SPaG's a Joke

Key Stage 2

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Instructions

Questions and answers

There are different sorts of questions and it should be obvious how to answer each one.

Each question contains at least one joke. Sometimes the joke is finished after the space for your answer.

Marks

There are 50 questions and each question is worth 1 mark.

You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop.

Work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you get stuck, move onto another question. You can revisit difficult questions later. If you finish before the end, go back and check your work.

You have 45 minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.

Every week I clean the mirrors—it's a job I can see myself doing.

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

Sentence	Question	Statement	Command
What did the envelope say to the stamp			
Stick with me and we'll go places			
Why are fish so clever			
It is because they go around in schools			

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Add three **commas** to the second sentence to show that five signs were taken.

I was shocked when the highway police said that my sister was a thief. But when I opened her bedroom door, all the signs were there: STOP Crossroads Roundabout No Waiting and Slippery Road.

Underline five **prepositions** in the sentences below.

Sarah walked across the playground, threw a lump of cheddar towards Mary and then ducked behind the rubbish bin. Mary, gazing at the cheese, exclaimed, "That's not very mature."

My guest slept like <u>a</u> log and woke up in the fireplace.



Circle the **object** in the first sentence below.

My pet owl Toby lost his voice last night. He didn't give a hoot.

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 Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

 Tick one

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 The lorry was carrying 3 tonnes of onions. Police are advising stranded motorists to

Insert a **subordinating conjunction** to complete the sentence below.

I hate Russian dolls _____ they're so full of themselves.

find a hard shoulder to cry on.

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Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive
A cement mixer and a police van were driving towards Manchester.		
Before the crash, the driver of the cement mixer was checking his mobile phone.		
Police are currently searching the area for twelve hardened criminals.		

I just love our new whiteboards—I find them re-markable.

Tick the meaning of the word **re-markable**.



Complete the sentence below with an **adjective** formed from the noun delight.

I don't quite know why living in Switzerland is so ______ but the flag really is a big plus.

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



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Following the latest bank robbery Chief Inspector Jones said that he was looking for a tall woman dressed in green with one eye. He later stated that if he hadn't found her by Wednesday, he would open his other eye and use that too.

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

As frog's car had been toad away, he had to use the bus to get home.

Beekeepers often have sticky hair because they use honeycombs.

Ever since our dog Bouncer ate the Scrabble tiles, he has been leaving little messages all round the house.

Draw a line to match each **prefix** to a word to make **four** different words. Use each prefix only once. Insert the four completed words in the sentences below to complete the joke.



Last Saturday I had the ______ of watching my football team lose 5-0. The result was

_____as they had already been relegated. _____as I waited _____

to leave the ground, the temperature rose. It must have been because so many fans had stayed away.



A wife phones her husband and advises him to drive sensibly as the local radio had reported that a driver was stupidly driving the wrong way down the motorway. The husband replied, "It's much worse than that; there are hundreds of drivers going the wrong way."

21 Which sentence is the most formal? Tick one Did you know the shark ate the clownfish? Apparently it tasted a little funny. Kindly inform me which vegetable the librarian likes most. She simply adores quiet peas.

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

Sentence	Active	Passive
The grape was trodden on by Joe.		
It let out a little wine.		
The clock was eaten by Amira yesterday.		
She found it very time-consuming.		

Although my shoes have Velcro, Sara refuses to have Velcro on hers as she thinks it is a total rip-off.

24	Insert a colon in t	he correct plac	ce in the sent	tence below
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I was left with two impressions after my visit to the Space Restaurant fabulous food but no atmosphere.

25 Which sentence uses the word round as a noun? Tick one When it was time to cut Alice's cake, Mrs Smith asked her husband to round up the girls. First Mr Smith finished his round of crazy golf. Then he set off round the side of the house to find the girls in the back garden. Finally, passing the round flower bed, he entered the kitchen through the back door. "I've rounded them all up—there's 30" "Are you sure? I only invited 26 of Alice's friends."

"You did ask me to round them **up**."

Circle the **conjunction** in each sentence.

After I explained to the doctor that no one listens to me, he called out, "Next please!"

I was fired from the keyboard factory today as I wasn't putting in enough shifts.

Because I hadn't changed out of my army clothes, I still had a grenade in my pocket.

Things went horribly wrong when the checkout assistant asked for my PIN.

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What is the subject of the first sentence below?

After break, Joseph sat on the floor to complete his long multiplication calculations. He explained that Mrs Jones had told him to do them without tables.

	Tick one
break	
floor	
Joseph	
calculations	

Which verb form completes the sentence?

After the patient _____ that he thought he was a pair of curtains, the doctor told him to pull himself together.

	Tick one
was explaining	
has explained	
had explained	
is explaining	

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

Sentence	Apostrophe for contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Sue's luggage had been lost by the airline.		
She wasn't going to take that lying down so she decided to sue.		
Unfortunately Sue's now lost a different sort of case.		

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Tick one

John the butcher wears size 10 (EU 44.5) shoes.

Yesterday he went (to the market and) bought a new shirt with collar size 16.

Last week he replaced his hat (with a purple striped bobble) hat size XL 60cm.

He is hoping that his wife (will remember his chest size is M) when she buys him a new jumper at Christmas.

From the information above, you should be able to work out what he weighs. Answer in Question 40.

Add two hyphens to the first sentence below.

Last night, the captain of container ship Seabulk, whose cargo consisted of sixty five tonnes of red paint, made a half hearted, unsuccessful attempt to avoid a collision with the ship Seabreeze carrying violet paint.

Both crews are believed to be marooned.

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

Mr Tomkins, whose dog liked to bite its tail, always carried two water bottles when he played golf—in case he got a hole in one.

Which sentence shows that the walls are **most likely** to meet?

One wall said to the other, "I may meet you in the corner."

One wall said to the other, "I will meet you in the corner."

One wall said to the other, "I could meet you in the corner."

One wall said to the other, "I might meet you in the corner."

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37	Insert a semi-colon in the correct place in the sentence below.
	I am good at sleeping I can do it with my eyes closed.
38	Circle the correct verb form in each underlined pair to complete the sentences below.
	Roger and Mariam <u>was / were</u> working in a shoe-recycling factory. They found that the work <u>was / were</u> sole destroying. The number 6 <u>was / were</u> very afraid as 7 ate 9.
39	Circle the two words that are synonyms in the sentences below.
	I was amazed that Sophie had painted her eyebrows so quickly. When I pointed out that they looked a little high to me, she looked surprised.
40	Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined noun is singular or plural .

	Singular	Plural
John's scales are used to weigh meat.		
One <u>customer</u> 's comment read, 'My wife's gone vegetarian—big missed steak.'		
The sign on the <u>children'</u> s section reads, 'Nice to meat you!'		



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adjective only

Rewrite the statement below to make it into a **question**. You may need to add extra words. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

If you look really closely, all mirrors look like eyeballs.

44	Which option c	ompletes the sentence in	the past perfect ?	
	As soon as Blac	k Jack the pirate	_ the age of 80, he exclaimed,	"Aye matey!"
		Tick one		
	had reached			
	has reached			
	was reaching			
	reached			

Complete the sentence below with a verb formed from the adjective thick.

As I had suspected all along, someone has been adding manure to my allotment.

The plot _____.

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

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.

Which one **prefix** can be added to all three words below to make their antonyms? Write the prefix in the box.

partial possible plausible

Complete the sentence below using one of the antonyms you formed.

My mum says nothing is _____ but I do nothing every day.

Mrs Smith strode into the top class at St Mary's Primary School and announced that 8/10 pupils had failed the latest maths test. I was proud that I would be in the other 2%.

From the sentences below, complete the table with one example of each of the three different **noun types**.

I went shopping yesterday with my family and bought a blindfold. Now I am having some regrets as I can't see myself wearing it.

Noun type	Example
concrete	
abstract	
collective	

Circle four different **determiners** in the sentences below.

Every meal my mum would feed me some alphabet soup, claiming that I was very fond of it. The truth is that she was just putting words in my mouth.

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