

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

SESSION 1

0:45

Time available for students to  
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil **only**



## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

### PRACTICE QUESTIONS

P1

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

Our class really enjoyed the concert.

P1

P2

This sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

The crowd was astounded by the skill  
of the artest.

P2

P3

Which word correctly completes this sentence?

The captain is the best player            the team.

Shade one  
bubble.

in

by

over

under

P4

A comma ( , ) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing  
comma go?

We went hiking canoeing and climbing during the holidays.



P5

Read *Tina* and then answer practice question 5.

**Tina**

(1) Tina was walking through the park when she noticed something on the  
grass. (2) She decided to have a look.

In sentence (2) the word *She* starts with a capital letter because it is

- a name.
- a person.
- easier to read.
- the beginning of a sentence.

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- 1 Only one new **(reckord)** was set at the athletics carnival.  1

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- 2 The holidays are **(severall)** weeks away.  2

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- 3 The store manager reduced prices to attract more **(customors)**.  3

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- 4 The reporter asked the actor for an **(opinuin)** on the movie.  4

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- 5 The family lived in **(tempory)** accommodation while their house was being built.  5

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- 6 The good news was **(cerculated)** to the whole school.  6

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- 7 The tiger snarled **(angrerly)** at its keeper.  7

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- 8 The cane toads were spotted as they **(approched)** the state border.  8

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- 9 Bella chose a **(carear)** in the mining industry.  9

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- 10 The captain relied on the navigation device for **(gidance)** through the reef.  10

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In a democrisy all adults should have the right to vote.

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Being able to speak a forein language is very useful.

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Julia listened to a news bulliten.

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The defendant declared her innosense when the trial began.

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The fisherman exagerrated the number of fish he had caught.

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Each sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

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Humidity is a measure of moysture in the atmosphere.

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Frequent storms and heavy rain are forecarst for the next fortnight.

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High temperatures tipically occur during the summer months.

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The students were randomly alocated to discussion groups to consider some topical issues.

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Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

- 20** The raucous diners and loud music made the seafood restaurant the noisyyest one in the area.  20
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- 21** Some people passionately believe that herbs have medisinal properties.  21
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- 22** Apprentises are required to regularly attend training sessions.  22
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- 23** The new enterprise was profitable despite fluctuations in the economy.  23
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- 24** The benifet of exercise is acknowledged by most health professionals.  24
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- 25** The journalist submitted his article to a prestigious magizine for publication.  25
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- 26** Funding for a new laboratry at the university was donated by a benevolent citizen.  26
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- 27** Participation in all scheduled rehersals is compulsory.  27
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- 28** The entrepreneur worked ambituosly to further his business.  28
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- 29** Teachers recommend working consistantly on assignments rather than leaving them until the last minute.  29
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- 30** Too many advertisements can interuppt a televised sports broadcast.  30

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Which sentence is correct?

- It took a long time for the speaker to go to the point.
- It took a long time for the speaker to reach to the point.
- It took a long time for the speaker to get to the point.
- It took a long time for the speaker to complete to the point.

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Which word is **not** needed in this sentence?

The water has penetrated through the outer layer.

- penetrated
- through
- outer
- layer

33

Which of these has correct use of capital letters?

- "I live in the suburb of kensington," the boy said. "where do you live?"
- "I live in the suburb of Kensington," the boy said. "Where do you live?"
- "I live in the suburb of kensington," the boy said. "Where do you live?"
- "I live in the suburb of Kensington," the boy said. "where do you live?"

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Which word or words correctly complete this sentence?

If I            the final, it would have been my best performance.

- win
- won
- had won
- would win

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Lee's mother told her to tidy her room.
- Lee's mother "told her to" tidy her room.
- Lee's mother told "her to tidy her room."
- Lee's "mother told her to tidy" her room.

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Which word correctly completes this sentence?

Australia is drought affected; [REDACTED], we must conserve water.

- besides
- however
- therefore
- otherwise

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Which word or words correctly complete this sentence?

On Friday Vanessa [REDACTED] been travelling for a month.

- has
- would
- had have
- will have

38

Which sentence has correct use of *italics*?

- The film *10 Things I Hate About You* is based on Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.
- The film 10 Things I Hate About You is based on Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.
- The film *10 Things I Hate About You* is based on Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew.
- The film 10 Things I Hate About You is based on *Shakespeare's* The Taming of the Shrew.

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Which words correctly complete this sentence?

Despite [ ] heavy rains that fell across [ ] enormous area of the countryside, it is too early to say if [ ] drought has been broken.

- the    an    a
- the    an    the
- an    the    an
- a    an    the

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Which word or words correctly complete this sentence?

That is the bike I [ ] bought if I'd kept saving.

would have

would of

having

have

41

Which word correctly completes this sentence?

The students must be on the bus ten minutes prior [ ] departure.

of

to

before

towards

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What does the prefix *il* in the word *illegible* mean?

- not
- out
- with
- against



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An apostrophe ( ' ) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing apostrophe go?

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Both my parents passports show that they have been to many overseas countries.

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Which words correctly complete this sentence?

Sandra was the            of the three sisters.

- less friendly
- least friendly
- more friendly
- most friendliest

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Brackets ( ) are needed in this sentence. Which part of the sentence needs brackets?

An estimated 37% of children one million did not participate in any organised sport outside school hours in 2009.

- 37%
- of children
- one million
- school hours

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Which sentence tells the reader who performed the action?

- The State Governor officially opened the building.
- The new hall was built at the front of the school property.
- The building was designed to be environmentally friendly.
- The construction site was fenced off to ensure student safety.

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Read *Coffee houses of London* and then answer questions 47 to 49.

### Coffee houses of London

(1) One of the most interesting features of eighteenth-century London was the coffee house. (2) These coffee houses were really clubs for men only, where they could drink coffee and talk. (3) They could also read, write and paint to amuse themselves. (4) The alehouse keepers (hotel owners in today's terms) disliked them because they found they were losing money to them. (5) It is said that because of these places of amusement, English novelists and poets flourished. (6) Consequently, the role of the coffee houses in English literary history cannot be ignored.

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In sentence (3) the word *themselves* refers to

- the coffee houses.
- the men who visited.
- the alehouse keepers.
- the activities available.

Shade one bubble.



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The information presented in brackets ( ) in sentence (4) is provided to

- contrast the alehouses with the coffee houses.
- explain the unfamiliar term *alehouse keepers*.
- highlight that the alehouse keepers were men.
- describe the type of people who worked in alehouses.

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In sentence (5) the writer uses the words *places of amusement* to

- introduce a new idea.
- refer back to the alehouses.
- conclude the passage with humour.
- emphasise the activities of the coffee houses.

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Which sentence is correct?

- The teacher drew our attention to the diagram.
- The teacher fetched our attention to the diagram.
- The teacher focused our attention to the diagram.
- The teacher gathered our attention to the diagram.

51

How does the suffix *er* change the word *paint* in this sentence?

Rachel loves to paint and wants to become a famous painter.

It changes

- a verb into a noun.
- a verb into an adverb.
- an adverb into a noun.
- an adjective into an adverb.

52

Which sentence is correct?

- The club, Felipe was the president of it, voted to train on Wednesdays.
- The club, of whom Felipe was the president, voted to train on Wednesdays.
- The club, of which Felipe was the president, voted to train on Wednesdays.
- The club, voted to train on Wednesdays, of which Felipe was the president.

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Which sentence has correct use of capital letters?

- Barack obama won the nobel peace prize for strengthening international diplomacy.
- Barack Obama won the nobel peace prize for strengthening International Diplomacy.
- Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for strengthening international diplomacy.
- Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for strengthening International Diplomacy.

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Which type of word is *concerned* in this sentence?

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The woman had a concerned expression on her face.

verb

noun

adverb

adjective

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Which sentence is correct?

- The organisers said that an archery is the most popular event at the camp.
- The teacher asked the student to submit a assignment at the end of the term.
- The delegation from a Chinese company visited the mine in a remote locality.
- The monument is in a park in the Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly ?

- Mrs Brown is eighty years old and still wears high heeled-shoes.
- Mrs Brown is eighty years old and still wears high heeled shoes.
- Mrs Brown is eighty-years-old and still wears high-heeled shoes.
- Mrs Brown is eighty years old and still wears high-heeled shoes.

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Which word correctly completes this sentence?

           profits are affected by many factors.

- Companys
- Companies
- Companie's
- Companies'

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