

B: Comprehension

(The answers to the standard questions are only possible answers. The adult working with the child will have to decide whether the child's answers show understanding of the text and the questions.)

3 Be aware of different text types

(practice box, page 9)

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| a) informative/explanatory | b) narrative | c) description |
| d) poem | e) instructions | |

5 Practise the skills!

(page 11)

A Tom Sawyer

Standard

- 1 Tom was in despair because time was moving so slowly. He thought it must be nearly daylight when it was only 10 p.m.
- 2 Ticking of a clock; cracking of old beams; creaking of stairs; Aunt Polly's snores; a cricket chirping; the ticking of a death-watch beetle; the howling of dogs.
- 3 The death-watch beetle's ticking meant that someone was going to die soon.
- 4 A cat was 'singing' or caterwauling and someone in a neighbouring house shouted and threw a bottle at the cat to make it stop.
- 5 a) find b) forever/endless time c) mixing

Multiple-choice

- 1 he was afraid of waking Sid
- 2 recognisable
- 3 small sounds made him think of ghosts
- 4 Tom was sleeping lightly
- 5 mixing
- 6 a neighbour
- 7 another dog's distant response
- 8 it was impossible for anyone to find the cricket by using its sound

B The Fawn

- 1 Any three of: polished cleft small ebony hooves; spotty and plain to see; jointy knees; new legs
- 2 The fawn was lying 'plain to see on the green moss' so that anyone could find him; he wasn't hidden or camouflaged.

- 3 The poet would have liked to be friends for one moment only, at least.
- 4 'seen without surprise'
- 5 crashing, leaping, stumbling
- 6 a) retrieve b) knees c) above
- 7 cleft = split dappled = spotted

C Hammerhead Sharks

- 1 bonnethead, winged hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead
- 2 nine
- 3 warm temperate and tropical coastal waters
- 4 undersea peaks, sea mounts
- 5 The hammerhead's head can be half as long as its body

- 6 all together
- 7 scalloped hammerhead
- 8 when the light fades
- 9 a) school b) projections c) dawn
d) congregate

D Painted Pots

- 1 an art supplier's
- 2 soak up water easily
- 3 mixing paint with water
- 4 the pattern is transferred onto the pot
- 5 make a double pattern
- 6 the colour of the paint is pale
- 7 completely; discarded; lined-up; copy

E Ant's Pants

- 1 The two boys are in town to go shopping for a shirt for Ant.
- 2 Marlon thinks that school discos are rubbish/pathetic.
- 3 Marlon's mum turned up at 9 p.m. to collect him from the last school disco and it was announced over the microphone by Fungus, which really embarrassed Marlon.
- 4 Marlon is imitating the sound of Fungus's ancient, old-fashioned records.
- 5 Ant is looking forward to the disco as he has been practising an impressive dance routine.
- 6 A ancient: old/out-of-date
B pathetic: sad/weak C mega: amazing
D gear: outfit/clothes
- 7 The words in italics are stage directions.
- 8 A because B microphone C yes
- 9 They have been used to show the way that the boys talk in informal slang.
- 10 Ant has been showing off with his dance. A bighead means a 'show-off'.

C: Writing

4 Improve your writing

(practice box, page 31)

- a) In the second version of the story you are told: the bird is a sparrow; he hopped confidently; his head bobbed as he pecked for crumbs; his eyes were alert and attentive; the bird screeched as it flew away.
- b) The first version doesn't say Billy: was sitting under a holly bush; was a marmalade tomcat; was sitting in a hunched position; was almost coiled like a spring; had a stiff tail; had yellow eyes; sat down after he missed the bird; was disappointed that the bird got away; had a feather trapped under his left paw.

Add imagery (*Dylan Thomas extract, page 40*)

Similes: fill every inch of the hot little house like an old buffalo squeezed into an airing cupboard; his braces straining like hawsers; breathing like a brass band.

Metaphors: he was so big and trumpeting; she whisked about on padded claws; feeding the buffalo; to squeak in a nook or nibble in the hayloft; a steaming hulk; the great black boats of his boots; the loud checked meadow of his waistcoat; the forest fire of his hair

Think about the senses (*Laurie Lee extract, page 41*)

Sense words or phrases: scooped the dust; we slid through the grass; stared at the empty sky; Small heated winds blew; dandelion seeds floated by; burnt sap and roast nettles tingled our nostrils; the dull rust smell of dry ground; humming with blundering bees; flickering with scarlet butterflies.

D: Grammar and punctuation

1 Sentences

(practice box, page 50)

But they were not listening, none of them were. They were staring out over the sea, a look of utter astonishment on every face. There was nothing there but the sound at first, a curious roaring and crying from the open sea beyond Popplestones that became a crescendo of thunderous snorting and whistling. Within minutes Popplestones was alive with whales. Great spouts of water shot into the air. Everywhere you looked in the bay shining

black backs broke the surface, rocked a little and then rolled forward and vanished again under the water. All of Big Tim's friends had already fled up the beach, but he stayed with us, mesmerised as we were. Beside us, the stranded whale writhed and rolled in its grave of sand, its tail thrashing in fury and frustration, its own whistling cry joining the chorus of the others out in Popplestones.

2 Phrases and clauses

(practice box, page 52)

a) sc b) p c) sc d) mc e) p f) sc g) mc h) mc i) p

(practice box, page 53)

connectives in A: and; so; until

phrases in B: dressed in shorts; in the crystal blue pool; taking a deep breath; dragging himself to even colder water; All of a sudden

main clauses in C: Jim was swimming; the water was freezing; He ... dived; his head grazed the bottom

subordinate clauses in C: while his dad was fishing; Although the sun was shining; Even though the pool was deep

connectives in C: while; Although; Even though

4 Commas

(practice box, page 55)

The children rehearsed their play several times, finding that it was becoming a smoother, more successful performance. Jim, pleased with the progress they were making, decided to call for a break. "Let's grab a bite from the kitchen," he suggested, "and then, if you like, we can go out for some fresh air, exercise and a change of scene."

The others agreed and Alan, suddenly remembering he had promised to phone his mother, made a quick phone call. "It's going really well, Mum," he said. "Tell Dad, Giles, Uncle Bob and Ellie to be ready for six o'clock."

6 Parts of speech

(practice box, page 62)

red pen:

- 1 James; Aunt Fanny; Arnold; Rector; Thomas Kempe
- 2 normal; ordinary; football; proper; green; white; sparkling; stern
- 3 him; It; his; his

blue pen:

- 1 diary; shock; room; boots; hook; door; pyjamas; pillow; books; pictures; place; wallpaper; eyes; words; dismissal

2 quite; slightly; breathlessly

3 down; around; from; behind; from under; in

verbs: put; looked; feeling; was; see; hanging; protruding; chattering; watching; intoned

connectives: and; as

7 Subjects and objects

(practice box, page 64)

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| a) the bird (s); hopped (v); the branches (o) | c) The hockey players (s); won (v); the |
| a) It hopped among them. | competition (o) |
| b) Susie and I (s); collected (v); conkers (o) | c) They won it. |
| b) We collected them. | |

8 Gender and diminutives

(practice box, page 65)

Masculine	Feminine	Diminutive
drake	duck	duckling
fox	vixen	cub
waiter	waitress	
bull	cow	calf/bullock
uncle	aunt	
host	hostess	
bridegroom/groom	bride	
pig	sow	piglet
bachelor	spinster/bachelorette	

9 Synonyms and antonyms

(practice box, page 67)

	Synonym	Antonym
timid	shy	confident/bold
sorry	apologetic	unapologetic
cross	angry	good-tempered/cheerful
white		black
cautious	careful	reckless/rash
danger	peril/risk	safety/security
smooth	even/sleek	uneven/rough
courage	bravery/fearlessness	cowardice
single	one/unmarried	plural/married
good	fine/nice	bad/unpleasant

10 Abbreviations and acronyms

(practice box, page 68)

Abbreviations:

HQ = headquarters
 GMT = Greenwich Mean Time
 bus = omnibus
 RSPCA = Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 PTO = please turn over

Acronyms:

ASBO = Antisocial Behaviour Order
 Ofcom = Office of Communications
 ASH = Action on Smoking and Health
 INSET = in-service education and training

11 Compound words

(practice box, page 69)

Examples are: overcoat; overarm; football; snowball; waistcoat; undercoat; waistline; underarm

12 Direct and reported speech

(practice box, page 70)

- 1 Dan told his mother that he would like a party for his birthday.
 - 2 Mr Slater remarked that it felt like winter today.
 - 3 The old man invited Charlie inside to have a cup of tea with them.
- 1 "Your behaviour is improving, children," said the headmistress.
 - 2 "I'm feeling tired," complained my father.
 - 3 "Have you remembered the note, Lisa?" asked her mother.

14 Practise the skills!

Punctuation test (Jules Verne extract, page 73)

How can I describe a vision of those rocks and those trees standing upright in those waters, their bases dark and sinister, their tops tinted by shades of red, intensified by the pure reflection of the water? We were scaling rocks that crumbled and let loose stones that crashed down behind us with the muffled rumble of an avalanche. To the right and the left were caves and grottos, hollowed out in the rocks, gloomy and impenetrable to the eyes. Elsewhere there were vast clearings, which seemed to have been created by human hands, and I wondered whether I might not suddenly come face-to-face with some inhabitant of these waters.

Paragraph exercise (Lewis Carroll extract, page 74)

"Have some wine," the March Hare said in an encouraging tone./ Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. "I don't see any wine," she remarked./ "There isn't any," said the March Hare./ "Then it wasn't very civil of you to offer it," said Alice angrily./ "It wasn't very civil of you to sit down without being invited," said the March Hare./ "I didn't know it was your table," said Alice; "it's laid for a great many more than three."/ "Your hair wants cutting," said the Hatter. He had been looking at Alice for some time with great curiosity, and this was his first speech./ "You should learn not to make personal remarks," Alice said with some severity. "It's very rude."

E: Spelling

1 Improve your spelling

(practice box, page 77)

Last year at **Christmas** our **family** had a **special** party with **thirty people**. My **aunt** and **uncle** came with their two **young children** and our **neighbours** from **across** the road **brought** their sons aged **thirteen** and **fourteen**. My **brother's** **friend** and his **mother** **walked** over from **around** the corner and **many other friends** and **family** were there.

We had drinks **between half** past ten and noon **followed** by **delicious** food. **During** lunch we **suddenly heard** a **great bang** **above** the kitchen and **something** crashed **through** the window.

We **thought possibly** the chimney had collapsed, but **gradually** realised the boys had **tried** out a new football which had **first** bounced off the kitchen roof and then broken the window!

The boys **immediately disappeared** before my **father told** them off and he **used** cardboard to mend the window. The **whole** party **could** have been spoilt **because** of this but one of our **friends** said at **first** he **thought** it was **Father Christmas** coming to join us, which made everyone **laugh**.

2 Learn awkward spellings

Homophones

(practice box, page 78)

their; way; through; beech; wood; which; led;
to; main; beach; knew; allowed; to; route;
passed; course; where; their; practice; principal;

beech; caught; their; hair; so; whole; hour; saw;
coarse; waist.

Silent letters and unstressed vowels

(practice box, page 87)

bound <u>ary</u>	business	confer <u>ence</u>	danger <u>ous</u>	definitely
diction <u>ary</u>	different	easily	extraordinary	eventually
fav <u>ou</u> rite	generous	glamorous	heaven	history
humorous	interesting	jewellery	naturally	occasionally

Adding suffixes

(practice box, page 90)

Examples are:

taking					
meaner	meanest	meaning	meaningful	meaningfully	meaningless
believable	believed	believer	believing		
noisier	noisiest	noisily			
arguable	argued	arguing	arguably	argument	
imaginable	imagined	imagining			
forced	forcer	forceful	forcing	forcefully	
worried	worrier	worrying	worryingly		
emptied	emptier	emptying			
related	relating	relation			

'-shun' suffixes

(practice box, page 91)

-tion:	competition	devotion	translation	explanation	direction	fiction	demonstration
-ssion:	possession	profession					
-cian:	optician	musician	electrician	politician			
-sion:	extension	collision	television				

Answers for pull-out test

1 E; 2 D; 3 D; 4 D; 5 D; 6 B; 7 A; 8 D; 9 E; 10 D; 11 C; 12 C; 13 B; 14 D; 15 D; 16 B; 17 E; 18 A;
19 B; 20 D; 21 C; 22 A; 23 C; 24 B; 25 D; 26 C; 27 X; 28 D; 29 A; 30 D; 31 B; 32 C; 33 D; 34 D;
35 C; 36 C; 37 A; 38 A; 39 B; 40 A; 41 X; 42 A; 43 B; 44 D; 45 B; 46 C; 47 D; 48 A; 49 B; 50 C