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KS2 SATs English Quiz

Reading, grammar and punctuation, and spelling · 20 questions · about 30 minutes

How to use this quiz

1. Try it on your own, without help. Read the text carefully before answering Part A. Each question is worth 1 mark.

2. Mark yourself using the answer page at the end. Don't peek until you've finished.

3. Send us your score (instructions on the answer page) and we'll tell you what to work on next.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 20

Part A: Reading

The Lighthouse Keeper

Every evening, as the sun sank behind the cliffs, old Mr Pearce climbed the two hundred and twelve steps to the top of the lighthouse. His knees ached and his breath came in short gasps, but he never once complained. Out at sea, fishing boats were heading home, and they depended on his beam to guide them past the jagged rocks.

One stormy night, the great lamp flickered and died. Mr Pearce did not panic. He remembered the spare bulb he kept in a wooden chest, and with trembling fingers he fitted it into place. Moments later, the beam swept across the waves once more, and the boats sailed safely into the harbour.

1. Find and copy one word that shows Mr Pearce found the climb difficult.

Answer: _____

2. Why did the fishing boats need the lighthouse beam?

Answer: _____

3. "Mr Pearce did not panic." What does this tell you about him?

Answer: _____

4. Find and copy a phrase that shows his hands were shaking.

Answer: _____

5. What does the word "jagged" mean in the text?

A Smooth
B Sharp and uneven
C Hidden
D Distant

6. What did Mr Pearce use to fix the lamp?

Answer: _____

Part B: Grammar and punctuation

7. Write the adverb in this sentence: The children walked quietly into the hall.

Answer: _____

8. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

A "Where are you going?" asked Mia.
B "Where are you going" asked Mia?
C "Where are you going?", asked Mia.
D "Where are you going." asked Mia.

9. Add the missing apostrophe to show the bone belongs to one dog: The dogs bone was buried in the garden.

Answer: _____

10. Choose the correct verb: We (was / were) late for school.

Answer: _____

11. Write the conjunction in this sentence: I stayed inside because it was raining.

Answer: _____

12. Rewrite in the past tense: She runs to the park.

Answer: _____

13. Which sentence is a command?

A Close the door.
B Are you ready?
C What a mess!
D The door is open.

14. Add a pair of commas: My brother who is ten loves football.

Answer: _____

Part C: Spelling

15. Circle the correct spelling.

A definately
B definitely
C definitly
D defanitely

16. Circle the correct spelling.

A necessary
B neccessary
C necesary
D neccesary

17. Circle the correct spelling.

A seperate
B separate
C seperat
D sepparate

18. Circle the correct spelling.

A recieve
B receive
C receve
D reseive

19. Circle the correct spelling.

A occasion
B ocassion
C occassion
D occasionn

20. Circle the correct spelling.

A beleive

B believe

C belive

D beleave

Answers and score guide

Mark your quiz with a tick or a cross. Each correct answer is 1 mark.

1	ached (or gasps)	**11**	because
2	To guide them past the rocks	**12**	She ran to the park.
3	He was calm (or sensible)	**13**	A Close the door.
4	trembling fingers	**14**	My brother, who is ten, loves football.
5	B Sharp and uneven	**15**	B definitely
6	The spare bulb	**16**	A necessary
7	quietly	**17**	B separate
8	A	**18**	B receive
9	dog's	**19**	A occasion
10	were	**20**	B believe

What your score suggests

0–7 — **Building foundations**
Start with reading for meaning and the key grammar terms (word classes, tenses, punctuation).

8–13 — **Developing**
A decent base. Practise finding evidence in the text and the trickier punctuation marks.

14–17 — **Secure**
Working confidently. Next: harder inference questions and spelling rules.

18–20 — **Strong**
Very secure. The focus now is accuracy and staying calm under time pressure.

Send us your score

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