

NAPLAN Year 5 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 class enjoyed the science _____.

- A) experimint
- B) experiment
- C) experement
- D) experimant

2. She checked the _____ before driving.

- A) temperture
- B) temprature
- C) temperature
- D) temperatur

3. The _____ of the soup was wonderful.

- A) flavur
- B) flavour
- C) flaovur
- D) flavore

4. The team showed remarkable _____.

- A) perseverance
- B) perseverance
- C) perserverance
- D) perseveranse

5. She showed great _____ when things went wrong.

- A) resiliance
- B) resilience
- C) resilanse
- D) resillience

Section 2 — Grammar and Punctuation

6. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?

- A) The boys' jackets were left on the bus.
- B) The boys jacket's were left on the bus.
- C) The boy's jackets' were left on the bus.
- D) The boys's jackets were left on the bus.

7. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

Neither Ben nor his sisters _____ invited to the party.

- A) was
- B) were
- C) is
- D) am

8. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A) We should of gone to bed earlier.
- B) We should have went to bed earlier.
- C) We should have gone to bed earlier.
- D) We should of went to bed earlier.

9. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

There are _____ apples left in the basket.

- A) less
- B) lesser
- C) fewer
- D) little

10. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A) "I'm ready", she announced.
- B) "I'm ready" she announced.
- C) "I'm ready," she announced.
- D) "I'm ready." she announced.

Answers and Explanations

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

1. Correct answer: B

The correct spelling is experiment (from Latin experimentum). Common errors swap the 'e' and 'i' in the suffix.

2. Correct answer: C

The correct spelling is temperature. A common error is omitting the middle 'a' in '-era-ture'.

3. Correct answer: B

The correct spelling is flavour (Australian English). It uses the '-our' pattern, not '-or' as in American English.

4. Correct answer: B

The correct spelling is perseverance — from 'persevere' + '-ance'. The suffix is '-ance', not '-ence'.

5. Correct answer: B

The correct spelling is resilience — from Latin resilire (to spring back). The suffix is '-ience', not '-iance'.

6. Correct answer: A

Option A is correct. 'Boys'' shows the jackets belong to multiple boys (plural possessive). The apostrophe comes after the 's'.

7. Correct answer: B

Option B is correct. With 'neither...nor', the verb agrees with the nearest subject. 'Sisters' is plural, so the verb must also be plural: 'were'.

8. Correct answer: C

Option C is correct. 'Should have' (not 'should of') + past participle 'gone' (not 'went'). 'Should of' is a mishearing of 'should've'.

9. Correct answer: C

Option C is correct. 'Fewer' is used with countable nouns (apples can be counted). 'Less' is for uncountable nouns (e.g. 'less water').

10. Correct answer: C

Option C is correct. When a dialogue tag follows speech, a comma goes inside the closing quotation mark.

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