

NAPLAN Year 3 Language Conventions

Free Sample Practice Test — 10 Questions

Instructions: Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each question. Suggested time: 8 minutes.
Answers and explanations are at the end of this sheet — no peeking until you have finished!

Section 1 — Spelling

1. The puppy hid under the _____.

- A) blankit
- B) blanket
- C) blancket
- D) blankut

2. It was a _____ day for a picnic.

- A) buetiful
- B) beautifull
- C) beutiful
- D) beautiful

3. He could not find his _____ on the shelf.

- A) favourit
- B) favourite
- C) favoruite
- D) favouirite

4. The class went on a _____ to the zoo.

- A) excurtion
- B) excurshun
- C) excursion
- D) excurtoin

5. The class needed _____ pencils for the art project.

- A) diferent
- B) different
- C) diffrent
- D) difrerent

Section 2 — Grammar and Punctuation

6. Which punctuation mark should go at the end of this sentence?

Can you please pass the salt

- A) .
- B) !
- C) ?
- D) ,

7. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

The dog wagged _____ tail.

- A) it's
- B) its
- C) its'
- D) theirs

8. Which word is a verb in this sentence?

The little kitten jumped over the puddle.

- A) little
- B) kitten
- C) jumped
- D) puddle

9. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly to show possession?

- A) The girls' book was on the desk (one girl).
- B) The girl's book was on the desk (one girl).
- C) The girls book was on the desk (one girl).
- D) The girl book's was on the desk (one girl).

10. Which word is an adverb in this sentence?

The old man walked slowly along the path.

- A) old
- B) walked
- C) slowly
- D) path

Answers and Explanations

Q	Answer
1	B
2	D
3	B
4	C
5	B
6	C
7	B
8	C
9	B
10	C

1. Correct answer: B

The correct spelling is blanket. The word ends in -ket, not -kit or -cut.

2. Correct answer: D

The correct spelling is beautiful. It contains the word 'beauty' with the suffix -ful (one l). Remember: beauty → beautiful.

3. Correct answer: B

In Australian English the correct spelling is favourite, with a 'u' after 'o'. The suffix is -ite.

4. Correct answer: C

The correct spelling is excursion. The suffix is -sion (not -tion or -shun): ex-cur-sion.

5. Correct answer: B

The correct spelling is different, with a double 'f'. Break it into dif-fer-ent.

6. Correct answer: C

The sentence is a question, so it must end with a question mark (?). A full stop (.) ends statements, and an exclamation mark (!) ends exclamations.

7. Correct answer: B

Its (without an apostrophe) is the possessive form of 'it'. It's (with an apostrophe) means 'it is'. There is no word 'its'.

8. Correct answer: C

A verb is an action or doing word. In this sentence, 'jumped' tells us what the kitten did. 'Little' is an adjective, 'kitten' and 'puddle' are nouns.

9. Correct answer: B

When one girl owns a book, we write girl's (apostrophe before the 's'). 'Girls' (apostrophe after the 's') is used when more than one girl owns the book.

10. Correct answer: C

An adverb describes how, when, or where an action happens. 'Slowly' tells us HOW the man walked, so it is an adverb. 'Old' is an adjective; 'walked' is a verb; 'path' is a noun.

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