



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

3

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## SESSION 1

Time available for students  
to complete test: 40 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil only



# YEAR 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled.  
Write the correct spelling for the circled word in the box.

**P1** We went to scool.

 P1

This sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

**P2** We bought fresh bred.

 P2

**P3** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Do you have   pet?

a

if

he

she

Shade one  
bubble.



Read the text *Cats and dogs*. The text has a gap.  
Choose the correct word or words to fill the gap.

### Cats and dogs

Some people like cats   **P4**  
they like dogs.

- more
- more best
- more than
- more better

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Read the text *Kookaburra*.

The spelling mistakes have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

### Kookaburra



Here is a kookaburra.

It has a sharp **(beek)**.

 1

It has **(broun)** wings.

 2

It has long **(tayl)** feathers.

 3

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

**4** The baby was crying **(becos)** he was hungry.

 4

**5** My sister **(gos)** to dance classes.

 5

**6** The sheep ran to her baby **(lam)**.

 6

**7** Bees are **(insecs)** that fly.

 7

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The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.  
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

8 The lions were roring loudly.

8

9 Uluru is a famus place in Australia.

9

10 Did you notis the red car?

10

11 I can see my face in the mirra.

11

12 Rain can cause a flud.

12

The words below are pairs of opposites.  
In each pair, one of the words is spelled incorrectly.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

### Opposites

 long

 shawt

13

 thik

 thin

14

 right

 rong

15

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Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

**16** I was verrey happy at the park.

16

**17** We went driveing in the new car.

17

**18** Jake sumtimes surprises his family by making biscuits for them.

18

**19** A nurse helpes sick people.

19

**20** The bus stoped and the children got on.

20

**21** At school, I lurn many things.

21

**22** I offen visit my uncle at the weekend.

22

**23** The drink costs two dollers.

23

## YEAR 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Read the text *Polar bears*. The text has some gaps.  
Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

### Polar bears

Shade one  
bubble.



Polar bears live in very cold parts of the world. They **24** white fur  
that blends in with the snow, **25** they can't be seen easily.

**26** thick fur also helps to keep them warm.

**24**

has

had

have

having

**25**

if

so

but

also

**26**

They

These

Them

Their

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**27** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



Kate  two kittens playing in the grass.

see

saw

sawed

seen

**28** Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

I found a  hiding place than she did.

best

good

better

more gooder

**29** Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- When did the last show begin?
- When the whistle blew the game was over?
- When Lucy was running I saw her trip over?
- When I have finished this book I will lend it to you?

**30** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Jo likes to listen to music  she is cleaning her room.

even

after

while

during

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Read the text *Shooting goals*. The text has some gaps.  
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

### Shooting goals



Shade one  
bubble.



First, Jess holds the ball high  
above her head. Jess stands  
with her feet **31** apart.

- slight
- slightly
- slighter
- slightest

Jess bends her knees  
before **32** shoots.

- she
- she's
- her
- hers

**33** stretches upward  
and takes her shot.

- Finally, Jess
- Finally, jess
- finally, Jess
- finally, jess

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**34** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



It was an  day.

fun

good

happy

exciting

Read the text *Big race*. The text has some gaps.  
Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

### Big race

Lisa is **35** in a big race tomorrow.

Lisa is my best friend **36** I **37** she does well.

I really want **38** to win.

**35**

run

ran

runs

running

**36**

or

so

then

where

**37**

hope

hopes

hoped

hoping

**38**

me

she

him

her

## YEAR 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Read the text *Shopping list*. The text has some gaps.  
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

### Shopping list

Shade one bubble.



Dad asked **39** to write a shopping list.

“We need **40** and bananas,” he said.

“Did you write all that **41**”

**39**

josh

Josh

JOSH

josH

**40**

bread milk apples

bread milk, apples

bread, milk, apples

bread, milk, apples.

**41**

down

down.

down?

down!

**42**

Which word can be used instead of the underlined words?

I am going to visit my big sister's house tomorrow.

I like it at her house.

here

then

there

where

## YEAR 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

**43** Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

The boy put on his shoes  he tied his laces.

- next
- and so
- because
- and then

Shade one bubble.



**44** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

I think I prefer  shoes.

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
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**45** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Jan swam the full length  the pool.

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
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**46** Which sentence is correct?

- My brother and I went riding.
- My brother and me went riding.
- Me and my brother went riding.
- Me and mine brother went riding.

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meant to be blank.**