



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

**5**  
2009



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## SESSION 1

Time available for students  
to complete test: 40 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil only



# YEAR 5 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?

Shade one bubble.



Do you have        pet?

- a                      if                      he                      she
- 

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

**P5**

Where do the **two** missing full stops ( . ) go?

Shade two bubbles.



We are having a party It will be fun

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

1 The baby was crying (becos) he was hungry.

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2 She (thort) about the problem for a long time.

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3 Rick measured the (lenth) of the string before he cut it.

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4 My sister (gos) to dance classes.

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5 Some spiders are very (dangerus).

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6 We (finaly) finished our project.

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7 The teacher drew a (kerved) line.

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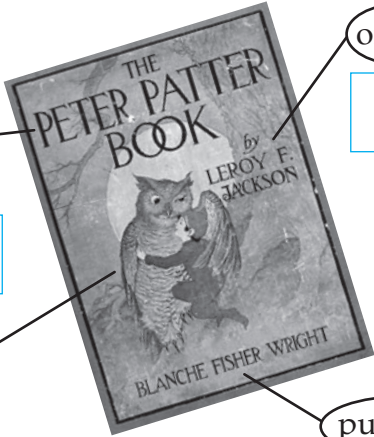
8 You must always exercise (cortion) when swimming in new places.

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

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

- 13** The ovarnight rainstorm flooded the oval.  13
- 
- 14** Jake sumtimes surprises his family by making biscuits for them.  14
- 
- 15** A nurse helpes sick people.  15
- 
- 16** The scientist was an expert in the feild of dinosaurs.  16
- 
- 17** The bus stoped and the children got on.  17

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

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

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**19** My aunt was nitting a scarf.

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**20** Last week we went on an eckscursion.

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**21** The pirates found the presious jewels.

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**22** We could see the sails on the tall marsts from the shore.

22

**23** There was great exitement before the fireworks commenced.

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**24** The school will hold its annuel swimming carnival next week.

24

**25** The runners were exorsted after the race.

25

# YEAR 5 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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 **26** apart.

- slight
- slightly
- slighter
- slightest

Jess bends her knees before **27** shoots.

- she
- she's
- her
- hers

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

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

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**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?

Shade one bubble.



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

- “Do you know where my shoes are?” John called from his room.
- “Do you know where my shoes are? John called from his room.
- “Do you know where my shoes are,” John called from his room.
- “Do you know where my shoes are.” John called from his room.

**31** 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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**32** Where do the **two** missing speech marks ( “ and ” ) go?



Come quickly! called my friend who was hurt.

Shade two bubbles.



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

Sam            his homework before he went to soccer training.

did

done

does

doing

Shade one bubble.



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

I think I prefer            shoes.

this

that

them

those



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Read the text *Mum's compost heap*. The text has some gaps. Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

## Mum's compost heap

Shade one bubble.



Mum has a compost heap in her garden. She adds kitchen scraps and lawn clippings **35** the compost. My uncle, who owns a farm, **36** over whenever he can to deliver horse manure to add to the compost.

The compost heap involves plenty of work for Mum. **37** must turn the heap over with a fork. This has to be done **38** three times a week.

Mum does not seem to **39** her compost heap has made her quite popular. Her friends keep coming over to get some compost.

**35**

to

of

at

by

**36**

came

come

comes

could come

**37**

I

She

You

They

**38**

while

during

at least

in between

**39**

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mind since,

mind. Since

mind, since

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

### Oil slick

The oil slick spread very **40**. It could have done a great deal of damage.

- quick
- quicker
- quickly
- quickest

Shade one bubble.



However, actions **41** taken to make sure no beaches were polluted.

- is
- was
- were
- will be

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

The book was **42** from the shelf by my mum.

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

**43** turn is it to do the washing up?

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

Shade one bubble.



In the race, Aliya had a faster time than Karl,  
but Rob was            of them all.

fast

faster

the faster

the fastest

**45** Which word describes how the children ate their meal?

After the children finally arrived home, they quickly devoured their hot meal



before running outside to play.



**46** Which of the following should end with a question mark?

- How amazing to see a comet
- How to make a kite
- How we did it is not important
- How will you make it

**47** Which option correctly completes the sentence?

Miriam packed her                            into her school bag.

- lunch book and pencil case
- lunch, book and pencil case
- lunch, book and pencil case,
- lunch, book and, pencil case

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**48** Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



The driver avoided the highway because there            .

- is an accident
- has been an accident
- had been an accident
- would be an accident

**49** Where does the missing comma ( , ) go?

Having finished the teacher quickly gathered up all of her equipment.



**50** Which sentence correctly uses the apostrophe ( ' )?

- Pams dogs sometimes play with toys'.
- Pams' dogs sometimes play with toys.
- Pams dogs' sometimes play with toys.
- Pam's dogs sometimes play with toys.

**END OF TEST**