss Atwood a present.			
(f)	I never met my mother or father. In their place, my sister and her husband have looked after <u>me</u> .			

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14. Which sentence is written in standard English? Tick one box.

(a)	The horse were lying on the ground, covered in a blanket.	
(b)	The horse we're laying on the ground, covered in a blanket.	
(C)	The horse was lying on the ground, covered in a blanket.	

15. Which pronoun can replace the underlined words? Circle one word.

	their	you	they	them
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Leave the goldfish in the bag and lower the goldfish into the tank.



Explain why it would be better to replace the underlined words.

16. Underline the odd word out in each row.

(a)	understand	unaccompanied	unsightly	unattractive	
(b)	rediscover	refresh	reason	reappear	
(C)	misbehaved	behaviour	behave	benefit	
(d)	imagine	impress	unimaginable	imagination	

17. Tick two options which show the correct punctuation of direct speech.

(a)	<i>`Mum! Quick.' Some of the riverbank`s</i>	
	collapsed, yelled Brad.	
(b)	`It's an elderly, grey horse and it can't	
	get out of the water,' gasped Brad.	
(C)	<i>`What's happening, Dad?' asked Brad.</i>	
(d)	The vet replied, `He's old and shaken	
	up,' but he's going to be fine.	





- One sentence needs an apostrophe to show plural possession and one sentence needs an apostrophe to show singular possession. Add the missing apostrophes and rewrite each sentence correctly.
 - (a) A bottlenose dolphins skin is grey.











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1. Read the extract from *The Siamese Cat*. What is main purpose of the text? Tick one box.

The most well-known type of Siamese cats have smooth fur and slim bodies. These are known as show Siamese cats and are often described as having 'wedge-shaped heads'. Traditional Siamese cats have more rounded faces and a bigger body shape. Both breeds have bright blue eyes. Most Siamese cats are born with white fur, but as they get older their brown fur develops.

- (a) To describe the personality of Siamese cats.
- (b) To describe the appearance of Siamese cats.
- (c) To describe the differences between traditional
 - and show Siamese cats.

2. What does the phrase suggest to the reader?

'When we went around the island to where the Tasman Sea meets the Southern Ocean, we hit a weather explosion!'







3. Using information from the text *The Lost City of Stone*, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.

The city of Petra is an archaeological wonder. It can be found in Jordan, a small country in the Middle East. Petra gets its name from a Greek word meaning 'rock'. The people who built Petra thought the area was a perfect place to build a city. It was located in the centre of a popular trade route. Petra once had a population of 30,000 people. Today, Petra is a popular tourist destination.

	Fact	Opinion
Petra is a Greek word meaning `rock'.		
Petra was a perfect place to build a city.		
Petra is a popular tourist destination.		
Petra once had a population of 30,000 people.		

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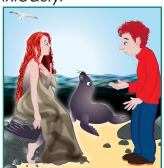
4. In this extract from *The Selkie Myth*, Andy meets a girl sitting on the rocks by the sea.

Curiosity led him towards a girl who was wrapped up in what appeared to be a tattered length of sailcloth. She had tangled red hair and pale skin, like Andy. She was oblivious to Andy's arrival beside her because she was rubbing her ankle anxiously.

'Are you ok?' Andy asked politely.

'I'm fine,' the girl muttered softly. 'I just scraped my flipper on the rocks, that's all.'

Flipper? `Do you mean your foot?' said Andy, wondering if the girl had bumped her head on the rocks too. She turned to give him her full attention and he gasped as their eyes met. Her



eyes were exactly the same shade of grey as his. Flecks of amber that sparkled amongst the grey made their eyes unique.

(a) Why did Andy think the girl had bumped her head?

(b) What does the writer suggest about the relationship between Andy and the girl on the rocks by the phrase, 'Her eyes were exactly the same shade of grey as his'?

(c) Find and copy one word that shows that Andy was surprised when he looked more carefully at the girl's face.



5. Write the correct meaning for each word.

easily frightened	ugly, unpleasant
not moving	cruel, without mercy

ruthless	
immobile	
timid	
hideous	

1 mark

6. Which word could replace the word guarantee in this sentence for the same meaning? Tick one box.

There is no guarantee that you won't be taken by surprise as I was.

(a)	hesitantly	
(b)	doubtfully	
(C)	certainty	

7. Look at the underlined letters. Tick the words that have the same two letters and sound.

Icy fingers of cold were sneaking around my stomach.

technique	character	clutching	school	
chamber	watched	lunchtime	choppy	
chicken	enchanted	archaeological	echo	

1 mark

8. Circle the correct spellings and write the meaning of each prefix.

means 'again' or 'bad'	means 'under'
means 'between' or 'among'	means 'against'

(a)	submerged	subbmerged	(b)	anttisocial	antisocial
	meaning of prefix			meaning	g of prefix

(C)	reappeared	reeappeared	(d)	intternational	international]
	meaning	g of prefix]	meaning	g of prefix	
]			1 mark

9. Circle the correct spelling in each row.

(a)	plageu	playge	plague
(b)	cuontry	country	cuntry
(C)	system	sisstem	sistem



10. Add the suffix *-ation* and write the new words you have made.

(a)	prepare	
(b)	demonstrate	
(C)	educate	
(d)	desperate	
(e)	imagine	

- 11. Underline the word that is not spelt correctly in each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly.
 - (a) A peace of ice had made the young boy's heart hard and cold.

(b) In the center of the palace was a vast, frozen lake.





12. Look at the bold words. Which is spelt correctly? Tick one box.

(a)	Ellen had nearly finished peeling the	
	enormouse pile of potatoes.	
(b)	Ellen had nearly finished peeling the	
	enormousse pile of potatoes.	
(C)	Ellen had nearly finished peeling the	
	enormous pile of potatoes.	





Write the spelling rule to show how to correctly change the noun *fury* into an adjective by adding the suffix *-ous*.



(b)

(a)

(b)

(C)

(d)

(e)

13. These sentences have not been written using standard English. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (a) Hundreds of years ago, Siamese cats was treated as a precious treasure.

How about we make this our secret?

Oola's people looked aggressive and the

villagers growed afraid.

The secret was ours.

fence and onto the bins.

feast, not yours!'

not hers.

14. Which sentences from *Operation Fox* contain a possessive pronoun? Tick all the options.

Ellen shooed away the fox. It was her mother's decision,

As usual, he came into the yard by jumping over the side

The fox tucked into its feast and looked as if to say, 'It's my

15. Rewrite the sentences using the adverbial phrases as fronted	
adverbials. Use capital letters and full stops correctly.	

(a) You should go to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary when you get there.

(b) Tourists pass through a twisting, one-kilometre long passageway to enter the city.



Make sure you have correctly placed a comma in both of your sentences.







1 mark









16. Tick all the sentences that show plural possession.

(a)	All the children's skills were put to the test.	
(b)	Michelle's family believed education was important.	
(C)	Women weren't allowed to compete in the Olympics until 1900.	
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(d) The experts' opinions on sleep sounded interesting.

17. Rewrite the sentence with correct punctuation.

should we take jasper to the vet asked evie





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18. Where should the comma appear in this sentence to indicate the fronted adverbial? Tick one box.

For the first time everyone got a chance to demonstrate what they were good at.

(a)	After 'everyone'.	
(b)	After `time'.	
(C)	After 'chance'.	



Total for this test:	
2	0 marks

