

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

What will they be tested on?



Paper 1: Questions

Grammatical Terms / Word Classes:

Nouns	A name, place or thing: dog, school	Relative pronouns	To connect a clause or phrase to a noun or pronoun: who, which, that, whose, whom
Adjectives	Describes a noun: beautiful, terrible An oak door.	Adverbs	Describes a verb. They describe how, when or where: soon, quickly Outside , he was talking cheerfully .
Verbs	A doing/action word: walk, run, eat Tim slammed the book back on the shelf. A being word: is, was, am I am a teacher. You are 11.	Adverbials	A phrase to add detail or further information to a verb: later that day The bus leaves in five minutes. Later that day, I played Tennis.
Conjunctions	A conjunction is a word that joins two sentences or clauses.	Prepositions	Where or when something is in relation to something else: after, under, on, through, from, beneath, inside, despite, about, with I like to run around the park.
Pronouns	Takes the place of a noun: he, she, it, they	Determiners	To introduce a noun: a, an, the, one, a few, some, plenty of, this
Possessive pronouns	To show ownership of a person or thing: mine, his, ours, my, its, hers, their, your.	Subject and object	The object in a sentence is acted upon by the subject. The ball hit the boy on the head.

Functions of Sentences:

Statements	Sentences which tell you something. They end in a full stop. You are going to school.	Commands	Sentences that tell you to do something. Go to school.
Questions	Sentences that ask you something. They end with a question mark. Are you going to school?	Exclamations	A sentence beginning 'what' or 'how' including a verb and ending with an exclamation mark. What a good friend you are! How clever you are!

Combining words, phrases and clauses:

Relative	Relative clauses begin with:	Co-ordinating	Co-ordination: FANBOYS –
clauses	who, which, when, whose, why	conjunctions	for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so
	or that.		
	They found the lady who		We didn't get the tickets so
	owned the dog.		we went for a meal.
Noun phrases	Expand noun phrases by the	Subordinating	Subordination: although,
	addition of adjectives and	conjunctions	because, before, until,
	prepositional phrases.	and clauses	wherever, whilst, if, after,
	The old, oak tree.		since, as, once, unless, while
			When you have finished
			your homework, you can
			watch TV.

Verb forms, tense and consistency

Simple past and simple present	Simple past and present tenses: She ran, the horse galloped	Tense consistency	Correct choice of past/present tense throughout.	
Verbs in the perfect form	This describes something that began in the past and has just finished or is still continuing. Perfect present tense uses the auxiliary verb have before the main verb: It has been raining. They have been sleeping.	Subjunctive verb forms	The subjunctive is a verb form or mood used to express things that could or should happen: The headteacher requests that you be present at the meeting. If I were you, I would ask her.	
Modal verbs	Indicating degrees of possibility: should, must, will, might The dog should be kept on a lead.	Present and past progressive	It shows an action still in progress. Present: My drawing skills are improving all the time. Past: I was writing the book.	
Passive and active				

Punctuation:

Capital letters Full stops	Places, people, days of the week and I. To demarcate sentences.	Dashes	To mark the boundary between independent clauses. She got home, put the kettle on and sat down - then she remembered.
Question marks	To demarcate sentences. What time is it?	Apostrophes	They can show contraction (where the letters have been missed out). can't, I'm, don't, won't. They can show possession : Ron's sister; The dragon's wings.
Exclamation marks	To demarcate sentences. Heave ho!	Parenthesis	Brackets, dashes or commas to add extra information.

Commas in lists	To separate items in a list. I bought a pencil, a ruler and a book.	Colons	To introduce lists: You will need the following ingredients: a large, ripe mango, 250g of strawberries and a grated coconut. To mark the boundary between independent clauses: Fred failed his driving test on one thing: his emergency stop.
Commas to clarify meaning	To clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity; after fronted adverbials. Later that day, I heard the exciting news.	Semi-colons	To mark the boundary between independent clauses; within lists
Hyphen	To avoid ambiguity: thirty five-year-olds.	Bullet points	List information.
Inverted commas	For direct speech. Speech marks go before and after spoken words. A capital letter must always be used when someone starts to speak and there must be a new line for each new speaker. Commas must separate the speech from the rest of the sentence. Harry said, "We're going on holiday next week." "Do you think," he asked, "that I should take my wand with me?"		

Vocabulary:

Synonyms	A word that has the same/similar meaning as another. Big, large, enormous.	Prefixes	Added to the beginning of a word to create a new word: il, re, im, un
Antonyms	A word with the opposite meaning. Hot/cold; light/dark.	Suffixes	Added to the end of a word to create a new word: ed, less, ful
Word families	Show how words are related in form and meaning.		

Standard English and formality

Standard English	Standard verb forms: I did/I done, we were/we was	Formal and informal vocabulary	Recognise the difference: ask for/request
The subjunctive	The subjunctive is a verb form or mood used to express things that could or should happen. I wish I were able to fly.	Formal and informal structures	Recognise differences in structures of writing

Paper 2: Spelling Task:

Common exception words		words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que	league, tongue, antique, unique
adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	forgett <u>ing</u> , beginn <u>er,</u> preferr <u>ed</u> , limita <u>tion</u>	words with the /s/ sound spelt sc	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
the /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words	mythology, gymnastics, Egypt, pyramid, mystery	words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey	vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey
the /n/ sound spelt ou	young, touch, double, trouble, country	endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt -cious or - tious	vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious
prefixes	disappoint, misbehave, immortal, irrelevant	endings which sound like /ʃəl/	official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential
the suffix —ation	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration	words ending in – ant, –ance, –ancy, –ent, –ence, –ency	observant, observance, hesitant, hesitancy, tolerant, tolerance, innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency,
the suffix -ly words with endings sounding like /3ə/ or /tʃə/	gently, simply, humbly, frantically, dramatically measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure creature, furniture, picture, adventure	words ending in – able and –ible words ending in – ably and –ibly	adorable/adorably applicable/applicably considerable/considerably possible/possibly horrible/horribly
endings that sound like /ʒən/	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television	adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in – fer	referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred reference, referee, preference, transference
the suffix -ous	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, tremendous, jealous	words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c	deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling
endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt – tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian	invention, injection, expression, discussion, comprehension, politician	words containing the letter string ough	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fough, tough, enough cough though, although,
words with the /k/ sound spelt ch	scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character	words with 'silent' letters	doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight
words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch	chef, chalet, machine, brochure	homophones and other words that are often confused	advice/advise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy