SATs Survival Year 2 Parents'

Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary Practice and Revision Activity Booklet



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1 Information and Guidance for Parents

This booklet is intended to help you to support your child as they learn, practice and consolidate the rules for grammar, punctuation and vocabulary that they have learnt so far. Grammar and punctuation is a relatively new area to be tested at the end of Key Stage 1. This booklet is based on the content domains tested in the 2016 KS1 SAT assessments for grammar, punctuation and vocabulary. It is not statutory for schools to test Year 2 pupils on their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills this year. However, many schools are still choosing to do so to help to inform their teacher assessment of writing.

How to Use This Booklet

It is entirely up to you how you use this booklet but we would not suggest that you sit down and work through it in its entirety in one sitting with your child. There will almost certainly be rules and patterns that your child already knows very well and others where they need a little more practice. You could ask your child's class teacher which areas they suggest you focus on. You could also ask your child to do the initial quiz on page 4, which will give you an idea of the areas they may need further support with.

Supporting Your Child's Learning and Wellbeing

Many children can become anxious about the prospect of taking assessment tests in school. Try to keep these activities fun and in short bursts when you feel your child is receptive, i.e. not when they are tired after a long day at school. Celebrate progress rather than scores – if your child scores full marks in a quiz, that's great, but remember to praise their perseverance and determination as these are essential skills for success.

At the end of this pack, there are also some ideas of how to reward your child for effort, concentration and progress.

You can find extra support for spelling in the Y2 Parents' Spelling Practice and Revision Activity Booklet.





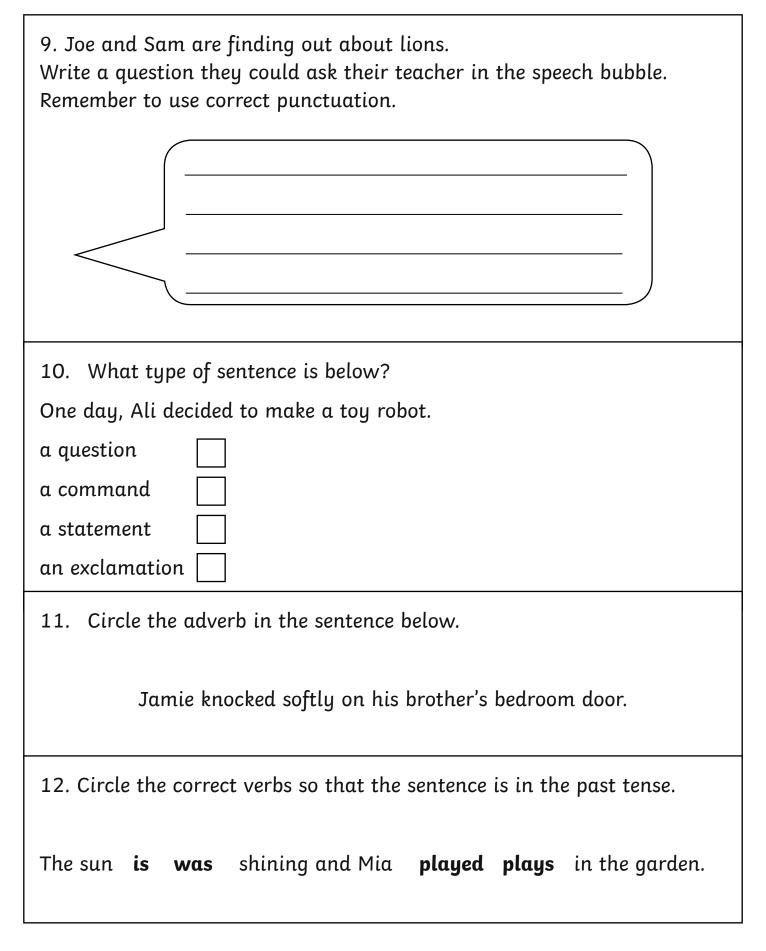
2 Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary Initial Quiz

1. Tick the correct word to complete this sentence.		
Tomorrow, we could go for a walk we could play games indoors. when or if because		
2. Tick the correct word to complete this sentence.		
we go to the park, you can play a game. And So But If		
3. Which sentence is a command ?		
Pack away your paints now.You should be proud of your work.Will you show me your painting?That's your best work yet!		



4. Add a suffix to the word 'fall' to complete this sentence.		
The autumn leaves are <u>fall</u> to the ground.		
5. Add a suffix to the word 'fast' to complete this sentence.		
The hare knew that he could run fast than the tortoise.		
6. What type of word is underlined in the sentence below.		
Gran thought the flowers were <u>pretty</u> .		
noun		
verb		
adjective		
adverb		
7. Why do the underlined words start with a capital letter?		
On <u>Saturday</u> morning, <u>Sarah</u> and her family went on holiday to <u>Scotland</u> .		
8. Circle the two nouns in the sentence below.		
You have left your pencil on the bench over there.		







13. Circle the **two verbs** in the sentence below.

I ran up the stairs and opened the door.

14. Which sentence uses an **apostrophe** correctly?

Lucy's bag is green and has lots of pockets.

Lucys' bag is green and has lots of pockets.

Lucys bag is green and has lot's of pockets.

Lucys bag is green and has lots of pocket's.

15. Add **one comma** to the sentence below in the correct place.

The museum shop sells mugs posters and badges.

16. Circle the **full stops** that are in the wrong places. One has been done for you.

My classroom is quite. big. There are some colourful paintings. on the walls. My best friend. Ahmed painted one of them.

17. Write the words **did not** as one word using an **apostrophe**.

I ______ think my sandcastle would win a prize.





18. Which punctuation mark completes the sentence below?

What a wonderful present you gave me

full stop

exclamation mark

question mark

comma

19. Tick to show whether each sentence is written in the past tense or the present tense.

Sentence	Past tense	Present tense
Aziz gave out the paint pots.		
Aziz spills water on the table.		
Aziz needed some glue.		





3 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Initial Quiz – Answers

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On <u>Saturday</u> morning, <u>Sarah</u> and her family went on holiday to <u>Scotland</u> .	
Pupils need to indicate that these are all 'proper' nouns' and so need a capital letter. Proper nouns include any kind of name – people, places, brand names, etc, as well as they days of the week and months of the year. If you need support with this, go to page 22.	
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If you need support with this, go to pages 20-21.	



9. Joe and Sam are finding out about lions.

Write a question they could ask their teacher in the speech bubble. Remember to use correct punctuation.

> Any question is acceptable here as long as it is related to lions – for example, 'Where do they live?' or 'What do they eat?' It is important that children remember to start the question with a capital letter and finish it with a question mark.

> > If you need support with this, go to pages 15-18.

10. What type of sentence is below?

One day, Ali decided to make a toy robot.

- a question
- a command
- a statement

an exclamation

If you need support with this, go to pages 20-21.

11. Circle the **adverb** in the sentence below.

Jamie knocked (softly) on his brother's bedroom door.

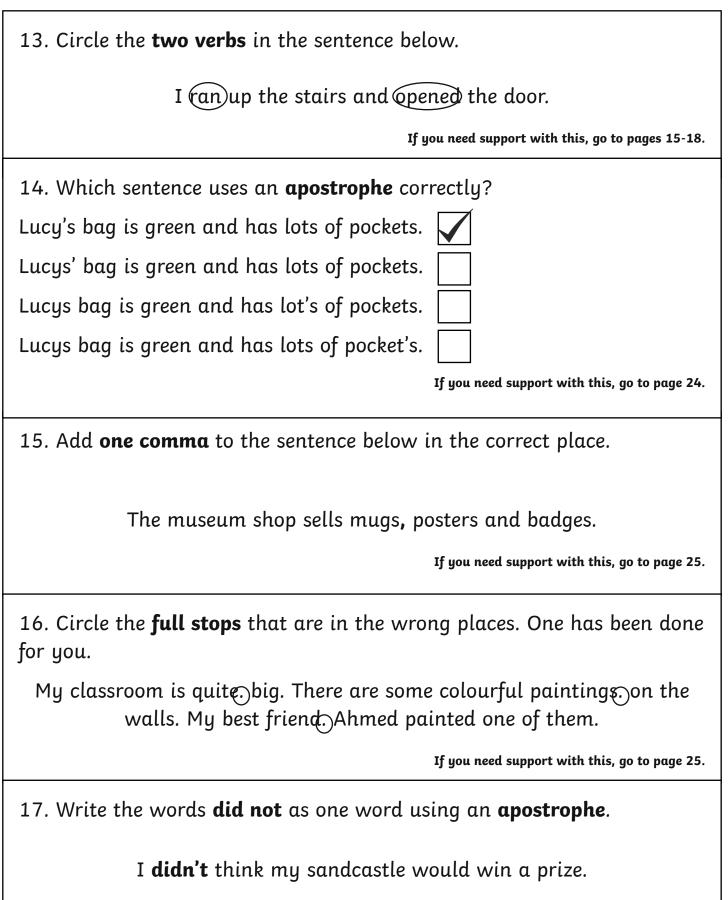
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12. Circle the correct verbs so that the sentence is in the past tense.









If you need support with this, go to pages 27-28.



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question mark
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19. Tick to show whether each sentence is written in the past tense or the present tense.

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Aziz gave out the paint pots.	\checkmark	
Aziz spills water on the table.		\checkmark
Aziz needed some glue.	\checkmark	

If you need support with this, go to pages 23.



Conjunctions

What you need to know: Conjunctions are joining words that join different parts of sentences. A **co-ordinating conjunction** joins two sentences of equal weight or importance. Children often learn the term '**FANBOYS**' to remember their co-ordinating conjunctions:

for and nor but or yet so

I had an apple **and** James had a banana.

You can go to the park **or** you can go swimming.

A **subordinating conjunction** introduces a **subordinate clause** – a part of the sentence that does not make sense on its own. Examples of subordinating conjunctions are:

when because if that

We couldn't go for a walk **because** it was raining.

I cooked the pasta **when** I got hungry.

Finish these sentences that all contain conjunctions:		
I like chocolate ice cream but		
Mum gave me a cuddle because		
Mo brushed his teeth when		
Pick the best conjunction to complete these sentences:		
I am going shopping	I am getting my hair cut.	
Dad felt ill he went back to bed.		
Make sure you come inside	you get cold.	







What you need to know: In Year 2, children need to know about the four main sentence types: statements, questions, commands and exclamations, and also how to punctuate them.

A **statement** is a sentence that tells you something. It begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop.

Lions are carnivores.

A **question** is a sentence that asks something. It begins with a capital letter and ends with a question mark.

Where do lions live?

A **command** is a sentence that tells you to do something. It begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop.

Read that book about lions.

An **exclamation** is a sentence that begins with 'what' or 'how', contains a verb, begins with a capital letter and ends with an exclamation mark.

How beautiful that lion is!

What a fierce lion he is!

It is worth noting that sometimes exclamation marks can be used to express anger, surprise or annoyance, but this does not necessarily make them exclamation sentences:

Punctuate these sentences correctly and say what type of sentence they are:

Can we go swimming tomorrow, please _____

I have lots of homework to do this weekend _____

How sunny it is today _____

Don't drop litter on the floor ____





Which of these sentences is a **question**? (Tick one)

Joe likes to ride his bike.

Where has Joe put his bike?

Don't forget your cycle helmet.

What a shiny new bike Joe has!

Which of these sentences is a **command**? (Tick one)

Brush your teeth.

How minty this toothpaste is!

Why do we brush our teeth?

Your toothbrush is in the bathroom.

Which is these sentences is an **exclamation**? (Tick one) Tidy your bedroom now! I am cross because your toys are all over the floor! How messy your bedroom is!

How long will it take to tidy this room?

Which is these sentences is a **statement**? (Tick one)

What would you like for dinner?

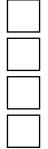
My favourite dinner is pasta.

What a delicious dinner I have had!

Eat all your dinner up.

Challenge: Can you label all the different sentence types on this page?

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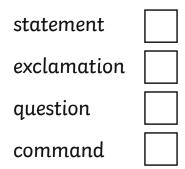
What type of sentence is this?

Grandad made us a cup of tea.

statement	
exclamation	
question	
command	

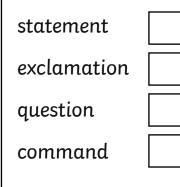
What type of sentence is this?

What time is it?



What type of sentence is this?

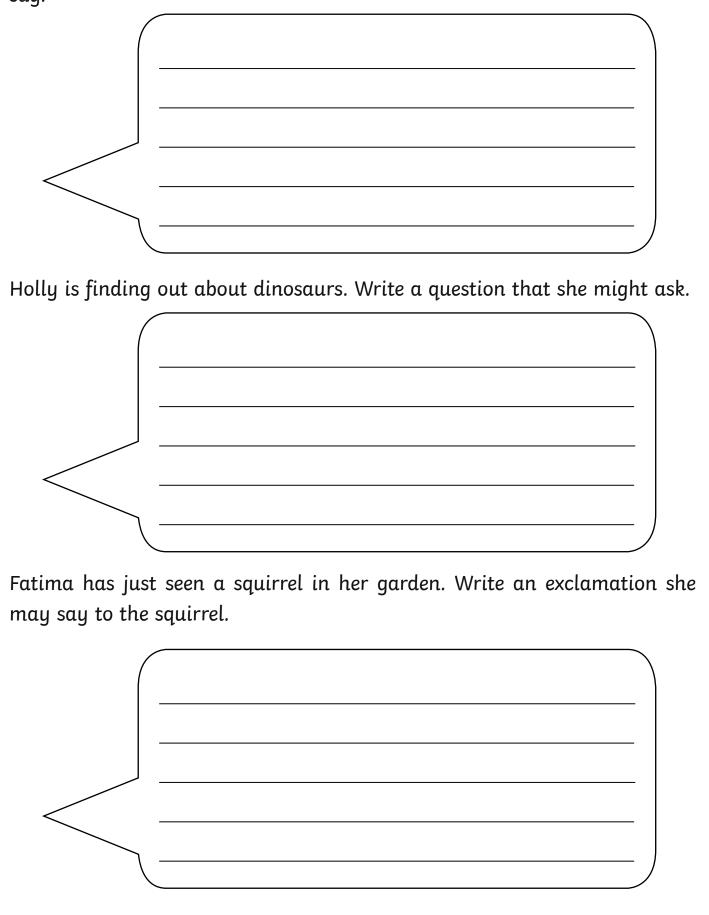
What a sunny day it is!







Dad is helping Lily to get ready for school. Write a command that he might say.







What you need to know: Suffixes are letter strings that are added on to the end of a word (called the 'root' word) to change its meaning or grammatical function. Common suffixes learnt in Year 2 are:

-s and -es, which change nouns from singular to plural (cat – cats, fox – foxes) and verbs from first person to third person (I sit - he sits, I watch – he watches)

-ing and -ed which change verbs to progressive tense and past tense

(I walk – I am/was walking – I walked)

-er and -est which change adjectives in order to compare two or more nouns (I am tall – you are taller – he is the tallest)

There are certain rules about how some root words change when suffixes are added. For more detail on this, look at the SATs Survival Spelling Practice and Revision Activity Booklet.

Add suffixes to these root words so that the sentences are complete.

"Are you listen____?" asked the teacher.

Yesterday, I talk_____ to my grandma on the phone.

Dad put three box_____ of cereal in the trolley.

The elephant is the big_____ land mammal.

I took a small_____ piece of cake than my brother.







What you need to know: In Year 2, children learn about the four main word types:

nouns – people, places, things and feelings: bird, school, pencil, sadness

This includes '**proper nouns**' - the names of people and places, days and months, which need a capital letter: Joanna, London, Tuesday

verbs – action/doing words: run, shout, cry, have, is/was/were

adjectives – describe a noun: happy, lazy, pink, horrible

adverbs – describe a verb: nicely, slowly, carefully, sadly

Underline the **nouns** in these sentences:

Emily ran to school carrying her new bag.

Polar bears have thick, white fur.

Caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies.

Underline the **verbs** in these sentences:

I sang a new song at school today.

We built a snowman with a carrot nose.

I want a chocolate cake for my birthday.





Underline the **adjectives** in these sentences:

My new dress is pink and spotty.

Parrots have a sharp beak and bright feathers.

The Big Bad Wolf wanted to eat Little Red Riding Hood.

Underline the **adverbs** in these sentences:

John ran happily into school.

The man trudged sadly down the street.

The audience clapped loudly after the show.

What type of word is underlined in these sentences?

Ali <u>carefully</u> checked his work.

noun	verb adjective adverb	
Jacob <u>loved</u> his new j	football kit.	
noun	verb adjective adverb	
Tom felt <u>nervous</u> abo	out playing in the match.	
noun	verb adjective adverb	
Will you come to my	y house after school on <u>Friday</u> ?	
noun	verb adjective adverb	







What you need to know: There are two main reasons why we use capital letters. The first is to show the start of a sentence. A word which follows a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark should always have a capital letter:

Today is my birthday. It is a sunny day.

Why are you running? Please walk in school.

What a super piece of work this is! Well done.

The second main reason we use capital letters is to show a proper noun – names of people, places, days, months, brand names and so on:

Lily is going on a school trip to London on Friday, April 3rd. She will visit the Natural History Museum and Trafalgar Square.

In addition to these two rules, we also use a capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I':

'I am doing my homework this morning.'

Put the missing capital letters in these sentences.

sarah goes swimming every thursday with her friend katie.

in august, we are going on holiday to spain.

big ben is a famous landmark. it is in london.

my teacher is called mrs jones. she makes me laugh.





9 Past and Present Tense

What you need to know: In Year 2, children are expected to be able to differentiate between present tense (happening now) and past tense (happened in the past) and to use tense consistently in their writing. The **progressive tense** is created by adding –ing, and can be present progressive (I am talking) or past progressive (I was talking). Most verbs change to the **past tense** by the simple addition of the suffix –ed. However, children are also expected to know that some verbs are irregular when changing to the past tense – for example, run/ran, see/saw, go/went.

Circle the correct verbs to make these sentences past tense.

Today, my dad **talks talked** to the teacher after school.

Yesterday, I **colour coloured** a picture and I **listen listened** to music.

This morning, I **do did** my homework then I **go went** swimming.

I **am was** walking to school and I **see saw** my friend with her mum.

Rewrite these sentences so they are in the past tense.

I run onto the playground and kick a football.

I have chicken for tea then I play outside with my sister.



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What you need to know: In Year 2, children are taught to use apostrophes to show singular possession (i.e. one person owning something). For example:

My **dog's** lead is red.

Lucy's hair is long and brown.

I held **Dad's** hand when we crossed the road.

The apostrophe sits between the noun that is 'possessing' and the letter 's'. Children need to remember that the apostrophe 'floats' above the word rather than sitting on the line.

Children in Year 2 are also taught to use an apostrophe to show missing letters in the contracted form of words such as **such as can't, hasn't and I'm**.

(see p.27-28)

Rewrite these phrases using a possessive apostrophe.		
The mane of the lion.	The lion's mane.	
The glove of my mum.		
The lunchbox of my brother.		
The crown of the queen.		
The birthday cake of Jimmy.		

Put apostrophes in the correct place in these sentences.

I put water in the dogs bowl.

Todays homework is to learn my spellings.

Paris is Frances capital city.







What you need to know: In Year 2, children are taught to use commas to separate items in a list. The rule is that commas go between each of the items in the list apart from the final two items, which are instead separated by the word 'and'.

For example:

I went to the shop and I bought bread, milk, eggs **and** juice.

Put commas in the right place in these sentences:

I am going to invite William Mia Tom and Molly to my party

These monkeys eat fruit nuts seeds and small insects.

I need to take my bag book and water bottle to school.

Here is a shopping list. Write out the items on the list as a sentence:



When we go shopping, we need _____





What you need to know: One of the trickiest thigs for children to learn in Year 2 is how to demarcate sentences. Children usually know that they need a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark at the end of a sentence, but they often forget to use them in their writing and then find it difficult to go back and add them in. The basic rule for a sentence is that it has to be a unit of meaning in itself, and must contain a verb and a subject (usually a noun or pronoun). So...

'The lion' is not a sentence but if we add a verb, it becomes a sentence (the 'lion' is the subject):

The lion roared.

The best way for children to decide where full stops should go is for them to read a piece of writing a couple of times and decide where they would pause if they were reading aloud. They need to check that the sections of text they are turning into sentences make sense when they are read on their own.

It is also worth reminding your child that the end of the line does not necessarily mean the end of a sentence!

Circle the full stops that are in the wrong place in these pieces of text.

Little Red Riding Hood walked. along the path to Grandma's house. She carried a basket. of treats and hummed softly to herself as she walked.

The Three Little Pigs built their. houses of straw, sticks and bricks. The Big Bad Wolf tried to blow their houses. down.

Put four full stops in the correct place in this piece of text. Don't forget to add in any capital letters that you may need.

The Fairy Godmother turned a pumpkin into a coach she turned four white mice into horses and made a beautiful dress for Cinderella she waved her magic wand Cinderella went off to the ball



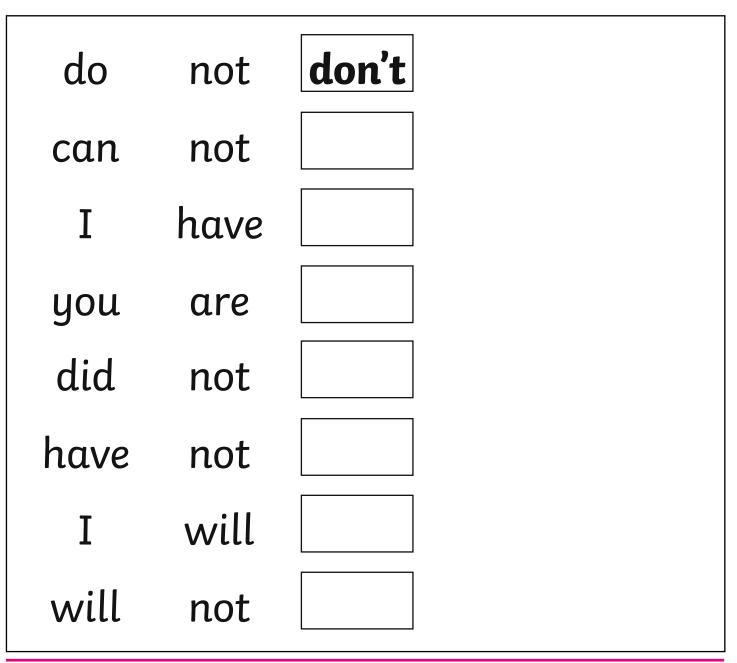


13 Contracted Forms of Words

What you need to know: In Year 2, children are expected to start using the contracted forms of words in their writing, and to spell these forms correctly, including the use of apostrophes. The basic rule is that the apostrophe replaces any missing letter(s) and the two words are combined together to make one word:

did not – didn't, could not –couldn't, I am – I'm

There are, as ever, some exceptions to this, e.g.



will not – won't



Write the contracted form of each word in these sentences. Remember to use an apostrophe.		
After dinner going to watch a film. (I am)		
He tried to climb over the fence but he(could not)	_ do it.	
My brother want to go to bed. (did not)		
If you want to go outside, have to pu (you will)	it your coat on.	
If Dad doesn't hurry up, going to be (he is)	late.	
Before lunch, going to do our spelling test. (we are)		
Leave your umbrella at home as it goin (is not)	ıg to rain today.	



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Conjunctions

Example answers:

I like chocolate ice cream but I don't like vanilla. Mum gave me a cuddle because I had hurt myself. Mo brushed his teeth after he ate the bag of sweets.

I am going shopping and I am getting my hair cut. Dad felt ill so he went back to bed. Make sure you come in if you get cold. (Other conjunction words could be used).

Sentence Types (1)

Can we go swimming tomorrow, please? I have lots of homework to do this weekend. How sunny it is today! Don't drop litter on the floor.





Sentence Types (2)

Which of these sentences is a question ?	
Joe likes to ride his bike.	statement
<u>Where has Joe put his bike?</u>	question
Don't forget your cycle helmet.	command
What a shiny new bike Joe has!	exclamation

Which of these sentences is a command ?	
<u>Brush your teeth.</u>	command
How minty this toothpaste is!	exclamation
Why do we brush our teeth?	question
Your toothbrush is in the bathroom.	statement

Which is these sentences is an exclamation ?		
Tidy your bedroom now!	command	
I am cross because your toys are all over the floor!	statement	
<u>How messy your bedroom is!</u>	exclamation	
How long will it take to tidy this room?	question	

Which is these sentences is a statement ?	
What would you like for dinner?	question
<u>My favourite dinner is pasta.</u>	statement
What a delicious dinner I have had!	exclamation
Eat all your dinner up.	command

Challenge: As shown next to each sentence.





Sentence Types (3)

Grandad made us a cup of tea.

statement exclamation question command

What time is it?

statement	
exclamation	
question	
command	

What a sunny day it is!

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exclamation	
question	
command	





Dad is helping Lily to get ready for school. Write a command that he might say.

Accept any command that contains an imperative (bossy) verb e.g.

Put your shoes on.

Holly is finding out about dinosaurs. Write a question that she might ask.

Accept any question with a question mark, e.g. What did dinosaurs look like?

Fatima has just seen a squirrel in her garden. Write an exclamation she may say to the squirrel.

Accept any exclamation that begins in 'what' or 'how', has a verb and an exclamation mark, e.g. What a beautiful animal it is!





Suffixes

"Are you listen**ing**?" asked the teacher.

Yesterday, I talk<u>ed</u> to my grandma on the phone.

Dad put three box<u>es</u> of cereal in the trolley.

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I took a small<u>er</u> piece of cake than my brother.

Types of Words

Underline the **nouns** in these sentences:

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Polar bears have thick, white **fur**.

<u>Caterpillars</u> turn into beautiful **<u>butterflies</u>**.

Underline the **verbs** in these sentences:

I **sang** a new song at school today.

We **<u>built</u>** a snowman with a carrot nose.

I **want** a chocolate cake for my birthday.





Underline the **adjectives** in these sentences:

My new dress is **<u>pink</u>** and **<u>spotty</u>**.

Parrots have a **<u>sharp</u>** beak and **<u>bright</u>** feathers.

The **<u>Big</u> <u>Bad</u>** Wolf wanted to eat <u>**Little**</u> <u>**Red**</u> Riding Hood.

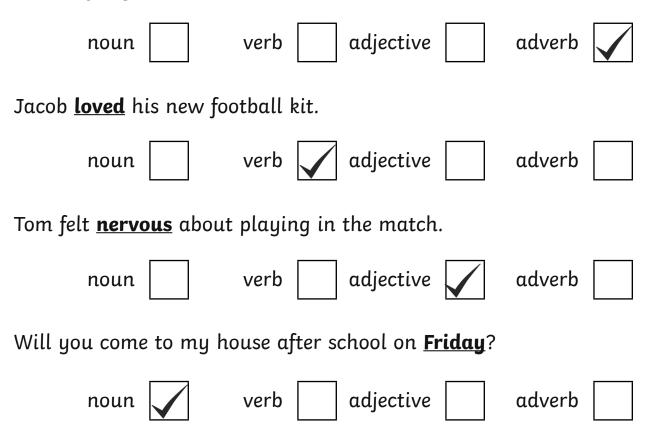
Underline the **adverbs** in these sentences:

John ran **happily** into school.

The man trudged **<u>sadly</u>** down the street.

The audience clapped **loudly** after the show.

Ali **<u>carefully</u>** checked his work.







Capital Letters

Sarah goes swimming every Thursday with her friend Katie.
In August, we are going on holiday to Spain.
Big Ben is a famous landmark. It is in London.
My teacher is called Mrs Jones. She makes me laugh.

Past and Present Tense

Today, my dad (talked) to the teacher after school.

Yesterday, I (coloured) a picture and I (listened) to music.

This morning, I (did) my homework then I (went) swimming.

I (was) walking to school and I (saw) my friend with her mum.

Rewrite these sentences so they are in the past tense.

I run onto the playground and kick a football.

I <u>ran</u> onto the playground and <u>kicked</u> a football.

I have chicken for tea then I play outside with my sister.

I <u>had</u> chicken for tea then I <u>played</u> outside with my sister.





Using an Apostrophe

The mane of the lion.	The lion's mane.
The glove of my mum.	My mum's glove.
The lunchbox of my brother.	My brother's lunchbox.
The crown of the queen.	The queen's crown.
The birthday cake of Jimmy.	Jimmy's birthday cake.

I put water in the dog's bowl.

Today's homework is to learn your spellings.

Paris is France's capital city.

Commas in a List

I am going to invite William, Mia, Tom and Molly to my party.

These monkeys eat fruit, nuts, seeds and small insects.

I need to take my bag, book and water bottle to school.

Example answer: When we go shopping, we need milk, apples, soap, flour and carrots.





Making Sentences

Circle the full stops that are in the wrong place in these pieces of text.

Little Red Riding Hood walked along the path to Grandma's house. She carried a basket of treats and hummed softly to herself as she walked.

The Three Little Pigs built their houses of straw, sticks and bricks. The Big Bad Wolf tried to blow their houses down.

Put four full stops in the correct place in this piece of text. Don't forget to add in any capital letters that you may need.

The Fairy Godmother turned a pumpkin into a coach. She turned four white mice into horses and made a beautiful dress for Cinderella. She waved her magic wand. Cinderella went off to the ball.





Contracted Forms of Words (1)

do	not	don't
can	not	can't
Ι	have	I've
you	are	you're
did	not	didn't
have	not	haven't
Ι	will	I'll
will	not	won't





Contracted Forms of Words (2)

After dinner, **I'm** going to watch a film.

He tried to climb over the fence but he **couldn't** do it.

My brother **didn't** want to go to bed.

If you want to go outside, **you'll** have to put your coat on.

If Dad doesn't hurry up, **he's** going to be late.

Before lunch, **we're** going to do our spelling test.

Leave your umbrella at home as it **isn't** going to rain today.







When completing this booklet, it is vitally important to reward and celebrate your child's **effort** and **perseverance** rather than only celebrating achievements. By rewarding effort (even if they don't master what they are revising), you will be helping your child to develop the right **mindset**, which will give your child the motivation they need to keep going within their revision and assessment tests.

When praising your child, try to use the following terminology, to help develop a growth mindset:

'Well done, you tried really hard to achieve that.'

'I was very impressed! Even though you found it tricky, you didn't give up.'

'You may not have mastered it yet, but I'm thrilled with the effort you put in and I know you will master it soon.'

During the SATs period, discuss with your child the rewards that they would like to receive for all their hard work, determination and effort.

Reward ideas could include:

- A new magazine or book;
- A trip to the park;
- An invite to play football (or other sport) with a parent;
- A family bike ride;
- A treat at a local café;
- A length of computer or tablet time;
- A trip to a favourite place;
- A family film night;
- Or any other treat that your child would enjoy!

You may also want to use the **Twinkl SATs Survival Year 2: Reward Cheques** as an exciting and motivational way to inspire children to be a successful learner.

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