## 11+ Practice Test Answers

## 11+ English Test 25

Question	Answer	Explanation	Marks
1	If	The correct answer is 'If'.  In this sentence, the coach is expressing a conditional statement. The word 'if' is used to introduce a condition or possibility. It suggests that the team's improvement and success in winning the championship is dependent on their regular practice.  The other options do not fit the context of the sentence:  'Although' is used to introduce a contrast or exception, which is not the case here.  'Because' is used to provide a reason or explanation, but the sentence is not explaining why the team will improve.  'However' is used to introduce a contrasting idea or statement, which does not apply in this context.  Therefore, 'if' is the most appropriate word to complete the sentence correctly.	1
2	No mistake	The given sentence is punctuated correctly and contains no mistakes in capitalisation.  The exclamation "I can't wait to see the new Marvel film next weekend" is correctly enclosed in double quotation marks (""), and the full stop is placed inside the closing quotation mark.  The first word of the sentence, "Emma", is capitalised, as is the first word of the quoted exclamation, "I".  Therefore, the correct answer is "No mistake".	1
3	to feign confidense	The correct spelling is 'confidence', not 'confidense'.  The word 'confidence' is derived from the Latin 'confidentia', meaning 'firmly trusting, bold'. It is formed from the prefix 'con-' (meaning 'with') and the root 'fidere' (meaning 'to trust').  The correct spelling, 'confidence', maintains the root 'fide', whereas 'confidense' is a misspelling.	1
4	had	The correct answer is 'had'.  In this sentence, we need to use the past perfect tense to show that the action of the cats living in the same house happened before another action in the past (they never got along).  The past perfect tense is formed by using 'had' followed by the past participle of the verb. In this case, 'had been' is the correct form.  'Have' is incorrect because it is used for the present perfect tense, 'was' is incorrect because it is singular and does not agree with the plural subject 'two cats', and 'were' is incorrect because it is used for the simple past tense.	1
5	No mistake	The sentence has no punctuation, spelling or grammatical mistakes.	1

6	were	The correct answer is 'were' because the sentence is in the past continuous tense, which is used to describe an action that was in progress at a specific point in the past.  The subject of the sentence, 'children', is plural, so the verb must agree with the plural subject. 'Were' is the correct past tense form of the verb 'to be' for a plural subject.  'Is' and 'are' are both present tense forms of 'to be', which do not fit the context of the sentence. 'Was' is the past tense form for a singular subject, which does not agree with the plural subject 'children'.  Therefore, 'were' is the only correct option to complete the sentence.	1
7	as	The correct answer is 'as'.  In this sentence, we are comparing the cat's movement to the silence of its actions. The word 'as' is used to draw a direct comparison between two things, showing that they are similar in some way.  For example: 'She sings as beautifully as a nightingale.' Here, 'as' is used to compare the singing to the beauty of a nightingale's song.  In the given question, 'as' compares the cat's silent movement to the quietness typically associated with a mouse, emphasising the stealthy nature of the cat's actions.	1
8	proper noun	'Jasper' is a proper noun because it is the specific name of the golden retriever mentioned in the sentence.  Proper nouns are used to name a particular person, place, or thing, and they always begin with a capital letter.  In this case, 'Jasper' is the name given to the dog, making it a proper noun.	1
9	could	The correct answer is 'could'.  In this sentence, 'could' is used to express the ability or possibility of staying dry. Jamal took his umbrella so that he would have the ability to stay dry on his walk to school.  'Should' implies obligation or recommendation, 'must' implies necessity or requirement, and 'would' implies a hypothetical or imaginary situation. None of these fit the context of the sentence as well as 'could', which simply expresses the possibility of staying dry thanks to having an umbrella.	1
10	recieved a letter	The correct spelling of the word 'recieved' is 'received'.  The 'i' and 'e' should be swapped to form the correct spelling.  Therefore, the group of words containing the spelling mistake is 'recieved a letter'.	1