Language Conventions

Writing

Reading

Literacy Practice Tests are designed to assist with preparation for NAPLAN

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Time available for students to complete: 40 minutes.

Writing
Time available for students to complete: 40 minutes.

Reading
Time available for students to complete: 50 minutes.

Use 2B or HB pencil only.
The following tests have been designed by 3P Learning to prepare students for the National Assessment Program Literacy Test. These tests are to be used for revision purposes only. 3P Learning does not guarantee that the format of these tests are the same as an actual test.
Practice Questions

P1  The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled. Write the correct spelling for the circled word in the box.

I have a pet dogg.

P2  The sentence below has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

We have fun at scool.

P3  Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- luke has a new puppy
- luke has a new puppy.
- Luke has a new puppy
- Luke has a new puppy.

P4  A full stop (.) has been left out of these sentences. Where does it go?

Our class lines up when the bell goes We wait for our teacher.
The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled. Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

1. My dad bought a new **soot** to wear to work.

2. The **builda** is renovating our house.

3. Our teacher **tort** us to sing that song.

4. Water was spouting out of the **founten**.

5. I like eating **rise** with chicken.

6. When you put out the chairs for assembly, make sure there is an **isle** down the middle.

7. I think my mum will **resine** from her job because she does not like it.

8. Be careful, that snake is **venomus**.

9. I have **compleated** my homework.

10. On Anzac Day we remember those who **fort** for our country.

11. There were **crums** on the plate after I ate my toast.
Each sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

12 Tom fell over and hurt his ankel.

13 Your frienship is important to me.

14 Our Federal Goverment meets in Canberra.

15 You should wedje something under the door so it stays open.

16 She cut the apple in harf.

17 The apples were canned in a factery.

18 Those two girls are equaly good at swimming.

19 Please nock before you enter the room.

20 The result was a draw and it was an exiting soccer match.

21 Please lissen carefully to what I say.

22 Be careful not to waist electricity.

23 Sam spilt his drink but he moped it up.

24 I think sumbody has unlocked the door.

25 Would you like a peice of cake?
26 Which word correctly completes the sentence?
She thinks she can do it ______.
- her
- herself
- hers
- itself

27 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?
- mum, luke and amy ran around the oval.
- Mum, Luke and Amy Ran around the Oval.
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28 The text below has some gaps.
Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Weather

Australia has had some ______ weather such as ______, ______ and bushfires.

In an ______ people have ______ to be rescued.
Animal Facts

35 The dolphin looks like a fish it is a mammal.
- because
- but
- so
- since

36 Birds the only animals that have feathers.
- is
- was
- are
- were

37 The penguin is a bird can’t fly.
- who
- that
- whom
- it
38 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The bird [ ] its feathers after it had been in the water.

- shaked
- shaken
- shaking
- shook

39 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

My desk is tidier than yours but Tom’s is [ ] of all.

- tidy
- the tidier
- the tidiest
- tidier

40 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

Our teacher has [ ] to us about picking up our rubbish.

- spoke
- spoken
- spokeed
- speaking

41 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The dinosaur was an [ ] animal.

- huge
- large
- massive
- enormous

42 Shade two bubbles to show where the missing commas should go.

We took our dog who is a black Labrador for a walk in the park.
Which words correctly complete the sentence?
The girl **bounces** the ball is a good netball player.
- bouncing the ball
- was bouncing the ball
- bounced the ball
- bounces the ball

Which sentence has the correct punctuation?
- The great barrier reef is made of coral and it can be seen from outer space.
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Which words correctly complete this sentence?
Zoe often misses the bus but she lives close to our school **fortunately she can walk there**.
- fortunately she can walk there
- so fortunately she can walk there
- because it is fortunate she can walk there
- it is fortunate she can walk there

Which group of words are pronouns (words that take the place of nouns)?
- computer
- happiness
- flower
- classroom
- small
- best
- tiny
- clever
- because
- but
- then
- so
- they
- you
- us
- their
47 Which words correctly complete this sentence?

The man who walks his dog past our house ________.

- who always greets me
- lives in the next street
- was wagging his tail
- and has grey hair

48 Which word correctly completes this sentence?

My friend, ________ is a good soccer player, scored a goal.

- which
- who
- that
- whom

49 Which sentence uses the apostrophe (‘) correctly?

- My dads shoes are tied up with laces’.
- My dads’ shoes are tied up with laces.
- My dads shoes’ are tied up with laces.
- My dad’s shoes are tied up with laces.

50 Which words and punctuation correctly complete this sentence?

Luke said, ‘We are going to the ________ you like to come with us?’

- beach would
- beach. Would
- beach? Would
- beach, would

END OF TEST
Do you agree or disagree?

Start with an introduction outlining your position and point of view.

Present your arguments with reasons.

Finish with a conclusion which strongly repeats what you believe with a summary of the reasons why.

Tips:

Plan your ideas before you begin writing. Start by thinking of three or four arguments and then giving reasons for each argument. Organise your ideas in paragraphs. Check your spelling and punctuation. Remember, you must be convincing!
What is the object of the game?

- To block your space so the other player can’t move their pieces.
- To collect all your partner’s pieces.
- To move all your pieces off the board.
- To move all your pieces into a home base.

What shape is the playing space?

- square
- star
- circle
- hexagon

Which of these moves is against the rules?

- You can jump over your opponent’s pieces.
- You can jump over your own pieces.
- You can move up to two pieces in one turn as long as there is a space to move into.
- You can move your pieces in any direction.

What strategy is suggested to help you win?

- Space your pieces as far apart as you can.
- Move your pieces into home base when your opponent is not looking.
- Find the shortest path.
- Keep your pieces as close together as possible so there is no space for the other player to move into.
5. If you are one of the players, where is your home base?
   - The point of the star to the left of each player.
   - The other player’s starting position.
   - The hexagon in the middle of the board.
   - Where the pieces are placed at the start of the game.

6. How could this game be more challenging?
   - By moving two pieces at the same time.
   - By blocking the other player by keeping two or three pieces together.
   - By playing with two sets of pieces at the same time.
   - By making up a new set of rules.

Read Healthy Breakfast Morning on page 3 of the Reading Magazine and answer questions 7–12.

7. What is one reason for the Healthy Breakfast Morning?
   - To learn about what makes up a healthy breakfast.
   - To feed the parents and caregivers.
   - To prevent the students from running low on fuel.
   - To eat some yummy breakfast.

8. Why is your growing body like a car?
   - Because it takes you places just like a car does.
   - Because cars can run out of fuel.
   - Because food for your body is like fuel for a car.
   - Because sleeping makes you hungry.
9. If I wanted a hard boiled egg, which option would I choose?
   - Toast
   - Brekky smoothie
   - Bagel bonanza
   - Muffin melt

10. If someone was allergic to milk and all types of cheese, which option could they choose?
    - Bagel bonanza
    - They would go hungry.
    - Brekky smoothie
    - Muffin melt

11. Which is the list of ingredients for option 3?
    - low fat milk, dried fruit, honey and sultanas
    - honey, yoghurt, fresh fruit, low fat milk
    - milk, yoghurt, tinned peaches, honey
    - honey, yoghurt, fruit syrup, milk

12. If I wanted to have sultanas and cream cheese which option would I select?
    - 2
    - 3
    - 1
    - 4
Read *How to make a portable worm farm* on page 4 of the *Reading Magazine* and answer questions 13–18.

13 How do earthworms help to create rich and healthy soil?
- They eat old scraps of food.
- As they burrow, they mix sand and soil together.
- As they burrow, they move the air, moisture and nutrients through.
- As they burrow, they keep the soil moist.

14 When worms burrow, what are they doing?
- Making a tunnel as they move.
- Eating the soil.
- Making a series of holes.
- Burying their waste.

15 There 4 main steps for making a worm farm. Put them in the correct order from 1–4.
- Place some peelings in the top and pour in some water.
- Cover with some foil with holes in it and place in a dark place overnight.
- Place the worms in.
- Alternate 3 cm of soil and 1 cm of sand until you have 4 layers of each.
16 Which of these should you NOT put in your worm farm?
   - apple peelings
   - carrot peelings
   - onion scraps
   - broccoli scraps

17 Why do you have to put the worm farm in the dark overnight?
   - Because worms usually live deep in the soil which is dark.
   - Because they need to sleep.
   - So the soil does not dry out.
   - Because worms are blind.

18 Why is a clear soft drink bottle used for this portable worm farm?
   - So it is easy to move the worm farm to the garden.
   - So that there is lots of room for the worms to burrow.
   - So you can see that you have layered the sand and the soil correctly.
   - So you can see how the worms move everything around.

Read Plastic bags should be banned on page 5 of the Reading Magazine and answer questions 19–24.

19 What is the purpose of this text?
   - To inform readers about how sea creatures can be harmed.
   - To persuade readers that plastic bags should be banned.
   - To explain how polluted the ocean is.
   - To encourage readers not to litter.
Which is the best summary of paragraph 2?

- A lot of plastic bags are made all over the world.
- Not many plastic bags are recycled.
- A very large number of plastic bags are produced yet so few are recycled.
- A lot of plastic bags end up as litter.

How are plastic bags dangerous to sea creatures?

- They can suffocate them.
- Sea turtles can get tangled up in them.
- Seals feed them to their offspring.
- Different types of sea creatures choke and die from plastic bags because they confuse them with food.

Which of these problems with plastic bags is not referred to in the text?

- They can suffocate small children.
- They end up as litter.
- If they are burned they pollute the atmosphere.
- They take a very long time to break down.

Which pair of words mean the same?

- disintegrate and durable
- biodegrade and durable
- durable and breakable
- biodegrade and disintegrate
24. Until plastic bags are banned, what do you think that the author would like people to do with plastic bags?
- recycle them
- burn them
- throw them away
- bury them


25. Why was the rabbit furious with the elephant?
- Because the elephant almost crushed him.
- Because the elephant was uprooting trees.
- Because the elephant was munching and crunching too loudly.
- Because the elephant told him he was insignificant.

26. What means the same as insignificant?
- small
- tiny
- unimportant
- hard to see

27. Why did the hippo think he was pulling the rope?
- To show how powerful and strong he was.
- To have a tug of war with the elephant.
- To pull the rabbit out of the mud.
- To pull the cow out of the mud.
### Read *The Water Cycle* on page 8 of the *Reading Magazine* and answer questions 31–35.

**28 What reason did the rabbit give the elephant for not being able to see him?**

- He had given the other end of the rope to the hippo.
- The cow was stuck in the mud.
- He was hiding in the grass.
- The rope is very long.

**29 Why did the elephant think the tug of war was silly?**

- Because the rabbit was small.
- Because he was sure he would win.
- Because he did not know it was really the hippo on the other end.
- Because the rope was so long.

**30 How did the rabbit manage to trick the elephant?**

- He tricked him by hiding in the grass.
- He tricked him by making him think that it was a cow stuck in the mud.
- He tricked him by making the rope from vines so it would break.
- He tricked him by making him think he was on the other end of the rope when really it was the hippo.

**31 What is the difference between evaporation and transpiration?**

- Evaporation is when water rises from oceans and transpiration is when water rises from plants.
- Evaporation is when water rises and transpiration is when water falls.
- There is no difference.
- Evaporation is when water rises from plants and transpiration is when water rises from oceans.
What is condensation?
- When water vapour condenses into droplets.
- When liquid turns to vapour.
- When air cools water vapour.
- When clouds form.

What is precipitation?
- When water falls as rain, hail or snow.
- When clouds get heavy.
- When water rises as vapour.
- When it hails.

Why is it that only a small amount of the earth’s water is fresh water?
- Because the ocean is the largest body of water.
- Because the water goes around the earth in a cycle.
- Because when water falls as precipitation, it mostly falls in the ocean.
- Because it does not rain very often.

Put the steps of the water cycle in the order presented by the text. Write the numbers from 1–4 in the boxes.

1. The water vapour is cooled and forms clouds through the process of condensation.
2. The water runs from land into rivers, lakes and oceans and the cycle continues.
3. Water rises into the atmosphere through transpiration and evaporation.
4. Water falls to the earth as precipitation in the form of rain, hail and snow.