

Free SPaG SATs Practice Paper



Paper 1: Grammar, punctuation & vocabulary (43) • Paper 2: Spelling (20) • multiple choice

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Year group

How the real test works. The Key Stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) test has two papers. Paper 1 (grammar, punctuation and vocabulary) is 50 marks and 45 minutes. Paper 2 (spelling) is 20 marks: a teacher reads 20 sentences aloud and pupils write the missing word. Sat by every Year 6 pupil in a state-maintained school, usually in May.

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What this paper is. One practice question for every one of the 43 KS2 SPaG topics, plus 20 real statutory spelling words in context, so it is a revision tool for the whole curriculum rather than a strict 45-minute mock. For real timed practice in the exact test format, use the marked online paper at pip11plus.com/spag-sats-paper.

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Grammar, Punctuation & Vocabulary

43 questions • one from every KS2 SPaG topic

Vocabulary & Spelling

- 1 Which word has a prefix meaning "not"?
☐ A replay ☐ B impossible ☐ C kindness
- 2 Add -ly to "gentle". Which is correct?
☐ A gentlyly ☐ B gently ☐ C gentley
- 3 Which word is a synonym for "brave"?
☐ A timid ☐ B courageous ☐ C curious
- 4 Which is an antonym of "ancient"?
☐ A old ☐ B modern ☐ C historic
- 5 "____ going to the park." Which fits?
☐ A There ☐ B Their ☐ C They're
- 6 Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?
☐ A The cat licked it's paw. ☐ B Apple's are 50p each. ☐ C The children's coats are wet.
- 7 Which word is NOT in the "medic" word family?
☐ A medical ☐ B medicine ☐ C meditate

Punctuation

- 8 Which is punctuated correctly?
☐ A "Wait for me" shouted Sam. ☐ B "Wait for me," shouted Sam. ☐ C "wait for me," shouted Sam.
- 9 Where is the comma needed? "Before the match the team warmed up."
☐ A after "Before" ☐ B after "match" ☐ C after "team"
- 10 Which part is the parenthesis? "The bridge, built in 1890, is closed."
☐ A The bridge ☐ B built in 1890 ☐ C is closed
- 11 Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?
☐ A I like tea; and coffee. ☐ B The rain stopped; the sun came out. ☐ C Bring; a coat and a hat.



- 12** Which word needs a capital letter? "we flew to spain in august."
☐ A only "we" ☐ B "we", "spain" and "august" ☐ C only "spain"
- 13** Which is an exclamation sentence?
☐ A What a mess you have made! ☐ B What is the time? ☐ C What time we finished.
- 14** Which needs a hyphen?
☐ A a well known author ☐ B a known author ☐ C an author who is well known
- 15** What does an ellipsis usually show?
☐ A A new paragraph ☐ B A pause or missing words ☐ C A list is starting

Sentences

- 16** "Pass me the salt." is a...
☐ A statement ☐ B command ☐ C exclamation
- 17** Which is a simple sentence?
☐ A I ran and I jumped. ☐ B The tiny bird sang sweetly. ☐ C When it rains, I stay in.
- 18** Which conjunction makes a compound sentence?
☐ A because ☐ B although ☐ C but
- 19** Which is the subordinate clause? "If you hurry, you will catch the bus."
☐ A If you hurry ☐ B you will catch the bus ☐ C the bus
- 20** Which is the main clause? "When the bell rang, the class left."
☐ A When the bell rang ☐ B the class left ☐ C the bell
- 21** Which word begins the relative clause? "The house that we visited was huge."
☐ A house ☐ B that ☐ C was
- 22** Which is a noun phrase?
☐ A ran quickly ☐ B the shiny red car ☐ C she smiled



23 Which is the fronted adverbial? "Before breakfast, Sam walked the dog."

- ☐ A Before breakfast ☐ B Sam ☐ C walked the dog

Grammar

24 Which is an abstract noun?

- ☐ A table ☐ B honesty ☐ C France

25 Which pronoun replaces "the children"? "The children laughed."

- ☐ A It ☐ B They ☐ C Them

26 Find the adjective: "The ancient map crumbled."

- ☐ A map ☐ B ancient ☐ C crumbled

27 Which word is an adverb? "The rather shy boy spoke quietly."

- ☐ A shy ☐ B boy ☐ C quietly

28 Which is the preposition? "The cat hid beneath the stairs."

- ☐ A cat ☐ B beneath ☐ C stairs

29 Which word is a determiner? "Every child enjoyed the trip."

- ☐ A Every ☐ B child ☐ C enjoyed

Standard English

30 Which is the most formal?

- ☐ A Gonna be late, soz. ☐ B I'm going to be a bit late. ☐ C I apologise; I will arrive late.

31 Which is Standard English?

- ☐ A They was happy. ☐ B They were happy. ☐ C Them was happy.

32 Which is Standard English?

- ☐ A We never saw nobody. ☐ B We saw nobody. ☐ C We didn't see nobody.

33 Which sentence uses the subjunctive?

- ☐ A I wish I was taller. ☐ B I wish I were taller. ☐ C I wish I am taller.



34 Choose the correct verb: "The team of players ___ ready."

- ☐ A is ☐ B are ☐ C be

Verb Forms & Tenses

35 What is the simple past of "catch"?

- ☐ A caught ☐ B caught ☐ C catching

36 Which is in the past progressive?

- ☐ A He was painting. ☐ B He painted. ☐ C He has painted.

37 Which is in the present perfect?

- ☐ A We eat lunch. ☐ B We have eaten lunch. ☐ C We had eaten lunch.

38 Which modal verb shows something is certain?

- ☐ A might ☐ B could ☐ C will

39 Which sentence is passive?

- ☐ A The chef cooked the meal. ☐ B The meal was cooked by the chef. ☐ C The chef is cooking.

Linking Words

40 Which is a co-ordinating conjunction?

- ☐ A because ☐ B and ☐ C while

41 Which word introduces a subordinate clause?

- ☐ A so ☐ B although ☐ C and

42 Which adverbial shows contrast?

- ☐ A therefore ☐ B however ☐ C also

43 Which connective shows two things happening at once?

- ☐ A finally ☐ B meanwhile ☐ C afterwards

Spelling

20 words · from the real Years 5 and 6 statutory spelling list

How to use this page. Ask an adult to read each sentence aloud, including the missing word. Write the missing word on the line. Every word comes from the Department for Education's statutory Years 5 and 6 spelling list.

- 1 The hall is big enough to _____ the whole school.
- 2 He is an _____ photographer who takes pictures at weekends.
- 3 There were no seats _____ on the busy train.
- 4 Apples and pears belong in the fruit _____.
- 5 He came first in the swimming _____.
- 6 The numbers on the map _____ to places in the list.
- 7 She was _____ to finish the race no matter what.
- 8 We must look after the _____ by not dropping litter.
- 9 Dinosaurs came into _____ millions of years ago.
- 10 He _____ visits his grandparents at weekends.
- 11 The spy kept his real _____ a secret.
- 12 French is a beautiful _____ to learn.
- 13 Running every day made his leg _____ stronger.
- 14 Eclipses _____ only a few times a year.
- 15 We should treat everyone fairly and without _____.
- 16 We stood in the _____ for the ice cream van.
- 17 'Cat' is a _____ for 'hat'.
- 18 She put her _____ at the bottom of the letter.
- 19 Can I _____ we meet at the park instead?
- 20 Her birthday is on the _____ of May.

Paper 1 answer sheet

Circle or mark your chosen letter for each question.

Questions 1 to 15

- 1 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 2 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 3 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 4 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 5 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 6 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 7 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 8 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 9 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 10 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 11 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 12 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 13 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 14 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 15 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Questions 16 to 30

- 16 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 17 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 18 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 19 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 20 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 21 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 22 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 23 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 24 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 25 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 26 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 27 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 28 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 29 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 30 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Questions 31 to 43

- 31 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 32 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 33 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 34 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 35 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 36 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 37 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 38 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 39 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 40 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 41 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 42 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C
- 43 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Paper 1 answers

Q1 • B	Prefix — impossible	Q23 • A	Fronted adverbials — Before breakfast
Q2 • B	Suffix — gently	Q24 • B	Noun — honesty
Q3 • B	Synonym — courageous	Q25 • B	Pronoun — They
Q4 • B	Antonym — modern	Q26 • B	Adjective — ancient
Q5 • C	Homophones — They're	Q27 • C	Adverb — quietly
Q6 • C	Apostrophes — The children's coats are wet.	Q28 • B	Preposition — beneath
Q7 • C	Word families — meditate	Q29 • A	Determiner — Every
Q8 • B	Inverted commas — "Wait for me," shouted Sam.	Q30 • C	Formal & informal — I apologise; I will arrive late.
Q9 • B	Commas — after "match"	Q31 • B	Standard English — They were happy.
Q10 • B	Brackets, dashes & commas — built in 1890	Q32 • B	Double negatives — We saw nobody.
Q11 • B	Colons & semicolons — The rain stopped; the sun came out.	Q33 • B	Subjunctive — I wish I were taller.
Q12 • B	Full stops & capitals — "we", "spain" and "august"	Q34 • A	Subject-verb agreement — is
Q13 • A	Question & exclamation marks — What a mess you have made!	Q35 • B	Simple past & present — caught
Q14 • A	Hyphens — a well known author	Q36 • A	Progressive — He was painting.
Q15 • B	Ellipsis — A pause or missing words	Q37 • B	Perfect — We have eaten lunch.
Q16 • B	Sentence types — command	Q38 • C	Modal verbs — will
Q17 • B	Simple sentence — The tiny bird sang sweetly.	Q39 • B	Active & passive — The meal was cooked by the chef.
Q18 • C	Compound sentence — but	Q40 • B	Co-ordinating conjunctions — and
Q19 • A	Complex sentence — If you hurry	Q41 • B	Subordinating conjunctions — although
Q20 • B	Clauses — the class left	Q42 • B	Adverbials for cohesion — however
Q21 • B	Relative clause — that	Q43 • B	Time connectives — meanwhile
Q22 • B	Phrases — the shiny red car		

Paper 2 answers

Q1	accommodate
Q2	amateur
Q3	available
Q4	category
Q5	competition
Q6	correspond
Q7	determined
Q8	environment
Q9	existence
Q10	frequently
Q11	identity
Q12	language
Q13	muscle
Q14	occur
Q15	prejudice
Q16	queue
Q17	rhyme
Q18	signature
Q19	suggest
Q20	twelfth



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