

11+ Practice Test Answers

11+ English Test 16

Question	Answer	Explanation	Marks
1	she eagerly blew out the Candles	<p>The mistake in the sentence is 'she eagerly blew out the Candles'.</p> <p>In this phrase, 'Candles' should not be capitalised as it is not a proper noun.</p> <p>The correct version of the sentence would be:</p> <p>Amelia was over the moon about her birthday party and she eagerly blew out the candles - it was her favourite moment!</p>	1
2	bowl of serial before	<p>The correct answer is 'bowl of cereal before'.</p> <p>The word 'serial' is incorrectly used in this context. 'Serial' refers to things in a series, often used to describe a book, programme, or incident that occurs in instalments.</p> <p>The correct word to use here would be 'cereal', which refers to a breakfast food made from processed grains. Therefore, 'bowl of serial before' contains the spelling mistake in the given sentence.</p>	1
3	No mistake	<p>The sentence 'Amelia was captivated by the glimmering stars in the vast, obsidian sky.' contains no spelling mistakes.</p> <p>'Captivated' means fascinated or charmed, which is appropriate in this context.</p> <p>'Glimmering' describes the shimmering or gleaming appearance of the stars.</p> <p>'Obsidian' is a type of dark, glasslike volcanic rock, used here as an adjective to describe the deep, dark colour of the night sky.</p> <p>Therefore, the correct answer is 'No mistake'.</p>	1
4	her violin for weeks,	<p>The mistake in the sentence is the comma after 'weeks'.</p> <p>When joining two independent clauses (complete sentences that can stand alone), you need to use a conjunction (such as 'and', 'but', 'or', 'yet', 'so') or a semicolon (;).</p> <p>In this case, the comma should be replaced with a semicolon, as follows:</p> <p>"Sarah had been practising her violin for weeks; she was determined to ace the audition and join the orchestra."</p> <p>Alternatively, you could add the conjunction 'and' after the comma:</p> <p>"Sarah had been practising her violin for weeks, and she was determined to ace the audition and join the orchestra."</p>	1
5	picked	<p>The correct answer is 'picked' because it accurately describes the action of taking hold of the paintbrush.</p> <p>'Made' is incorrect as it implies creating the paintbrush, which is not the case in this context. 'Set' and 'got' are also incorrect as they do not precisely convey the action of grasping the paintbrush to begin painting.</p> <p>Therefore, 'picked' is the most suitable word to complete the sentence, as it correctly represents the action performed by Samantha.</p>	1

6	Sarah's favourite resteraunt	<p>The correct spelling of the word 'resteraunt' is 'restaurant'.</p> <p>The word 'restaurant' comes from the French word 'restaurer', which means 'to restore'. It entered the English language in the early 19th century.</p> <p>The other parts of the sentence are spelled correctly, so the only mistake is in the phrase 'Sarah's favourite resteraunt'.</p>	1
7	No mistake	<p>The sentence is correctly punctuated and capitalised throughout.</p> <p>The comma after 'Tuesday' is correct because it separates an introductory phrase from the main clause.</p> <p>The commas surrounding 'Manchester United' are also correct as they set off an appositive phrase (a phrase that renames or describes the noun it follows).</p> <p>All proper nouns (Liam, Manchester United, Chelsea, FA Cup, Wembley) are correctly capitalised.</p> <p>Therefore, there is no mistake in the sentence.</p>	1
8	retain	<p>The correct answer is 'retain'.</p> <p>In this context, the teacher wants the students to keep or maintain their knowledge of algebra over the summer break. 'Retain' means to keep or continue to have something, which is the most appropriate word for this sentence.</p> <p>The other options do not make sense in this context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'with' is a preposition that does not fit the meaning of the sentence - 'to' is a preposition or infinitive marker that does not work in this context - 'in' is a preposition that would not be used with 'knowledge' in this way <p>Therefore, 'retain' is the best choice to complete the sentence correctly.</p>	1
9	water for signs of movement!	<p>The mistake in the sentence is the exclamation mark at the end.</p> <p>The sentence is a statement, not an exclamation, so it should end with a full stop, not an exclamation mark.</p> <p>The correct sentence should read:</p> <p>Cautiously approaching the riverbank, the heron scanned the water for signs of movement.</p>	1
10	convaluted plot of the	<p>The correct answer is 'convoluted plot of the'.</p> <p>The word 'convaluted' is a misspelling of the word 'convoluted', which means complex and difficult to follow.</p> <p>The correct spelling is:</p> <p>Amelia thoroughly enjoyed analysing the intricate and convoluted plot of the mystery novel.</p>	1