

11+ Practice Test Answers

11+ English Test 15

Question	Answer	Explanation	Marks
1	Where	<p>The correct answer is 'Where'.</p> <p>In this sentence, we are asking about a location or place. 'Where' is used to ask questions about locations or places.</p> <p>'Whom' is used to ask about a person who is the object of a verb or preposition. 'Whose' is used to ask about possession or ownership. 'Whichever' is used to express a lack of preference or to indicate that any option is acceptable.</p> <p>Therefore, 'Where' is the most appropriate word to complete the sentence, as it asks about the location the children ran off to when the school bell rang.</p>	1
2	has	<p>The correct answer is 'has'.</p> <p>The subject of the sentence is 'The population', which is singular. Therefore, the singular form of the verb 'to have' should be used.</p> <p>In this case, since the sentence is in the present perfect tense (referring to an action that started in the past and continues to the present), we use 'has' for singular subjects and 'have' for plural subjects.</p> <p>So, 'The population ... has been declining' is the correct form.</p>	1
3	adverb	<p>In this sentence, 'quite' is an adverb. Adverbs are words that modify or describe verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. In this case, 'quite' modifies the adjective 'surprised', indicating the degree or extent of Sarah's surprise.</p> <p>It is not a preposition, as it does not show the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence. It is not an adjective, as it does not directly describe a noun. Finally, it is not a determiner, as it does not specify or identify the noun 'painting'.</p>	1
4	fewer	<p>The correct answer is 'fewer' because we are referring to a countable noun (apples).</p> <p>When discussing a smaller amount of something countable, we use 'fewer'. If we were referring to an uncountable noun, like water or sand, we would use 'less'.</p> <p>'Much' is used for questions and negative statements about uncountable nouns, while 'little' refers to a small amount of an uncountable noun.</p> <p>Therefore, since apples are countable, 'fewer' is the grammatically correct option in this context.</p>	1
5	weren't	<p>The correct answer is 'weren't' because the subject of the sentence, 'children', is plural. Therefore, the verb should also be in the plural form.</p> <p>If the subject was singular, such as 'The child', then 'wasn't' would be the correct answer. 'Hadn't' and 'isn't' are incorrect because they do not agree with the past tense context of the sentence, as indicated by the word 'supposed'.</p>	1

6	The childrens' play area	<p>The correct answer is 'The childrens' play area'.</p> <p>The word "childrens'" is incorrect. The possessive form of the plural noun 'children' should be 'children's', not "childrens".</p> <p>To form the possessive of a plural noun ending in 's', we simply add an apostrophe after the 's'. For example, 'the boys' toys', 'the girls' dresses'.</p> <p>Therefore, the correct phrase should be 'The children's play area'.</p>	1
7	her	<p>The correct answer is 'her' because it is the objective pronoun that refers to Sarah, the object of the sentence. 'She' is a subjective pronoun, which would be incorrect in this context. 'Herself' is a reflexive pronoun, which is used when the subject and object of a sentence are the same (e.g., 'Sarah told herself to keep the volume down'). 'Hers' is a possessive pronoun, which is used to show ownership (e.g., 'The book is hers').</p>	1
8	were	<p>The correct answer is 'were' because the sentence is using the second conditional structure to describe a hypothetical situation.</p> <p>The second conditional is used to talk about imaginary or unlikely situations in the present or future. It is formed with 'if + past simple, ...would + infinitive'.</p> <p>In this case, 'If Samantha were an Olympic sprinter' is the imaginary situation, and 'she would train every day to improve her speed' is the hypothetical result.</p> <p>'Was', 'is', and 'will be' are incorrect because they do not follow the second conditional structure.</p>	1
9	born in stratford-upon-Avon	<p>The correct answer is 'born in stratford-upon-Avon'.</p> <p>In this sentence, 'stratford-upon-Avon' should be capitalised as 'Stratford-upon-Avon' because it is a proper noun referring to a specific place name.</p> <p>Proper nouns, which include the names of specific people, places, organisations, and sometimes things, should always be capitalised.</p>	1
10	those	<p>The correct answer is "those" because it is used to refer to specific things that are not close to the speaker. In this case, Lily is pointing to the flowers that are not near her, so "those" is the appropriate word to use.</p> <p>"Them" is incorrect because it is used as an object pronoun, not a demonstrative pronoun. "That" is incorrect because it is used to refer to a singular thing, while "those" is used for plural things. "This" is incorrect because it is used to refer to something close to the speaker, which is not the case in this sentence.</p>	1