

SPAG Quick Start

1. Stoneferry _____ an all-boys school, but _____ now a boys and girls school. Which pair of **verbs** correctly fits the sentence?

Was is
Was was
Is is
Is was

2. Which sentence below is written in the **past tense**?

Tick one.
That is the oldest house in our village.
The original window in the house dates from 1760.
The window was replaced in 1970.
The owners plan to open the house to the public.

3. Circle one verb in each underlined pair to complete the sentences using **Standard English**.

I was / were planning to leave early.
I was / were late for work.
We was / were always in trouble.

I am
He is
She is
It is
You are
We are
They are

4. Write the **contracted form** for the words above:
5. Tick the sentence that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick one.
Next week, I'll ask about going on holiday
Please ask if we can go away
I asked for a book, but there were none
This is the drink you asked for, isn't it
Extension: Write your own complex sentences.

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1. Circle all the determiners

- a) The boy had a wonderful toy car.
- b) Pearson Primary school has a big field.
- c) The man's hair was very long, so my uncle cut it using a pair of the clippers he owns.

2. Rewrite each sentence so that it begins with the adverbial. Use only the same words and remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

- a) The soldier marched late at night.
- b) The school had a huge play which started in the middle of the day.
- c) The boys entered the house cautiously.

3. Which sentence is most likely to happen?

We could go to the zoo.

He can come to my house.

We will buy some toys today.

They might have soup for tea.

Circle your answer.

4. Circle the relative pronoun in this sentence.

- a) Chloe MC, who loves eating cheese, went and bought a cheese shop.
- b) Cottingham, where Miss Northen lives, is a quaint village.
- c) The car that Leo drives is as fast as a Ferrari.

5. Add the brackets in the correct place.

- a) The children who were very small were running all over the floor.
- b) Pizza hut which is near my house is a great place to take your family.
- c) The monkey who had brown fur was keen on having a daily brush.

6. Fill in the gaps using the past progressive.

- a) While I _____ on my scooter, my brother _____ his tea.

Verbs: to play

to eat

Extension: write 5 sentences using the past progressive accurately.

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6. Circle all the **possessive pronouns**.

- a) The hat was hers and she wore it every day.
- b) The car is ours, but my sister makes her friend clean it.
- c) On a Tuesday his homework is never brought back to school.

7. Circle the **determiners**.

- a) That castle is Yousef's favourite.
- b) The bag was hers.
- c) This is a horrible class and I hate teaching here.

8. Underline the **conjunction**.

- a) My favourite food is fish and chips.
- b) I hurried but I missed the bus.
- c) Do you prefer a mug of hot chocolate or a cup of coffee?

Past	Present	Future
looked	looks	Is looking

Choose 3 of your own verbs

9. **Present Perfect**

I **have seen** that film many times before.

I think I **have met** him once before.

a) Underline the present perfect in the two sentences below.

There have been many earthquakes in California.

People have travelled to the moon.

Extension: write sentences showing your understanding of the present perfect.