

## *SECONDARY ENGLISH NOTES*

### *FORM ONE*

## LISTENING AND SPEAKING FOR FORM ONE

### PRONUNCIATION

### PRONUNCIATION OF VOWEL SOUNDS

In English, we have various vowel sounds. We shall study them one after the other.

#### **Sound /æ/**

Consider the letter 'a' in the words below. Each says this sound.

- |         |        |          |        |
|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| • Pan   | • Pat  | • Track  | • Rag  |
| • Fan   | • Dad  | • Cram   | • Sand |
| • Ban   | • Ham  | • Fanned | • Slam |
| • Brash | • Mat  | • Flash  | • Tag  |
| • Cat   | • Rash | • Pack   | • Man  |

#### **Sound /ɜ:/**

➤ This sound is more like the sound you make when you are disgusted.

➤ The letters in boldface say this sound. Study them carefully.

- |         |         |        |         |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| • Bird  | • Berth | • Cur  | • Pert  |
| • Shirt | • Her   | • Fur  | • Stir  |
| • Flirt | • Heard | • Firm | • Blur  |
| • Turn  | • Hurt  | • Herd | • Shirk |
| • Learn | • Purse | • Burn | • Surge |
| • First | • Birth | • Curt |         |

#### **Sound /a:/**

➤ It is pronounced by having a much wider open mouth position.

➤ Inside your mouth is shown in the process of saying this sound.

➤ Examples of words bearing this sound include:

- |         |         |        |        |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| • Far   | • Heart | • Bard | • Dart |
| • Farm  | • Hard  | • Cart | • Card |
| • Guard | • Bar   | • Car  | • Par  |

### **Sound /ə/**

➤ This sound (referred to as schwa) is a short vowel sound.

➤ It mostly found in words containing letter 'o', for example,

- |                |            |              |
|----------------|------------|--------------|
| • Confuse      | s          | • Condolence |
| • Contemptuous | • Continue |              |

➤ Also in words such as:

Business

### **Sound /ʌ/**

Examples of words containing this sound include:

- |        |         |        |           |        |
|--------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|
| • Sun  | • Cum   | • Fun  | • Brush   | • Drum |
| • Son  | • Cup   | • Sung | • Hum     | • Dumb |
| • Some | • But   | • Swum | • Rung    | • Fund |
| • Pun  | • Much  | • Bug  | • Truck   |        |
| • Fun  | • Begun | • Bunk | • Stunned |        |

### **Sound /ɔ:/**

➤ It is a long sound.

➤ The mouth doesn't move while saying this sound, and it can be pronounced as long as you have breath.

➤ It is said in words such as:

- |          |        |        |         |         |
|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| • Or     | • Pork | • Nor  | • Horn  | • Chalk |
| • More   | • Door | • Law  | • Lord  | • Jaw   |
| • Chores | • Four | • Cord | • Saw   | • Scorn |
| • Dorm   | • Fore | • Form | • Shore |         |

### **Sound /ʊ/**

➤ It is a short sound.

➤ The mouth doesn't move.

➤ Each of the words below bear this sound:

- |        |         |        |         |          |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| • Got  | • Boss  | • Cop  | • Pot   | • Swatch |
| • On   | • Stock | • Mop  | • Blot  |          |
| • Cost | • Plot  | • Rod  | • Crock |          |
| • Lost | • Block | • Sock | • Frog  |          |
| • Odd  | • Cock  | • Shot | • Swat  |          |

### **Sound /ʊ/**

bosom

### **Sound /i:/**

➤ Long sound

➤ Said in words such as the ones below:

- Sheep
- Feet
- Meat
- Tweet etc.

## Sound /ɪ/

It is a short sound.

In words such as:

- Fit
- Bit
- Quit
- Blip etc.

## Exercise

The table below has columns with different sounds. Pronounce each of the words in the list and classify, according to the highlighted letter(s), under the column that bears that sound.

Chip	Greased	Still	cheat	jet
Jeep	Teal	Blip	blink	
Creek	Hill	Fill		
Wet	Sit	Bed	thrill	

/i:/	/ɪ/	/e/

## PRONUNCIATION OF CONSONANT SOUNDS

### The sound /tʃ/

- Made by releasing the stopped air through your teeth by the tip of your tongue.
- It is voiceless because vocal cords do not vibrate when you say it.
- Most words with letters 'CH' say this sound, for example,

Church

Teach

Crunch

Chips

Pinch

Much

- There are those with letters 'TCH' for example,

Catch

Batch

Kitchen

Watch

Itch

witch

- Some are with letters 'TU', for example,

Century

Spatula

### The Sound /dʒ/

- Pronounced the same way as /tʃ/. It is just that it is voiced.
- Letters representing this sound include:

#### (a) Letters 'DG'

- Fudge
- Budge
- Bridge
- Judge

#### (b) Letter 'J'

- Judge
- Joy
- Eject
- Jake
- Jump
- Joke
- July
- Project

#### (c) Letters 'DU'

- Procedure
- Graduate
- Individual

#### (d) When letter 'G' represents the sound

It does that when it is in front of an 'e', 'i', or 'y'

- (i) Letters 'GE', for example,

- Gel
- Angel
- Danger
- Emergency
- Gentle
- Bilge
- Urgent
- Knowledge
- Large
- Singe
- Enlarge
- Challenge
- Ridge
- Emerge

(ii) Letters 'GI', for example,

- Agile
- Allergic
- Apologize
- Contagious
- Gist
- Digitize
- Eligible
- Giraffe
- Engineer
- Fragile
- Fugitive
- Legion
- Original
- Vigilant

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(iii) Letters 'GY', for example,

- Allergy
- Clergy
- Egypt
- Analogy
- Zoology
- Stingy
- Gym
- Liturgy
- Panegyric

## The Sound /f/

- The sound is unvoiced or voiceless.
- Air is stopped by pushing the bottom lip and top teeth together. The air is then pushed through to produce this sound.
- The /f/ sound has the following letters saying it:

(a) **Letter 'F'**

- Four
- Knife
- Family
- Puff
- Wife
- Life
- Staff
- Five

(b) **Letters 'PH'**

- Phone
- Graph
- Paragraph
- Phrase

### () Letters 'GH'

- Cough
- Rough
- Laugh
- Enough
- Tough
- Draught

### The Sound /v/

- The same mouth shape as /f/ is formed when pronouncing the sound /v/.
- It is voiced.
- Your top teeth is put on your bottom lip.
- Words bearing this sound include:

- Van
- Vehicle
- Vice
- Unvoiced
- Voice
- Obvious
- Previous
- Drive
- Save
- Jovial
- Virtue
- Care
- Wolves
- Knives

### The Sound /d/

- /d/ is voiced. The vocal cords vibrate.
- The low of air is stopped at the front of the mouth by tongue.
- Practice speaking the words below:

- Dad
- Do
- Did
- Dog
- Mad
- Sad
- Bad
- Done
- Loud
- And

### Sound /t/

- To make this sound, your tongue stops the flow of air at the front of your mouth.
- It is a voiceless/unvoiced sound.
- It said in words like:
  - To                      • Hot                      • Later                      • Tuesday
  - Top                    • Pot                      • What
  - Get                    • Butter                   • Today

### **The sound /k/**

There are various letters that say the sound /k/. let's study these letters.

- Letter '**K**' always say this sound. Examples of words include:
  - Kill
  - Key
  - Kick
  - Sake
  - Kitten
  - Keep
- Letter '**C**', for example,
  - Call
  - Corn
  - Cane
  - Campaign
  - Camp
  - Confusion
  - Cucumber



- Colic etc.
- Letters '**CK**' for example
  - Kick
  - Mock
  - Truck
  - Back etc.
- Letter '**Q**' for example,
  - Quack
  - Quail
  - Quartz
  - Quarter
  - Quick
- Letters '**CH**', for example,
  - Chaotic
  - Character
  - Ache

### **The Sound /g/**

Found in words such as:

- |          |          |           |         |           |
|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| • Galaxy | • Gibbon | • Gazelle | • Gown  | • Geyser  |
| • Game   | • Give   | • Gecko   | • Girl  | • Garbage |
| • Gate   | • Goat   | • Gold    | • Ghost |           |

### **The Sound /f/**

- This sound is unvoiced – only air passes through the mouth when said.

- The teeth are put together and the corners of the lips are brought together towards the middle.

- Most words with letters '**sh**' this sound. For example,

Shape

Shop

bishop

- There are words with letters '**CH**' that say this sound, for example,

Brochure

Chute

Chicago

Quiche

Cache

Chef

Michigan

chaise

Cachet

Chiffon

Chevrolet

Chagrin

Niche

Fuchsia

Champagne

Ricochet

Cliché

Charade

Charlotte

Chivalry

- Some words with '**SU**' also say it, for example,

Sugar

Sure

Pressure

Surmac

Issue

- There are yet those with letters '**TIO**', for example,

Nation

Option

Motion

Caution

- Then there are those with letters '**SIO**', for example,

Submission

Commission

Confession

### Sound /θ/

- Pronounced with your tongue between your teeth.

- It is unvoiced.

- The words bearing this sound include:

- |         |          |           |         |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|
| • Mouth | • Fourth | • Three   | • Math  |
| • Thing | • Thick  | • Thought | • Myth  |
| • Faith | • Think  | • Tenth   | • Thumb |

- Youth
- Thrive
- Growth
- North
- Truth
- Pith
- Thank
- Thorn
- Thimble
- Three
- Theme
- Therapist
- Thigh
- Thickness

### Sound /θ/

- Unlike /θ/, it is voiced.
- It also pronounced with tongue touching or between your teeth.
- It is found in such words as:

- With
- There
- Clothing
- These
- Thence
- Then
- Their
- they

### Sound /s/

- This is a hissing sound like a snake.
- It is voiceless.
- The few rules for some of the common spellings that say the sound /s/ are:

(a) Letter '**S**', for example,

Sit	Say	Boss	Misty
Wise	Sad	This	Sunday
Dogs	Sound	Lips	

(b) Letter '**SC**', for example,

Muscle	Descend	Science	Scream
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(c) Letter '**X**', for example,

Fix	Fox	Next	Mix
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(d) Letter '**C**', for example,

Face	Practice	City
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Circle

Fence

License

### Sound /z/

➤ The /z/ is like the sound of buzzing bees.

➤ It is voiced.

➤ Most words with the letter 'Z' say /z/, for example,

- |       |         |          |         |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|
| • Zoo | • Zebra | • Buzz   | • Doze  |
| • Zip | • Quiz  | • Freeze | • prize |

➤ There are those words with letter 'S' saying this sound, for example,

- |          |             |          |           |
|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| • Is     | • Frogs     | • Pose   | • Flows   |
| • Was    | • Girls     | • Reason | • Because |
| • His    | • Friends   | • Rise   | • Shoes   |
| • Hers   | • Lies      | • Eyes   | • Visit   |
| • Nose   | • Busy      | • These  | • Those   |
| • Noise  | • Tuesday   | • Days   | • Bananas |
| • Noises | • Wednesday | • Says   | • cows    |
| • Rose   | • Sounds    | • Ties   |           |
| • Roses  |             | • Has    |           |

➤ The other group of words are those with letter 'X', for example,

Exist, anxiety

### Sound /ʒ/

➤ Words bearing this sound are borrowed from French.

➤ Pronounced in the same way as /l/ only that is voiced.

➤ The examples of words with this sound are:

- |         |          |          |            |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|
| Garage  | Sabotage | Treasure | Leisure    |
| Beige   | Genre    | Closure  | Persian    |
| Massage | Measure  | Seizure  | Conclusion |

Casual	Collision	Occasion	Vision
Casually	Division	Persuasion	Lesion
Usual	Version	Cashmere	Decision
Usually	Television	Asia	Caucasian
Amnesia	Exposure	Visual	

### Practice in sentences

- (a) Measure the beige door on the garage.
- (b) It was my decision to fly to Asia to seek treasure.

### Sound /r/

- Raise the back of your tongue to slightly touch the back teeth on both sides of your mouth. The centre part of the tongue remains lower to allow air to move over it.
- It is voiced.
- It is found in words with letter 'R' e.g.
  - Red
  - Friday
  - Worry
  - Sorry
  - Marry
- It is also said in words with letters 'WR' e.g.
  - Write
  - Wrong
  - Wrath
  - Wry
  - Wring

### Sound /w/

- Your lips form a small, tight circle when making the sound /w/.

➤ Letters representing the /w/ sound are:

- **Letter 'W'**

Woman                      New                      Win                      Towel

Wife                      Sweet                      Rewind                      Wait

- **Letters WH**

Why                      When                      What                      Whom                      Whole

Where                      While                      White                      Who

- **Letters 'QU'**

Quit                      Quite                      Queer                      Quota

Quick                      Quiet                      Queen                      Quickly

- **Others**

One

Choir

### **Sound /m/**

➤ Made by pressing the lips lightly.

➤ The words that follow contain the sound:

- Mum                      • Me                      • Farmer                      • Meat
- Mine                      • Morning                      • Shame                      • Myself

### **Exercise 1**

**Read the sentence below pronouncing each word correctly and then group the words in their appropriate columns. Consider the highlighted letters.**

*The **seven** **students** took the **first** **test** for their **driver's** **licences** on **Thursday**.*

<b>/s/</b>	<b>/z/</b>


## Exercise 2

Considering the pronunciation of highlighted letters, pick the odd word out.

- (a) Judge, **g**esture, **g**arage
- (b) Jump, **g**ift, **g**eological
- (c) Fungi, **j**ust, **g**o
- (d) **D**igit, **g**ame, **g**amble
- (e) Hy**g**iene, prod**ig**y, entangle
- (f) **G**ecko, **g**em, zoology

## Exercise 3

Pronounce each word correctly and then group it under the column containing the sound that the highlighted letter(s) bear.

Tissue	Cautious	Persian	Decis <b>ion</b>
Caucas <b>ian</b>	Leis <b>ure</b>	Casual	Collis <b>ion</b>
Divis <b>ion</b>	Solut <b>ion</b>	<b>C</b> hef	<b>S</b> ure
Pass <b>ion</b>	Press <b>ure</b>	Conclus <b>ion</b>	Pre <b>ci</b> ous
Ocean	Vis <b>ion</b>	Televis <b>ion</b>	Expos <b>ure</b>

/t/	/ʒ/


#### Exercise 4

**Circle the letter(s) that say /f/ and underline those saying /v/ in the sentences below.**

- (a) Please forgive me for forgetting the leftover food.
- (b) Save the four wolves that live in the cave.

## DIPHTHONGS

- A diphthong is a combination of two vowel sounds.



➤ Some of the diphthongs include:

- /əʊ/
- /aʊ/
- /eɪ/

**/əʊ/**

In words like;

- |          |            |          |            |            |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| • Role   | • Bonus    | • Own    | • Tomato   | • Road     |
| • Bone   | • Focus    | • Bowl   | • Logo     | • Load     |
| • Phone  | • Vogue    | • Blow   | • Motto    | • Boat     |
| • Stone  | • Social   | • Grown  | • Cold     | • Coast    |
| • Close  | • Soldier  | • Throw  | • Gold     | • Coat     |
| • Note   | • Coworker | • Go     | • Bold     | • Oak      |
| • Notice | • Most     | • Ago    | • Sold     | • Soak     |
| • Lonely | • Post     | • No     | • Told     | • Approach |
| • Home   | • Host     | • So     | • Roll     | • Boast    |
| • Hope   | • Ghost    | • Toe    | • Poll     | • Ok       |
| • Open   | • Both     | • Hero   | • Control  | • Obey     |
| • Ocean  | • Low      | • Zero   | • Bolt     | • Omit     |
| • Remote | • Know     | • Veto   | • Colt     | • Hotel    |
| • Solar  | • Mow      | • Ego    | • Folk     | • Motel    |
| • Polar  | • Sow      | • Echo   | • Comb     |            |
| • Modal  | • Show     | • Radio  | • Won't    |            |
| • Total  | • Tow      | • Studio | • Don't    |            |
| • Motor  | • Owe      | • Mexico | • Soul     |            |
| • Moment |            | • Potato | • Shoulder |            |

## **/au/**

Said in words such as:

- |         |          |          |                |          |
|---------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| • How   | • Crowd  | • Noun   | • Count        | • Flower |
| • Cow   | • Powder | • House  | • Amount       | • Shower |
| • Now   | • Browse | • Mouse  | • Mountain     | • Hour   |
| • Allow | • Loud   | • Mouth  | • Announc<br>e | au) Our  |
| • Owl   | • Proud  | • South  |                | av) Sour |
| • Brown | • Cloud  | • Couch  | • Bounce       | • Flour  |
| • Down  | • Out    | • Found  | • Allowing     | • coward |
| • Town  | • Shout  | • Ground | • Towel        |          |
| • Clown | • About  | • Around | • Bowel        |          |
| • Drown | • Doubt  | • Pound  | • Power        |          |
| • Crown | • Foul   | • Sound  | • Tower        |          |

## **/eɪ/**

The words containing this diphthong are:

- |        |          |            |            |         |
|--------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
| • wait | • gate   | • Angel    | • Rail     | • Fate  |
| • late | • waste  | • Stranger | • Raise    | • Rate  |
| • bait | • wade   | • Basis    | • Raid     | • Kate  |
| • date | • baby   | • Lazy     | • Afraid   | • Race  |
| • tale | • bacon  | • Crazy    | • Wait     | • Base  |
| • bail | • paper  | • Fail     | • Straight | • Place |
| • bale | • April  | • Mail     | • Faint    | • Lake  |
| • sale | • Danger | • Sail     | • Paint    | • Take  |

- |           |           |             |        |               |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------|---------------|
| • Name    | • Fatal   | • Neighbour | • Cave | • May         |
| • Ache    | • Patriot |             | • Wave | • Pray        |
| • Rage    | • Radio   | • Break     | • Ray  | • Convey      |
| • Patient | • Vacant  | • Steak     | • Gray | • Survey      |
| • Racial  | • Weight  | • Age       | • Play | • Stain       |
| • Nation  | • Eight   | • Wage      | • Lay  | • Change etc. |
| • Nature  | • Vein    | • Save      | • Day  |               |

### Exercise

Write another word pronounced the same way as:

- |         |          |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| a) Gait | e) Pain  | i) Vain  | m) Sew   |
| b) Made | f) Plain | j) Waist | n) No    |
| c) Mail | g) Sale  | k) Wait  | o) Toe   |
| d) Pale | h) Tale  | l) Eight | p) Grown |

### MINIMAL PAIRS

Study the pairs of words below carefully.

Fit – feet

Let – late

Van – fan

Pun – pan

- What do you notice? You realize that only one sound makes the pronunciation of one word distinct from the other. Each pair is called a *minimal pair*.
- A minimal pair is therefore a pair of words that vary by only one sound especially those that usually confuse learners, such as /l/ and /r/, /b/ and /p/, and many others.

### Minimal Pairs of Vowel Sounds

#### Sound /i/ and /i:/

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Bid – bead       | 10. Sin – seen/ scene    |
| 2. Bit – beat       | 11. Still – steal/ steel |
| 3. Bitch – beach    | 12. Sick – seek          |
| 4. Bin – bean/ been | 13. Is – ease            |
| 5. Chip – cheap     | 14. Itch – each          |
| 6. Fit – feat/ feet | 15. Risen – reason       |
| 7. Fist – feast     | 16. Piss – piece/ peace  |
| 8. Fizz – fees      | 17. Pick – peak/ peek    |
| 9. Gin – gene       | 18. Mill – meal          |

#### Exercise

Write another word in which either sound /i/ and /i:/ will make it vary from the one given.

- |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (a) Hit   | (d) Peach | (g) Kip   | (j) Pill  |
| (b) Sheet | (e) Lip   | (h) Eel   | (k) Skied |
| (c) Tin   | (f) Neat  | (i) Greed | (l) Skim  |

#### Sounds /i/ and /e/

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Did – dead     | 6. Middle – meddle |
| 2. Disk – desk    | 7. Fill – fell     |
| 3. Built – belt   | 8. Bid – bed       |
| 4. Bit – bet      | 9. Bill – bell     |
| 5. Lipped – leapt | 10. Lit – let      |

11. List – lest

12. Clinch – clench

### Exercise

Complete the table below with a word in which either the sound /e/ or /i/ brings the difference in pronunciation.

	/e/	/i/
1	Head	
2		Miss
3		Hymn
4	Led	
5	Fen	
6		Lid
7	Den	
8	Peg	

### Sounds /e/ and /ei/

The following words vary by one having the vowel sound /e/ and the other a diphthong /ei/

1. Wet – wait

10. West – waste/ waist

2. Bread – braid

11. When – wane

3. Fen – feign

12. Edge – age

4. Bed – bade

13. Gel – jail

5. Get – gate/ gait

14. Lens – lanes

6. Let – late

15. Breast – braced

7. Met – mate

16. Sent – saint

8. Lest – laced

17. Test – taste

9. Tech – take

18. Best – based

19. Wren – rain/ reign

21. Bled – blade

20. Led – laid

22. Fed – fade

### Exercise

Each word below has another word in which either the sound /e/ or /ei/ will bring the distinction in pronunciation. Write that word.

(a) Fell

(d) Sell

(g) Raid

(j) Stayed

(b) Pain

(e) Well

(h) Date

(k) Bet

(c) Hail

(f) Mate

(i) Men

(l) Jail

### Sounds /æ/ and /ʌ/

1. Batter – butter

13. Drank – drunk

2. Cap – cup

14. Fan – fun

3. Cat – cut

15. Hat – hut

4. Back – buck

16. Badge – budge

5. Brash – brush

17. Hang – hung

6. Dabble – double

18. Massed – must

7. Rang – rung

19. Rash – rush

8. Track – truck

20. Sank – sunk

9. Bad – bud

21. Ran – run

10. Began – begun

22. Swam – swum

11. Bag – bug

23. Ban – bun

12. Pan – pun

24. Ham – hum

### Exercise

Complete the table below with the minimal pair of the word. Consider the sound indicated in each column.

	/æ/	/ʌ/
(a)		But
(b)	Match	

(c)	Mad	
(d)		Flush
(e)	Cam	
(f)		Dumb
(g)	Sang	
(h)		Uncle
(i)	Crash	
(j)	Sack	
(k)		Dump
(l)		Tug

### Sounds /æ/ and /e/

look at the list below.

- |               |                  |                   |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bad – bed  | 6. Sat – set     | 11. Pan – pen     |
| 2. And – end  | 7. Shall – shell | 12. Sad – said    |
| 3. Had – head | 8. Man – men     | 13. Manned – mend |
| 4. Jam – gem  | 9. Bag – beg     | 14. Land – lend   |
| 5. Pat – pet  | 10. Ham – hem    |                   |

### Exercise

Complete the table with appropriate word that vary with the sound indicated in the column.

	/æ/	/e/
(a)	Marry	
(b)		Blend
(c)	Cattle	
(d)	Vat	
(e)	Sacks	

(f)		Trek
(g)	Trad	
(h)		met

### Minimal Pairs of /ɑ:/ and /ɜ:/

- |                       |                   |                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. fast – first       | 7. guard – gird   | 13. par – purr  |
| 2. bath – berth/birth | 8. pa – per       | 14. park – perk |
| 3. heart – hurt       | 9. bar – bur      | 15. star – stir |
| 4. bard – bird        | 10. barn – burn   | 16. arc – irk   |
| 5. car – cur          | 11. carve – curve |                 |
| 6. card – curd        | 12. dart – dirt   |                 |

### Exercise 6

Considering the sounds /ɑ:/ and /ɜ:/, write the minimal pair of:

- |                |          |           |
|----------------|----------|-----------|
| (a) far        | (c) pass | (e) shark |
| (b) heard/herd | (d) farm | (f) curt  |

### Minimal Pairs of /b/ and /v/

- |                   |                 |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. bat – vat      | 6. bale – veil  | 11. broom – vroom     |
| 2. beer – veer    | 7. bane – vein  | 12. dribble – drivell |
| 3. bowl – vole    | 8. curb – curve | 13. dub – dove        |
| 4. bow – vow      | 9. bolt – volt  | 14. jibe – jive       |
| 5. gibbon – given | 10. bowl – vole | 15. rebel – revel     |

### Exercise 7

There is another word that will vary with the one written below with just one sound. Depending on the sounds /b/ and /v/, write that word.

- |         |          |          |            |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|
| (a) van | (b) boat | (c) Vest | (d) Vowels |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|



(e) Vent

(f) Bury

(g) Loaves

(h) Verve

**Minimal pairs of /f/ and /v/**

- |                     |                    |                      |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| • Fan – van         | • Fie – vie        | • Feel – veal        |
| • Off – of          | • Foal – vole      | • Staff – starve     |
| • Fat – vat         | • Guff – guv       | • Feign – vain/ vein |
| • Fee – v           | • Waif – waive     | • Foist – voiced     |
| • Foul – vowel      | • Gif – give       | • Fox – vox          |
| • Fender – vendor   | • Life – live      | • Reef – reeve       |
| • Serf/Surf – serve | • Safe – save      |                      |
| • Duff – dove       | • Belief – believe |                      |

**Exercise 8**

**Write the minimal pair of the word below with consideration being either the sound /f/ or /v/.**

(a) Ferry

(d) Fine

(g) Veil

(j) Fault

(b) Leaf

(e) Half

(h) Grief

(k) Vile

(c) Vast

(f) Proof

(i) Calf

(l) Strive

**Minimal Pairs of Sounds/s/ and /θ/**

- |                  |                  |                  |                    |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| • Mouse – mouth  | • Sort – thought | • Some – thumb   | • Sin – thin       |
| • Sing – thing   | • Tense – tenth  | • Song – thong   | • Sum – thumb      |
| • Face – faith   | • Mass – math    | • Worse – worth  | • Piss – pith      |
| • Force – fourth | • Miss – myth    | • Gross – growth | • Sawn – thorn     |
| • Sick – thick   | • Pass – path    | • Sigh – thigh   | • Symbol – thimble |
| • Sink – think   | • Saw – thaw     |                  | • Sore – thaw      |
|                  | • Seem – theme   |                  |                    |

- Truce – truth
- Sought – thought
- Moss – moth
- Sump – thump
- Suds – thuds
- Sank – thank

### Sounds /t/ and /d/

- Town – down
- Tick – dick
- Tout – doubt
- Team – deem
- Touch – Dutch
- Tine – dine
- Tug – dug
- Tent – dent
- Tear – dare
- Hat – had
- Tale/ tail – dale
- Toast – dosed
- Ten – den
- Spent – spend
- Teed – deed
- Tomb – doom
- Tongue – dung
- Too/ to/two – do
- Tier – deer
- Tower – dour
- Tart – dart
- Train – drain
- Tint – dint
- Tux – ducks
- Tech – deck
- Tide – dyed/died
- Sheet – she’d
- Tamp – damp
- Tin – din
- Torn – dawn
- Wait – weighed
- Tell – dell
- Toe – doe
- Teal – deal
- Tie – die
- Tusk – dusk
- Tough – duff
- Teen – dean
- Try – dry
- Sight – side
- Tuck – duck
- Tyre/tire – dire
- Tear – dear
- Beat – bead
- Tab – dab
- Toes – doze
- Tip – dip
- Tame – dame
- Tank – dank

### Exercise 9

Each word below has another word in which all the sounds are the same except either the sound /t/ or /d/ is different. Write that word.

- |           |           |          |            |
|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| (a) Bat   | (f) Bed   | (k) Hit  | (p) Nod    |
| (b) God   | (g) Bored | (l) Hurt | (q) Set    |
| (c) Write | (h) Eight | (m) Mat  | (r) Played |
| (d) And   | (i) Bet   | (n) Mend | (s) Sat    |
| (e) At    | (j) Feet  | (o) Neat | (t) Dead   |

## Minimal Pairs of /k/ and /g/

### Initial

- |                 |                  |                     |                 |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| • Came – game   | • Course – gorse | • Clamour – glamour | • Clam – glam   |
| • Card – guard  | • Cram – gram    | • Clad – glad       | • Cord – gored  |
| • Cold – gold   | • Crepe – grape  | • Crane – grain     | • Coup – goo    |
| • Clean – glean | • Crew – grew    | • Creed – greed     | • Crate – grate |
| • Crate – great | • Croup – group  | • Krill – grill     | • Cuff – guff   |
| • Cap – gap     | • Crow – grow    | • Cunning – gunning |                 |
| • Coast – ghost | • Key – ghee     | • Cab – gab         |                 |
| • Kale – gale   | • K – gay        | • Cape – gape       |                 |
| • Can – gone    |                  |                     |                 |

### Final

- |                |                |                |              |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| • Clock – clog | • brogue       | • Snuck – snug | • Luck – lug |
| • Dock – dog   | • Crack – crag | • Stack – stag | • Beck – beg |
| • Frock – frog | • Prick – prig | • Whack – wag  | • Cock – cog |
| • Muck – mug   | • Puck – pug   | • Wick – wig   | • Hack – hag |
| • Brick – brig | • Shack – shag | • Jock – jog   | • Pick – pig |
| • Broke –      | • Slack – slag | • Lack – lag   |              |

### Exercise 10

Complete the table with appropriate word that only differs with one sound with the one given. Consider the sounds in the columns.

	/k/	/g/
(a)	Tack	
(b)		Flog
(c)	Tuck	

(d)		Gum
(e)		Gash
(f)	Jack	
(g)	Cave	
(h)		Sag
(i)	Leak	
(j)	Crab	
(k)	Class	
(l)		Good
(m)		Goat
(n)		Blog
(o)	Kill	
(p)		Dug
(q)		Gut
(r)		Log
(s)	Rack	
(t)	Cot	

## HOMOPHONES

Words pronounced the same way but have different spellings and meanings are the homophones. The list below is English homophones.

1. Accessary accessory
2. Ad, add
3. Ail, ale
4. Air, heir
5. Aisle, I'll, isle
6. All, awl
7. Allowed, aloud
8. Alms, arms
9. Altar, alter
10. Ante, anti
11. Arc, ark
12. Aural, oral

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 13. Away, aweigh      | 39. Bight, bite, byte    |
| 14. Awe, oar, or, ore | 40. Billed, build        |
| 15. Axel, axle        | 41. Bitten, bittern      |
| 16. Aye, eye, I       | 42. Blew, blue           |
| 17. Bail, bale        | 43. Bloc, block          |
| 18. Bait, bate        | 44. Boar, bore           |
| 19. Baize, bays       | 45. Board, bored         |
| 20. Bald, bawled      | 46. Boarder, border      |
| 21. Ball, bawl        | 47. Bold, bawled         |
| 22. Band, banned      | 48. Boos, booze          |
| 23. Bard, barred      | 49. Born, borne          |
| 24. Bare, bear        | 50. Bough, bow           |
| 25. Bark, barque      | 51. Boy, buoy            |
| 26. Baron, barren     | 52. Brae, bray           |
| 27. Base, bass        | 53. Braid, brayed        |
| 28. Bay, bey          | 54. Braise, brays, braze |
| 29. Bazaar, bizarre   | 55. Brake, break         |
| 30. Be, bee           | 56. Bread, bred          |
| 31. Beach, beech      | 57. Brews, bruise        |
| 32. Bean, been        | 58. Bridal, bridle       |
| 33. Beat, beet        | 59. Broach, brooch       |
| 34. Beau, bow         | 60. Bur, burr            |
| 35. Beer, bier        | 61. But, butt            |
| 36. Bell, belle       | 62. Buy, by, bye         |
| 37. Berry, bury       | 63. Buyer, byre          |
| 38. Berth, birth      | 64. Call, caul           |

65. Canvas, canvass  
66. Cast, caste  
67. Caster, castor  
68. Caught, court  
69. Caw, core, corps  
70. Cede, seed  
71. Ceiling, sealing  
72. Censer, censor, sensor  
73. Cent, scent, sent  
74. Cereal, serial  
75. Cheap, cheep  
76. Check, cheque  
77. Choir, quire  
78. Chord, cord  
79. Cite, sight, site  
80. Clack, claque  
81. Clew, clue  
82. Climb, clime  
83. Close, cloze  
84. Coarse, course  
85. Coign, coin  
86. Colonel, kernel  
87. Complacent, complaisant  
88. Complement, compliment  
89. Coo, coup  
90. Cops, copse

91. Council, counsel  
92. Cousin, cozen  
93. Creak, creek  
94. Crews, cruise  
95. Cue, queue  
96. Curb, kerb  
97. Currant, current  
98. Cymbol, symbol  
99. Dam, damn  
100. Days, daze  
101. Dear, deer  
102. Descent, dissent  
103. Desert, dessert  
104. Deviser, divisor  
105. Dew, due  
106. Die, dye  
107. Discreet, discrete  
108. Doe, dough  
109. Done, dun  
110. Douse, dowse  
111. Draft, draught  
112. Dual, duel  
113. Earn, urn  
114. Ewe, yew, you  
115. Faint, feint  
116. Fair, fare

117.	Farther, father	143.	Friar, fryer
118.	Fate, fete	144.	Furs, furze
119.	Faun, fawn	145.	Gait, gate
120.	Fay, fey	146.	Gamble, gambol
121.	Faze, phase	147.	Gays, gaze
122.	Feat, feet	148.	Genes, jeans
123.	Ferrule, ferule	149.	Gild, guild
124.	Few, phew	150.	Gilt, guilt
125.	File, phial	151.	Gnaw, nor
126.	Find, fined	152.	Gneiss, nice
127.	Fir, fur	153.	Gorilla, guerrilla
128.	Flair, flare	154.	Grate, great
129.	Flaw, floor	155.	Greave, grieve
130.	Flea, flee	156.	Greys, graze
131.	Flex, flecks	157.	Groan, grown
132.	Flew, flu, flue	158.	Guessed, guest
133.	Floe, flow	159.	Hail, hale
134.	Flour, flower	160.	Hair, hare
135.	Foaled, fold	161.	Hall, haul
136.	For, fore, four	162.	Hangar, hanger
137.	Foreword, forward	163.	Hart, heart
138.	Fort, fought	164.	Haw, hoar, whore
139.	Forth, fourth	165.	Hay, hey
140.	Foul, fowl	166.	Heal, heel, he'll
141.	Franc, frank	167.	Hear, here
142.	Freeze, frieze	168.	Heard, herd

169.	He'd, heed	195.	Knows, nose
170.	Heroin, heroine	196.	Laager, lager
171.	Hew, hue	197.	Lac, lack
172.	Hi, high	198.	Lade, laid
173.	Higher, hire	199.	Lain, lane
174.	Him, hymn	200.	Lam, lamb
175.	Ho, hoe	201.	Laps, lapse
176.	Hoard, horde	202.	Larva, lava
177.	Hoarse, horse	203.	Lase, laze
178.	Holey, holy, wholly	204.	Law, lore
179.	Hour, our	205.	Lay, ley
180.	Idle, idol	206.	Lea, lee
181.	In, inn	207.	Leach, leech
182.	Indict, indite	208.	Lead, led
183.	It's, its	209.	Leak, leek
184.	Jewel, joule	210.	Lean, lien
185.	Key, quay	211.	Lessen, lesson
186.	Knave, nave	212.	Levee, levy
187.	Knead, need	213.	Liar, lyre
188.	Knew, new	214.	Licker, liquor
189.	Knight, night	215.	Lie, lye
190.	Knit, nit	216.	Lieu, loo
191.	Knob, nob	217.	Links, lynx
192.	Knock,nock	218.	Lo, low
193.	Knot, not	219.	Load, lode
194.	Know, no	220.	Loan, lone



221.	Locks, lox	247.	Mode, mowed
222.	Loop, loupe	248.	Moor, more
223.	Loot, lute	249.	Moose, mousse
224.	Made, maid	250.	Morning, mourning
225.	Mail, male	251.	Muscle, mussel
226.	Main, mane	252.	Naval, navel
227.	Maize, maze	253.	Nay, neigh
228.	Mall, maul	254.	None, nun
229.	Manna, manner	255.	Od, odd
230.	Mantel, mantle	256.	Ode, owed
231.	Mare, mayor	257.	Oh, owe
232.	Mark, marque	258.	One, won
233.	Marshal, martial	259.	Packed, pact
234.	Mask, masque	260.	Pail, pale
235.	Maw, more	261.	Pain, pane
236.	Me, mi	262.	Pair, pare, pear
237.	Mean, mien	263.	Palate, palette, pallet
238.	Meat, meet, mete	264.	Paten, pattern,
239.	Medal, meddle	265.	Pause, paws, pores, pours
240.	Metal, mettle	266.	Pawn, porn
241.	Meter, metre	267.	Pea, pee
242.	Might, mite	268.	Peace, piece
243.	Miner, minor	269.	Peak, peek
244.	Mind, mined	270.	Peal, peel
245.	Missed, mist	271.	Pearl, purl
246.	Moat, mote	272.	Pedal, peddle

273.	Peer, pier	299.	Ring, wring
274.	Pi, pie	300.	Road, rode
275.	Place, plaice	301.	Roe, row
276.	Plain, plane	302.	Role, roll
277.	Pleas, please	303.	Roux, rue
278.	Plum, plumb	304.	Rood, rude
279.	Pole, poll	305.	Root, route
280.	Practice, practise	306.	Rose, rows
281.	Praise, prays, preys	307.	Rota, rotor
282.	Principal, principle	308.	Rote, wrote
283.	Profit, prophet	309.	Rough, ruff
284.	Quarts, quartz	310.	Rouse, rows
285.	Quean, queen	311.	Rung, wrung
286.	Rain, reign, rein	312.	Rye, wry
287.	Raise, rays, raze	313.	Saver, savour
288.	Rap, wrap	314.	Spade, spayed
289.	Raw, roar	315.	Sale, sail
290.	Read, reed	316.	Sane, seine
291.	Read, red	317.	Satire, satyr
292.	Real, reel	318.	Sauce, source
293.	Reek, wreak	319.	Saw, soar, sore
294.	Rest, wrest	320.	Scene, seen
295.	Retch, wretch	321.	Scull, skull
296.	Review, revue	322.	Sea, see
297.	Rheum, room	323.	Seam, seem
298.	Right, rite, write	324.	Sear, seer, sere

325.	Seas, sees, seize	351.	Swat,swot
326.	Sew, so, sow	352.	Tacks,tax
327.	Shake, sheikh	353.	Tale,tail
328.	Shear, sheer	354.	Talk,torque
329.	Shoe, shoo	355.	Tare, tear
330.	Sic, sick	356.	Taught,taut,tort
331.	Side, sighed	357.	Tea,tee
332.	Sign, sine	358.	Team,teem
333.	Sink, synch	359.	Teas, tease
334.	Slay, sleigh	360.	Tare, tear
335.	Sloe, slow	361.	Tern,t urn
336.	Sole, soul	362.	There,their, they're
337.	Some, sum	363.	Threw,through
338.	Son, sun	364.	Throes,throws
339.	Sort, sought	365.	Throne, thrown
340.	Spa,spar	366.	Thyme,time
341.	Staid,stayed	367.	Tic,tick
342.	Stair,stare	368.	Tide,tied
343.	Stake,stoak	369.	Tire,tyre
344.	Stalk,stork	370.	To,too,two
345.	Stationary,stationery	371.	Toad,toed,towed
346.	Steal,steel	372.	Told,tolled
347.	Stile,style	373.	Tole,toll
348.	Storey,story	374.	Ton,tun
349.	Straight,strait	375.	Tor,tore
350.	Sweat,sweet	376.	Tough,tuff

377.	Troop, troupe	396.	Weather, whether
378.	Tuba, tuber	397.	Weir, we're
379.	Vain, vane, vein	398.	Were, whirr
380.	Vale, veil	399.	Wet, whet
381.	Vial, vile	400.	Weald, wheeled
382.	Wail, wale, whale	401.	Which, witch
383.	Wain, wane	402.	Whig, wig
384.	Waist, waste	403.	While, wile
385.	Waive, wave	404.	Whine, wine
386.	Wall, waul	405.	Whirl, whorl
387.	War, wore	406.	Whirled, world
388.	Warn, worn	407.	Whit, wit
		408.	White, wight
389.	Watt, what	409.	Who's, whose
390.	Wax, whacks	410.	Wood, would
391.	Way, weigh	411.	Yaw, yore, your, you're
392.	We, wee	412.	Yoke, yolk
393.	Weak, week	413.	You'll, yule
394.	We'd, weed		
395.	Weal, we'll, wheel		

### Exercise

Write two words pronounced the same way as each of the following words.

(a) B                      (b) C                      (c) I                      (d) P                      (e) T                      (f) U

### SILENT LETTERS

In English there are letters that are usually not pronounced in certain words. Let us have a look

at these letters and words in which they are silent.

### Letter 'A'

- |             |              |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| • Logically | Romantically | Artistically |
| • Musically | Stoically    |              |

### Letter 'B'

- |          |         |          |           |
|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| • Aplomb | • Crumb | • Limb   | • Succumb |
| • Bomb   | • Debt  | • Numb   | • Thumb   |
| • Climb  | • Jamb  | • Plumb  | • Tomb    |
| • Comb   | • Lamb  | • Subtle | • Womb    |

### Letter 'C'

- |              |              |               |               |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| • Ascend     | • Crescent   | • Fluorescent | • Resuscitate |
| • Abscess    | • Descend    | • Isosceles   | • Scenario    |
| • Ascent     | • Descent    | • Luminescent | • Scene       |
| • Conscience | • Discipline | • Muscle      | • Scent       |
| • Conscious  | • Fascinate  | • Obscene     | • Scissors    |

### Letter 'D'

- |             |            |                |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| • Wednesday | • Pledge   | • Handkerchief |
| • Hedge     | • Grudge   |                |
| • Dodge     | • Sandwich |                |

### Letter 'E'

- |        |        |             |
|--------|--------|-------------|
| • Hate | • Like | • Lessen    |
| • Name | • Hope | • Surprised |

### Letter 'G'

- |          |            |             |           |
|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| • Align  | • Benign   | • Champagne | • Consign |
| • Assign | • Campaign | • Cologne   | • Gnarl   |

- Gnash
- Gnome
- Reign
- Gnaw
- Gnu
- Sign

### Letter 'H'

- Honest
- Hour
- Heir
- Honour
- Ache
- Anchor
- Archeology
- Architect
- Archives
- Chaos
- Character
- Cholera
- Charisma
- Chemical
- Chemist
- Chorus
- Choir
- Echo
- Loch
- Shepherd
- Monarch
- Scheme
- psych

### Letter 'I'

- Business
- Parliament

### Letter 'K'

- Knock
- Knapsack
- Knave
- Knead
- Knee
- Kneel
- Knell
- Knew
- 9. Knickers
- Knife
- Knight
- Knit
- Knob
- Knock
- Knot
- Know
- Knowledge
- Knuckle

### Letter 'L'

- Calm
- Half
- Talk
- Walk
- Would
- Should
- Calf
- Salmon
- Yolk
- Folk
- Balk

### Letter 'N'

- Autumn
- Column
- Condemn

- Damn

- Hymn

- Solemn

### Letter 'O'

- Lesson

### Letter 'P'

- Psychology
- Pneumonia
- Pseudo

- Psychiatrist
- Psychotherapy
- Psychotic

- Receipt
- Corps
- Coup

### Letter 'S'

- Island
- Aisle

- Apropos
- Bourgeois

### Letter 'T'

- |           |           |            |           |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| • Apostle | • glisten | • mortgage | • whistle |
| • Bristle | • hustle  | • nestle   | • wrestle |
| • Bustle  | • jostle  | • rustle   |           |
| • Castle  | • listen  | • thistle  |           |
| • fasten  | • moisten | • trestle  |           |

### Letter 'U'

- |            |            |              |              |
|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| • baguette | • disguise | • guillotine | • guitar     |
| • biscuit  | • guess    | • guilt      | • rogue      |
| • build    | • guide    | • guilty     | • silhouette |
| • built    | • guild    | • guilty     | • colleague  |
| • circuit  | • guile    | • guise      | • tongue     |

### Letter 'W'

- |              |           |           |         |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| • awry       | • sword   | • wrap    | • wrath |
| • playwright | • wrangle | • wrapper | • wreak |

- wreath                      • wretched                      • writ                      • wrong
- wreck                      • wriggle                      • write                      • wrought
- wreckage                      • wring                      • wrote                      • wrung
- wren                      • wrinkle                      • wrong                      • wry
- wrench                      • wrist                      • writhe

## Exercise

Identify the silent letter(s) in:

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| i. debtor       | xx. Clothes     |
| ii. isle        | xxi. Cupboard   |
| iii. mock       | xxii. Faux      |
| iv. depot       | xxiii. Mnemonic |
| v. acquit       | xxiv. Numb      |
| vi. womb        | xxv. Rendezvous |
| vii. patios     | xxvi. Catalogue |
| viii. thyme     | xvii. Vegetable |
| ix. handsome    | xxviii. Asthma  |
| x. sandwich     | xxix. months    |
| xi. government  | xxx. debris     |
| xii. listen     |                 |
| xiii. Christmas |                 |
| xiv. Whether    |                 |
| xv. Rapport     |                 |
| xvi. Ballet     |                 |
| xvii. Chalet    |                 |
| xviii. Aplomb   |                 |
| xix. Ricochet   |                 |



## RIDDLES

- A riddle is a statement or a question with veiled meaning posed as a puzzle to be solved.
- The riddles play functions such as:
  - They boost the creativity of kids.
  - They entertain.
- Some examples of riddles include:
  - What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries? A towel.
  - What can you catch but not throw? A cold.
  - What goes around the world but stays in a corner? A stamp.
  - Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I ? Fire.

### Riddling Process

- There are two parties involved: the audience (respondents) and the challenger(or the riddler).
- There are basically four stages of a riddling process, but at times six.
- The parts of the riddling process are:
  - (1) The riddler challenges the audience. The challenge differs from community to community. Some phrases used here include: riddle riddle!, I have a riddle! Etc.
  - (2) The respondents accept the challenge. The invitations include: riddle come! Throw it! Etc.
  - (3) The riddler then poses the riddle.
  - (4) The guess or guesses. The audience tries to come up with the solution. If they are unable, then the next part follows.
  - (5) The challenger asks for a prize. The prize can be a town or city, or any other thing. The challenger accepts the prize.
  - (6) Then the solution is given by the challenger.

### Exercise

**Read the riddling convention below and then identify its six parts.**

**Challenger:** I have a riddle!

**Respondent:** Throw it.

**Challenger:** What comes down but never goes up?

**Respondent:** Wind

**Challenger:** no, try again.

**Respondent:** Bird

**Challenger:** What will you give me if I offer the solution?

**Respondent:** You will have the entire fire to yourself.

**Challenger:** The answer is **rain**.

## FEATURES OF OGRE STORIES AND TRICKSTERS

### **(a)OGRE STORIES**

- ❖ An ogre usually represents an evil.
- ❖ Ogres are usually destroyed at the end.
- ❖ They have happy endings.

#### **Functions of Ogre Stories**

1. They warn against strangers.
2. They caution youth against marrying the people they don't know.
- 3.

### **(b)TRICKSTER STORIES**

- ❖ A character makes up for a physical weakness with cunning and subversive humour.
- ❖ The trickster alternatives between:
  - i. Cleverness and stupidity;
  - ii. Kindness and cruelty;
  - iii. Deceiver and deceived; and
  - iv. Breaker of taboos and creator of culture.

## MASTERY OF CONTENT

### DEBATE

- A formal contest of argumentation between two sides is what debate is.
- Debate embodies the ideals of reasoned argument, and tolerance for divergent points of view.
- There are two sides in the debate: **the proposition** and the **opposition**.
- These two teams are presented with a resolution, such as, '**Girls and Boys Should play in a mixed football team.**'
- The teams are given enough preparation time.
- The team affirming the resolution speaks first.
- The opposing team then must refute the arguments offered by the affirming team and offer arguments rejecting the resolution.
- Both sides are given the opportunity to present their positions and to directly question the other team.
- Neutral judge (s) then evaluate the persuasiveness of the arguments and offer constructive

feedback.

### **Preparation Time**

This is the time you have from when the motion is announced to the beginning of the debate. During this time:

1. Research on the motion to get facts. The facts can be got from the teachers, other students, etc.
2. Write notes on the facts. You can once in a while look at them during your presentation.
3. Practice how to speak. Do it in front of friends and relatives, as well as in front of a mirror.
4. If anxious, do some physical exercise. You can also take a deep breath just before your presentation.
5. Dress decently.

### **Points Delivery**

Here are the points that will help you be successful during your points delivery:

1. Deliver your points in a confident and persuasive way.
2. Vary your tone to make you sound interesting. Listening to one tone is boring.
3. Speak quite loudly to be comfortably heard by everyone in the room. Shouting does not win debates.
4. Make eye contact with your audience, but keep shifting your gaze. Don't stare at one person.
5. Concisely and clearly express your points to be understood by your audience members.
6. Provide a proof for each point you put across. If you don't you will not earn a point.
7. Speak slowly and enunciate your words. When you slow down your speech, you give your audience and the judge more time to process your strong points.
8. Use gestures to elaborate on your points.
9. Pause to divide your major points.

### **Heckling**

- Only supportive and argumentative heckling is permitted.
- Heckling is a brief phrase (about two words) or other non-verbal actions that are directed to the judge of the debate.

- They are reminder to the judge to pay close attention to the message immediately expressed by the speaker.
- There are two types of heckles:
  - Those that are non-verbal, such as,
    - (a) Rapping the knuckles on the desktop.
    - (b) Rapping the palm on the desk.
    - () Stamping the feet

They are meant to encourage the judge to heed a particularly strong point being made by the speaker.
  - Those that are verbal, such as,
    - (a) Objective
    - (b) Evidence
    - () Point of information

They are said after standing up by one member of the opposing side. These are meant to alert the judge to a problem in the opposing side's argument.

### **Exercise**

After you deliver your points during the debate, everyone claps for you. How could you have delivered your points to earn their heckling?

## ETIQUETTE

Etiquette is the rules that indicate the proper and polite manner to behave.

### USE OF COURTEOUS LANGUAGE

- When one uses courteous language, he/she uses a language that is very polite and polished to show respect.
- At no time should you allow yourself be rude, ill-mannered, impolite, inconsiderate, or even thoughtless.
- Being and remaining polite will go a long way in building relationships.
- To show politeness and respect:
  - Use the word please in request;
  - Say thank you to those who help or compliment you.
  - Start your requests or interrogatives beginning with words such as can, could, may, will, or would.
  - Say excuse me when you interrupt other people or intrude into their time or privacy.
  - Use question tags.
- In this section, we shall learn the words and phrases that show respect.

#### (a) Please

- We use it when you want someone to do something for you. For example: **Can you pass that cup, please?**
- also used when you want something from someone. For example: **Lend me ten shillings, please.**

#### (b) Thank you

- Use it whenever someone does something for you.
- Use it when someone commends you.

**(c) Sorry**

- Say it any time you inconvenience someone.
- Say it when step on someone's toes, etc.
- Also when someone asks you something you cannot do.

**(d) Excuse me**

To introduce a request to someone, or to get past someone, use this phrase. For example

Excuse me, can you show me where Amina lives?

**(e) Pardon me**

Almost as 'excuse me'

**Exercise 1**

Jennifer has gone to the shop to buy a bar of soap. The shopkeeper tells her to be polite the next time she comes to buy from him. Showing where, which polite phrases could Jennifer have failed to use?

**Exercise 2**

**Read the dialogue below and then explain how Jacinta expresses politeness.**

**John:** I would like to send this letter to Japan by airmail, how much is the charge?

**Jacinta:** It's one pound, do you need extra stamps?

**John:** I do, I have been also expecting a package from New-York. Here is my identity card and receipt.

**Jacinta:** Would you mind signing this form? Here is the package.

**John:** Finally, I would like to send this registered letter to London.

**Jacinta:** Please fill in the complete address in capital letters.

## **NON VERBAL SKILLS IN LISTENING AND SPEAKING**

### **IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING PERSONAL SPACE**

A personal space is an imaginary area between a person and their surrounding area. This space makes the person feel comfortable and should therefore not be encroached.

The distance can exist at work, at home and in our social circles.

The personal space varies depending on factors such as:

- (a) Gender
- (b) Trust
- (c) Relationship
- (d) Familiarity with the person.

#### **Why Respect People's personal Space?**

1. To make them feel comfortable.



2. To maintain good relationships.
3. To enhance listening. Especially during a talk.

### **General Personal Space Rules**

The personal space guidelines below will help enhance listening and speaking:

1. Respectfully keep your distance if you walk into a room and see two people in private conversation.
2. Pay attention to your volume when you speak, whether on the phone or in person, to ensure you don't distract attention of others.
3. Maintain physical space at table and chair rows so the people around you have enough room to write, raise their hands, etc.
4. Be mindful of amount of perfume or cologne you wear as if it is in excess it might distract others.
5. Never lean on the other person's shoulder unless invited to.
6. Don't eavesdrop on another person's phone conversation. In case you overhear details of the conversation, keep it confidential.

### **Dealing with Space Intrusion**

Depending on the nature of the intrusion, you would deal with space encroachment in different ways. Here are the steps of dealing with a person who leans on your shoulder:

1. Lean away or take a step back away from the person hoping they would take a hint.
2. Come right out and say you feel discomfort being too close.
3. Explain why you need more space. You can for example tell them you need more space to write.

### **Exercise**

You have attended a one day seminar. The person sitting next to you is said to be intruding your personal space. What four personal space guidelines could this person have failed to follow?

## **LISTENING AND SPEAKING ANSWERS**

### **PRONUNCIATION OF VOWEL SOUNDS**

/ɪ/

- Hill
- Sit
- Still
- Blip
- Fill
- Blink
- Thrill

/i:/

- Jeep
- Creek
- Greased
- Teal
- cheat

/e/

- jet
- bed
- wet

## **PRONUNCIATION OF CONSONANT SOUNDS**

### **Exercise 1**

Sound /s/: seven, students, first, test, licences

Sound /z/ : driver's, licences, Thursday

### **Exercise 2**

(a) Garage

(c) Go

(e) Entangle

(b) Gift

(d) Digit

(f) Gecko

### Exercise 3

**Sound /ɪ/** :tissue, passion, ocean, cautious, solution, pressure, Persian, chef, sure, precious

**Sound /ɜ/** :Caucasian, division, leisure, vision, casual, conclusion, television, decision, collision, exposure

### Exercise 4

**Sound /f/** : forgive, for, forgetting, leftover, food

**Sound /v/** :forgive, leftover

### DIPHTHONGS

- |          |           |               |           |
|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| (a) Gate | (e) Pane  | (i) Vane/vein | (m) Sow   |
| (b) Made | (f) Plane | (j) Waste     | (n) Know  |
| (c) Male | (g) Sail  | (k) Weight    | (o) Tow   |
| (d) Pail | (h) Tail  | (l) Ate       | (p) Groan |

### MINIMAL PAIRS

#### Exercise 1

- |          |           |          |            |
|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| (a) Heat | (d) Pitch | (g) Keep | (j) Peel   |
| (b) Shit | (e) Leap  | (h) Ill  | (k) Skid   |
| (c) Teen | (f) Knit  | (i) Grid | (l) Scheme |

#### Exercise 2

- |          |         |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Hid  | (c) Hem | (e) Fin | (g) Din |
| (b) Mess | (d) Led | (f) Led | (h) Pig |

#### Exercise 3

- |          |               |              |           |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| (a) Fail | (d) Sail/sale | (g) Read/red | (j) Stead |
| (b) Pen  | (e) Whale     | (h) Debt     |           |
| (c) Hell | (f) Met       | (i) Main     |           |

#### Exercise 4

- |         |          |         |           |
|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| (a) Bat | (b) Much | (c) Mud | (d) Flash |
|---------|----------|---------|-----------|

(e) Come	(g) Sung	(i) Crush	() Damp
(f) Dam	(h) Ankle	() Suck	(l) Tag

### Exercise 5

(a) Merry	(c) Kettle	(e) Sex	(g) Tread
() Bland	(d) Vet	(f) Track	(h) Mat

### Exercise 6

(a) Fir/fur	(c) Purse	(e) Shirk
(b) Hard	(d) Firm	(f) Cart

### Exercise 7

(a) Ban	(c) Best	(e) Bent	(g) Lobes
(b) Vote	(d) Bowels	(f) Very	() Verb

### Exercise 8

(a) Very	(d) Vine	(g) Fail	() Vault
(b) Leave	(e) Halve	(h) Grieve	(k) File
(c) Fast	() Prove	(i) Carve	(l) Strife

### Exercise 9

(a) Bad	(f) Bet	(k) Hid	(p) Not
(b) Got	(g) Bought	(l) Heard	(q) Said
(c) Ride	(h) Aid	(m) Mad	(r) Plate
(d) Ant	(i) Bed	(n) Meant	(s) Sad
(e) add	(j) feed	(o) need	(t) Debt

### Exercise 10

(a) Tag	(e) Cash	(i) League	(m) Coat
(b) Flock	(f) Jag	(j) Grab	(n) Block
(c) Tuck	(g) Gave	(k) Glass	(o) Gill
(d) Come	(h) Sack	(l) Could	(p) Duck

(q) Cut

(r) Lock

(s) Rag

(t) got

## HOMOPHONES

(a) bee, be

(c) aye, eye

(e) tea, tee

(b) see, sea

(d) pee, pea

(f) ewe, you

## SILENT LETTERS

i. b	xi. n	xxi. p
ii. s	xii. t	xxii. x
iii. c	xiii. t	xxiii. m
iv. t	xiv. h	xxiv. b
v. c	xv. t	xxv. z
vi. b	xvi. t	xxvi. ue
vii. s	xvii. t	xxvii. e
viii. h	xviii. b	xxviii. th
ix. d	xix. t	xxix. th
x. d	xx. e	xxx. s

## RIDDLES

- Challenge – I have a riddle!
- Acceptance – Throw it.
- Pose/ Riddle – What comes down but never goes up?
- Guesses – wind, bird
- Prize – Fire

- Solution – rain

### **Exercise 2**

aabcdddbceeccffccgghh

### **DEBATE**

**I could have:**

- Spoken confidently
- Varied my tone appropriately
- Spoken loud enough to be heard by everyone
- Made my contact with my audience
- Provided proofs for my points in persuasive way.
- Spoken slowly and enunciated words correctly
- Used gestures that reinforced my ideas
- Paused at key points

### **USE OF COURTEOUS LANGUAGE**

#### **Exercise 1**

- Failed to use 'thank you' after being given the bar of soap.
- Failed to use 'please' when asking to be given the bar of soap.
- Failed to use 'excuse me' to get the shopkeeper's attention.

#### **Exercise 2**

- She has used 'please' when asking John to fill the address.
- She has used 'would' in asking questions.

### **IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING PERSONAL SPACE**

He could have failed to:

- Speak in a low voice during the talk.

- Maintain the physical distance between the two of us at the table.
- Resist leaning on my shoulder or chest.
- Resist eavesdropping on my phone conversation

## **READING FOR FORM ONE**

### **READING SKILLS**

#### **SILENT READING**

- It involves reading without pronouncing the words out loud.
- It is reading to oneself.

#### **Bad Silent Reading Habits**

The following are some of the bad silent habits which you must try to break:

##### **(a) Moving your lips when you read**

##### **(b) Vocalizing**

Vocalizing means that you are pronouncing words in the voice box of the throat without making sounds. This also slows your reading rate to that of speaking.

##### **(c) Regressing out of habit**

Regressing means rereading a word, phrase, or sentence out of habit and not because of need. Sometimes, it is necessary to reread something, especially in a difficult passage. But habitual, unnecessary regressing really slows you down.

##### **(d) Reading one word at a time**

##### **(e) Moving of the head as one reads.**

##### **(f) Pointing the words as you read.**

#### **USING A DICTIONARY**

#### **Reasons for using a dictionary**

A dictionary is a very important tool for anyone who is learning a new language. With a good dictionary you can do the following:

- look up the meaning of an English word you see or hear
- find the English translation of a word in your language
- check the spelling of a word
- check the plural of a noun or past tense of a verb
- find out other grammatical information about a word
- find the synonym or antonym of a word
- look up the collocations of a word
- check the part of speech of a word



- find out how to say a word
- find out about the register of a word
- find examples of the use of a word in natural language

To be a good dictionary user, however, it is not enough to know what to use the dictionary for. You must also decide which is the best dictionary for any of the purposes listed above.

### **Finding words quickly**

- ✓ You will need to know the English alphabet perfectly.
- ✓ Use the guide words at the top of each dictionary page.

### **Finding the right meaning of an English word**

Very often when you look up a new English word, you find that it has more than one meaning. If you are not sure which one is correct, check through all the meanings and find the one that makes most sense in the context where you found the word.

### **Finding the right spelling**

Another problem you may have is when you want to check your spelling but you can't find the word you're looking for. Here is what to do:

- If you are sure of the first few letters, just look down the page until you find the right spelling.
- If you are not sure of the first few letters, try some other possibilities. You know for example that some words that start with an *-n* sound have *p* as their first letter; e.g. . So if you can't find the word under *N*, try looking in the *P* pages.

## **USING THE LIBRARY**

When you walk into a library, there are many resources at your fingertips. You just need to know what to use, how to use it, and when to ask for help.

### **Different Types of Libraries to Use**

Depending on the topic you need to study, you might find that different libraries might serve you better.

The different types of libraries include:

- **Public:** This library is the typical library working to make sure the local community has the books it needs without having to charge anyone to read them.
- **Home library**
- **Class library.**

- **School library**

Using the library is easy and it only takes a little direction from you in order to fully realize how many books can help you with your topic of study.

### **Consulting the Librarian**

At times, you may not know where to begin with a research topic. If you are not sure where to go or what questions to ask, it can help to bring in a third party who is not attached to your research: the librarian.

Talking to the librarian will help have book titles that have been helpful to you. If you already have found helpful books, show the librarian so they can look for similar books in the stacks.

## **COMPREHENSION SKILLS**

### **SUMMARY AND NOTE-MAKING**

#### **SUMMARIES**

##### **SUMMARY**

- An excellent summary is a summary written to show that you have read and understood something.
- You will get assignments that ask you to read a certain material and summarize it.

##### **How to produce a summary:**

1. Read the material to be summarized and be sure you understand it.
2. Outline the major points.
3. Write a first draft of the summary without looking at the material.
4. Always use paraphrase when writing a summary.
5. Target your first draft for approximately 1/4 the length of the original.
6. Never put any of your own ideas, opinions, or interpretations into the summary. This means you have to be very careful of your word choice.
7. Write in prose – not point form.

#### **NOTE-MAKING**

##### **NOTE MAKING**

##### **How to Make Notes**

The following tips will come in handy when making notes:

1. Read the material carefully and thoroughly.
2. Underline the key sentences as you read. This will help in forming the title.
3. Make a rough note of the main points in a logical sequence.
4. Write the final notes.

You should have in mind that a note:

1. Should be short and to the point.
2. Contain all the important and relevant information.
3. Should have information systematically divided and subdivided.
4. Should have a short title. Avoid long sentences as titles.
5. Must be written in points only.

### **Notes Template**

**TITLE .....**

**(a) .....**

**(b) .....**

**(c) .....**

**(d) .....**

## **GRAMMAR FOR FORM ONE**

### **PARTS OF SPEECH**

#### **NOUNS**

##### **() COMMON NOUNS**

- They are simply words that name people, places, things, or ideas.
- They are not the actual names.
- The word 'teacher' is a common noun, but the word 'Halima' is not.
- A common noun identifies a thing, etc.
- Example of common nouns are:
  - People: teacher, father, secretary, woman, girl, etc
  - Animals: Tiger, Dog, Cow, etc
  - Things: Chair, desk, cup, phone, etc
  - Places: City, town, continent, etc
  - Ideas: envy, hate, love, pride, etc

##### **How to Capitalize Common Nouns**

The simple rule is: don't capitalize a common noun, unless it is the first word in a sentence, or part of a title.

## Examples in Sentences

- ❖ Let's go to that hotel.
- ❖ I visit a town during the holidays.

## Exercise

Substitute the underlined word(s) with a common noun. You can add a word before the noun.

1. John and Nick were taught.
2. I have visited Asia.
3. She lives in Nairobi.
4. We eat at the Hilton.
5. Have you ever swum in the Nile?
6. I drive Mercedes Benz.
7. Everyone went shopping at Tuskys.
8. Corporal Jones has died.
9. I come from Rwanda.
10. I am teach at Alliance.

## () PROPER NOUNS

- A proper noun is a name used for an individual person, thing, or a place.
- They always begin in capital letters no matter where they occur in sentences.
- Look at the table below.

Common Noun	Proper Noun	Example in a Sentence
Teacher	Mr. Kamau	Mr. Kamau is our teacher of English.
President	Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta	Mr Uhuru Kenyatta is in the state house.  Mombasa is the place I go every

City	Mombasa	weekend.
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## Exercise

**Identify proper nouns in the sentences below.**

1. I will take you to Rich's Palace.
2. Sarah is the girl I told you about.
3. Of all the continents, I like Africa the most.
4. Gracy is the cutest kitten ever.
5. I am craving Oreos.
6. I used Tilly in cooking.
7. Jupiter is one of the planets.
8. Margaret was a great author.

## (c) CONCRETE AND ABSTRACT NOUNS

### Concrete Nouns

- A concrete noun register to our senses.
- You can see, hear, taste, smell, or even feel them.
- The examples are:
  - Table
  - Ball
  - House
  - Rice
  - Water
  - Wool

## Abstract Nouns

- They don't register to one's senses.
- They are just ideas, feelings, or qualities.
- Some examples of abstract nouns include:
  - Health
  - Interest
  - Sleep
  - Traffic
  - Advice
  - Education
  - Business
  - Insurance
  - Happiness
  - Peace
  - Knowledge
  - History
  - Noise
  - Intelligence
  - Anger
  - Fun
  - Pride
  - Confidence
  - Determination
  - Law
  - Laughter

## Example in Sentences

- (i) Education is the key to life.
- (ii) All the teacher wanted was a proof.
- (iii) I will apply once the opportunity presents itself.
- (iv) They are calling for justice.
- (v) You need to change your behaviour.
- (vi) Love makes the world go round.

## Exercise 1

**Identify the nouns in the sentences and write whether it they are concrete or abstract.**

1. A man must always have the courage to face every challenge.
2. No matter what happens, we must not lose hope.
3. My faith in God is very strong.
4. A person should buy a beautiful dress.



5. Have you seen the black dog?
6. Love is blind.

## Exercise 2

Fill the blank with the appropriate form of the word in brackets.

1. She asked for my \_\_\_\_\_ about this book. (advise)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Kenya is not as good as it was 10 years ago. (educate)
3. The way she answers questions shows she has above average \_\_\_\_\_. (intelligent)
4. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ of physical exercise. (important)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ means different things to different people. (happy)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is all that will help. (confident)
7. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that comes before a fall. (proud)
8. His \_\_\_\_\_ led him to kill Ojwang. (angry)
9. The composition she wrote showed a high level of \_\_\_\_\_. (imagine)
10. You will die out of \_\_\_\_\_. (lonely)

## (d) COUNT AND NON COUNT NOUNS

A concrete noun can either be categorized as count or non-count.

### Count Nouns

- A count noun can be expressed in plural form, normally with an “-s”, for example,
  - Season – seasons
  - Dog – dogs
  - Teacher – teachers
- When you look around the classroom, there are things that you can count. What are they?  
The list of things you can probably see are:
  - Chairs
  - Tables

- Flag
- Textbooks
- Desks
- Cups

➤ Such nouns can be preceded by appropriate articles, whether singular or plural.

### **Non-Count Nouns**

➤ Also referred to as **mass nouns**.

➤ Nouns falling under this category are those:

- That cannot be counted
- That do not have plural forms.

➤ Below are the examples of non-count nouns.

- |             |            |               |
|-------------|------------|---------------|
| • Luggage   | • Milk     | • Rice        |
| • Weather   | • Juice    | • History     |
| • Equipment | • Beer     | • News        |
| • Oxygen    | • Soccer   | • Mathematics |
| • Wood      | • Biology  | • Electricity |
| • Plastic   | • Reading  | • Meat        |
| • Hair      | • Glass    | • Furniture   |
| • Air       | • Sunshine |               |

### **Examples in Sentences**

1. This is school equipment.
2. Plastic is a non conductor.

### **(e) PLURAL NOUNS**

- There are rules for spelling plural nouns.

### **General Rules for Spelling Plural Nouns**

1. Most nouns add “-s”, for example
  - Book – books
  - Pen – pens
  - Phone – phones
2. Most nouns that end in “-ch”, “-sh”, “-s”, “-x”, or “-z” add “-ies”, for example,
  - Church – churches
  - Box – boxes
  - Prize – prizes
  - Bus – buses
3. Most nouns that end in a consonant and “-y” becomes “-ies”, for example,
  - Spy – spies
  - Community – communities
  - Activity – activities
  - Country – countries
4. Most nouns that end in “-f”, or “-fe” add “-ves”, for example,
  - Elf – elves
  - Wolf – wolves
  - Half – halves
  - Knife – knives
  - Scarf – scarves
5. Some nouns that end in a consonant and “o”, add “-es”, for example,
  - Tomato – tomatoes

- Buffalo – buffaloes
- Volcano – volcanoes
- Hero – heroes
- Mosquito – mosquitoes

6. Some nouns only change their vowels, for example,

- Goose – geese
- Man – men
- Mouse – mice
- Tooth – teeth

There are those that do not change at all, for example,

- Deer
- Species
- Fish
- Sheep

➤ There are a few nouns that have plural forms which are left from old English, for example,

- Child – children
- Ox – oxen

➤ Then there are those of Latin origin. They are like:

- Antenna – antennae
- Appendix – appendices, appendixes
- Cactus – cacti
- Stadium – stadia, stadiums
- Terminus – termini, terminuses
- Referendum – referenda, referendums
- Index – indices, indexes

- Formula – formulae, formulas
- Curriculum – curricula, curriculums

## **ARTICLES**

- An article is a kind of adjective.
- It is used with a noun and gives some information about that noun.
- There are two articles:
  - A

- The

- The article “a” has a form “an”.
- Article “a” is known as the indefinite article. It is called indefinite since the noun it goes with is indefinite or general.
- The form “an” is used when the noun it precedes begins with a vowel.
- The article “a” has the same meaning as number “one”. For example, one can say:

I have bought a pen. Or

I have bought one pen.

- The article “the” is definite article.
- A definite article indicates a specific thing. Can you identify the difference between the pair of sentences below?

(i) I bought a pen.

(ii) I bought the pen.

The second sentence shows that I bought a particular pen, and not any other.

- The article “the” is used with count nouns when:
  - We use the noun a second and subsequent times.
  - The listener knows what you are referring to.

## Exercise

**Fill in the blank with appropriate article. Leave the space blank if no article is needed.**

1. I have to eat \_\_\_\_\_ apple today.
2. She has \_\_\_\_\_ dog at home.
3. My son has learnt how to play \_\_\_\_\_ piano.
4. Tom likes to play \_\_\_\_\_ basketball.
5. There is \_\_\_\_\_ new book on the table.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ teacher is late this morning.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ ink in my pen is black.

8. She speaks \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese.
9. What \_\_\_\_\_ expensive bike!
10. He is \_\_\_\_\_ honest person.

## PRONOUNS

### PERSONAL PRONOUNS

- They represent specific people or things.
- They are used depending on:
  - (i) Number: whether singular or plural
  - (ii) Person: whether first, second, or third persons
  - (iii) Gender: whether male, female, or neuter
  - (iv) Case : whether in the case of subject or object

#### Number versus Person

Number	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Singular	I	You	He/she/it
Plural	We	You	They

#### Gender versus Person

Person	Gender		
	Male	Female	Neuter
First person			
Second person			

Third person	He	She	It
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## Case

➤ The pronouns used as subjects are:

- I
- We
- He
- She
- It
- They
- You

➤ The pronouns below are used as objects:

- Me
- Us
- Him
- Her
- It
- You
- Them

## Examples in Sentences

- (i) I like it.
- (ii) You are my best friend.
- (iii) She is running from the truth.
- (iv) Get me that book please.
- (v) They are interviewing them.

## Exercise 1



Fill the blanks with correct forms of pronouns in brackets.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ am the new class prefect. (me)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't matter. (they)
3. Does Martha like \_\_\_\_\_? (he)
4. Killion helped \_\_\_\_\_. (I)
5. Did you see \_\_\_\_\_? (she)

## Exercise 2

Replace the underlined words with an appropriate pronoun.

1. The old gate doesn't look good.
2. Tom and Mary went to school.
3. The dog bit the doctor and the chief.
4. Moses runs faster than Rebecca.
5. Phiona and Ruth played doubles.
6. Christine is clever.
7. I brought the dress.
8. Antony drove Junet and me.

## POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

- We use possessive pronouns to refer to a specific person or people, or thing or things that belong to a person or people, or things.
- Just like personal pronouns, they are used depending on:
  - (i) Number
  - (ii) Person
  - (iii) Gender
  - (iv) Case

### **Number and Person**

- In singular we use:
  - Mine – first Person
  - Yours -- second person
  - His/hers/its – third person
- In plural, use:
  - Ours – first person
  - Yours – second person
  - Theirs – third person

### **Gender**

- For male gender, the pronoun below are used:
  - His
- For female gender use, hers

### **Case**

A possessive pronoun can either be a subject or object.

### **Examples in Sentences**

- (i) Mine is that one.
- (ii) This one is mine.
- (iii) The cars are yours.

- (iv) Yours are those ones over there.
- (v) Hers has been stolen.
- (vi) This building is ours.

### Exercise

Complete each sentence with the possessive pronoun form of the word(s) underlined.

1. Martha did \_\_\_\_\_ homework in time.
2. Have you got \_\_\_\_\_ money.
3. I like your name. Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Hector and Emmy have seen your bag. Have you seen \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Jane, my flowers are dying. \_\_\_\_\_ are good.
6. I have come with my sister. \_\_\_\_\_ name is Alice.
7. Sophie and Gerges study Science. \_\_\_\_\_ teacher is kind.
8. We love \_\_\_\_\_ new boss.
9. He is in \_\_\_\_\_ house.
10. Are you and your friend enjoying \_\_\_\_\_ weekend?
11. The cat has bit \_\_\_\_\_ tail.
12. Right has a brother. \_\_\_\_\_ is 10 years old.

### REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

- They are special kind of pronouns.
- A reflexive pronoun is used when the object of a sentence is the same as the subject.
- Each personal pronoun has its own reflexive form.
- The table below shows personal pronouns with their equivalent reflexive pronouns.

Personal Pronoun	Reflexive Pronoun
I	Myself
You (singular)	Yourself

You (plural)	Yourselves
He	Himself
She	Herself
It	Itself
We	Ourselves
They	Themselves

### When Reflexive Pronouns are Used

Reflexive pronouns are used when:

- (i) The object and the subject are similar. For example,
  - She bit **herself**.
  - The subject **she** and the object **herself** are similar.
  - They betrayed **themselves**.
  - Matthew likes **himself**.
- (ii) They are used as the object of prepositions. In the sentences below, the words underlined are the prepositions and the ones in boldface are the objects of those prepositions.
  - Young bought a pencil for **himself**.
  - Halima mopped the room by **herself**.
  - The mad man talks to **himself**.
- (iii) They are also used when emphasizing the subjects. Examples
  - I ate all the rice myself. *This means no one else had any.*
  - Dan will wash the clothes himself. *This means she will be helped by no one.*

**Can you differentiate between the pair of sentences below?**

She bought the pen herself.

She bought the dress for herself.

### Exercise

**Fill the correct form of reflexive pronoun for each blank space.**

1. In the evening, we went to the market to buy \_\_\_\_\_ food to cook.
2. I don't know whether they went to school or whether they taught \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. If you hurt \_\_\_\_\_ , don't cry to anyone.
4. This cat caught the rat \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Whenever I see \_\_\_\_\_ in a mirror, I smile to \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. That little duck is washing \_\_\_\_\_ in the pond.
7. Jonathan ate all the food \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. Good evening everyone? Please make \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable.
9. Since the school is their father's, they give \_\_\_\_\_ break whenever they feel like.
10. Mary bought the dress for \_\_\_\_\_ .

## FUNCTIONS OF PRONOUNS

- A pronoun can be used where a noun or a noun phrase can be used in a sentence.
- Pronouns perform the following functions in a sentence:

### (1) As the Subject of a Verb

- The subject of verb is that which performs that action.
- Some of the pronouns used as subjects of the verbs are:

He

She

I

They

We etc

#### Examples in Sentences

1. **He** is my best friend.
- ii. **You** are the one I saw.
3. **They** are the school administrators.

### (2) As the Object of A Verb

- An object is the recipient of the action.
- Some object pronouns include:

Me

You

Him

Her

Them

It etc

#### Examples in Sentences

- i. Richard escorted **him**.
- ii. He separated **them**.
- iii. I saw **her**.

**(c) As the Object of a preposition**

An object of preposition immediately follows the preposition.

**Examples**

- i. I will think about **it**.
- ii. I bought it **for** **him**.

## **VERBS**

- A verb is a word that shows an action, state, or even an occurrence.
- There are two main verb types:
  - ❖ Lexical verbs
  - ❖ Auxiliary verbs
- In this section, we shall study Lexical verbs.

## **LEXICAL VERBS**

- A lexical verb is the main verb in a sentence.
- It does not need a helping verb as it carries the meaning.
- The examples are:
  - ❖ Talk
  - ❖ Sing
  - ❖ Run

❖ Jump

❖ Eat

❖ Go etc

- Depending on how they form their past tense and past participle forms, they are grouped as regular or irregular verbs.

### Examples in Sentences

1. I **work** at the station.
2. She **drives** a fancy car.
3. I **gave** you all I had.

### REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS

- Verbs are subdivided into regular and irregular verbs depending on how their past tense and past participles are formed.
- A regular verb adds –ed or –d to the end of the base forms.

### Examples of Regular Verbs

Verb	Past Tense	Past Participle
Call	Called	Called
Plan	Planned	Planned
Jump	Jumped	Jumped
Kill	killed	Killed
Fill	filled	filled

### Examples In Sentences

1. He jumped over the fence.
2. He killed the cat.



- For Irregular verbs, there is no formula that predict their past tense and past participle forms.
- They include:

Verb	Past Tense	Past Participle
Sweep	Swept	Swept
Cut	Cut	Cut
Come	Came	Came
Go	Went	Went
Meet	Met	Met
Is/am	Was	Been

### Examples in Sentences

1. He ran towards the river.
2. Have you repaid the loan?
3. I have swum.

## **TENSES**

### **SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE**

➤ The simple present tense is used to express:

1. Habitual actions, for example,
  - i. She eats fish.
  - ii. She washes her clothes every week.
  - iii. We see movies every evening.
2. Some general truths, for example,
  - i. Water boils at 100 degrees.
  - ii. The month of April has 30 days.

#### **Points to Remember on The Simple Present Third Person Singular**

- The verb usually ends in –s, for example,
  - i. He runs
  - ii. She runs
  - iii. It runs
- Negative and question are “does”, for example,
  - i. He does not run.
  - ii. Does he run?
  - iii. She does not run.

iv. Does she run?

- In case of negative and question, the next verb after “does” does not add an -s

### **Present Simple Tense – Negative**

A negative sentence is usually formed by using “not”.

#### **Examples in Sentences**

- i. I do not like it.
- ii. We do not like it.
- iii. You do not like it.
- iv. She does not like it.
- v. He does not like it.
- vi. They do not like it.

### **Present Simple Tense – Questions**

The questions are formed by using either “do” or “does” at the beginning.

#### **Examples in Sentences**

- i. Do you like it?
- ii. Do we like it?
- iii. Do you like it?
- iv. Does she like it?
- v. Does he like it?
- vi. Do they like it?

#### **Exercise 1**

**Rewrite each sentence below following the instruction in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the sentence.**

1. I live in Maragua. (*begin with: do*)
2. Right comes to school daily. (*begin: does*)
3. She does not play rugby. (*do not use: not*)

4. The train leaves at 8.00 am. (*use: 9.00 am*)
5. Does he forget his wallet? (*begin: he*)

## Exercise 2

Use the correct form of the verb in brackets to complete each of the following sentences.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ fifteen years old now. (be)
2. Moureen \_\_\_\_\_ at Githurai. (live)
3. Emilly \_\_\_\_\_ dinner for them. (cook)
4. The students \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at 1.00 pm. (eat)
5. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ medicine when she is sick. (take)
6. It normally \_\_\_\_\_ here in April. (rain)
7. It \_\_\_\_\_ in May as much as it does in March. (rain)
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ French twice a week. (study)
9. Mr Gregory \_\_\_\_\_ Geography at Lukenya High School.
10. George \_\_\_\_\_ to church every Sunday. (go)

## SIMPLE PAST TENSE

- A simple past tense is used to talk about a completed action in a time before now.
- The time of action can be in the recent past or the distant past.

### Examples

1. I walked all the way to school.
2. We saw them at the restaurant.
3. They played the piano.
4. She ate her lunch at 1.00 pm.

## How to Form the Simple Past Tense

### Simple Past in Negative Statement

The pattern here is:

Subject+Auxiliary+not

She did not call.

### Simple Past in Interrogative

Did she call you?

### Exercise

Fill in the correct form of word in brackets to complete each sentence.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre last week. (go)
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ interesting. (be)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ three sites last year. (visit)
4. It \_\_\_\_\_ as it did the the previous week. (rain)
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ a single card from her relatives.(receive)
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ to a new house last month. (move)
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ us pizza yesterday. (bring)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ a big lion. (see)
9. Where \_\_\_\_\_ your last weekend? (spend/you)
10. It was cold, so I \_\_\_\_\_ off my coat. (take)
11. Since the door was opened, the bird \_\_\_\_\_ into the house.
12. The car wasn't expensive. It \_\_\_\_\_ very much. (cost)

## ADJECTIVES

### COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE FORMS

#### Comparatives

The comparative form of an adjective is used to compare two people or things. Example

He is quicker than Ngure.

#### Superlatives

The superlative form of an adjective is used to compare more than two people or things.

Example

He is the quickest of the three.

#### Ways of Making Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

##### (a) Adjectives with One Syllable

In general, if an adjective has one syllable, then **-er** or **-r** for comparative and **-est** or **-st** for superlatives are added to the adjective. Examples

Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
Hot	Hotter	Hottest
Tall	Taller	Tallest
Small	Smaller	Smallest
Large	Larger	Largest
Thin	Thinner	Thinnest
Nice	Nicer	Nicest

### (b) Adjectives with Two Syllables

- There are those that simply add **-er** or **-r** for comparative, and **-est** or **-st** for superlative. Examples

i. Feeble Feebler Feeblest

ii.

- some use the word “more” for comparative, and “most” for superlative forms. Examples

i. famous more famous most famous

ii.

- There are those that can do with either **-er** or **-r**, or **more** for comparative and **-est** or **-st**, or **most** for superlative. They are special adjectives. Examples

i. Clever Cleverer (more clever) Cleverest (most clever)

ii. Simple Simpler (more simple) Simplest (most simple)

- Other **special adjectives** are:

- Quiet
- Polite
- Pleasant
- Likely
- Commonly
- Sure

### (c) Adjectives with Three or More Syllables

Word **more** for comparative and **most** for superlatives are used. Examples

Interesting more interesting most interesting

Attractive more attractive most attractive

### (d) Irregular adjectives

Some adjectives have Irregular comparative and superlative forms. Examples

Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
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Bad	Worse	Worst
Good	Better	Best
Little	Less	Least
Much	More	Most

## REGULAR AND IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

- The way an adjective make comparative and superlative forms is what determines whether it is regular or irregular.

### Regular Adjectives

- A regular adjective adds **-er** or **more** in comparative form, and **-est** or **most** for superlatives.
- The table below illustrates this.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Small	Smaller	Smallest
Nice	Nicer	Nicest
Pretty	Prettier	Prettiest
Beautiful	More beautiful	Most beautiful

### Irregular Adjectives

- They have completely different forms.
- It is not easy to predict their comparative and superlative forms.
- Examples are:
  - ❖ Good
  - ❖ Bad etc



## GRADABLE AND NON GRADABLE ADJECTIVES

### Gradable Adjectives

- A gradable adjective has different degrees.
- You can say “very hot” or “a bit hot”. Hot is therefore a gradable adjective. Other gradable adjectives are:
  - Cold
  - Warm
  - Tall
  - Nice etc
- There are grading adverbs that can be used with gradable adjectives. They include:
  - A bit
  - Very
  - Extremely
  - Quite
  - Really
  - So etc

### Examples in Sentences

- i. It is extremely **cold** today.
- ii. This novel is quite **interesting**.
- iii. The girl is very **beautiful**.
- iv. She is reasonably **popular**.

### Non-Gradable Adjectives

- They do not have different degrees.
- Some examples of non gradable adjectives are:

- ❖ Domestic
- ❖ Unique
- ❖ Absolutely
- ❖ Nearly
- ❖ Chemical
- ❖ Totally

- One cannot say “very dead” or “really dead”. The adjective “dead” is thus, a non-gradable adjective.
- A grading adverb cannot be used with the non-gradable adjectives.

### Example in a Sentence

- i. The dead relative will be buried soon.

## ADVERBS

### ADVERBS OF MANNER

- They tell us the manner in which the action happened, happens, or will happen.
- The examples are:
  - ❖ Carefully
  - ❖ Slowly
  - ❖ Loudly
  - ❖ Easily etc

### Examples in Sentences

1. She answered it **correctly**.
2. The problem was solved **easily**.
3. He drives **slowly**.
4. He walked **quickly**.

5. He runs **fast**.

### ADVERBS OF TIME

- An adverb of time tell us when an action happens.
- An adverb of time can also tell us for how long that action occurred. For example, three months.
- Some examples of adverbs of time are:
  - Today
  - Next week
  - Late
  - Early
  - Morning
  - Last year
  - Two months time, etc

### Examples in Sentences

- i. I saw it **yesterday**.
- ii. He came to school **late**.
- iii. She watched the **whole day**.

### ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

- These are adverbs that answer questions "**How frequently?**" or "**how often?**".
- They tell us how often something happens.
- There are two types of adverbs of frequency:
  - i. Adverbs of definite frequency, for example,
    - Monthly
    - Daily
    - Hourly

- Weekly
- Yearly
- Every minute
- Twice a month
- Once
- Three times a day, etc

### Examples in Sentences

- Employees pay taxes **monthly**.
  - The storekeeper checks the store **every day**.
  - I review my notes **every week**.
- ii. Adverbs of indefinite frequency, for example,
- Never
  - Sometimes
  - Often
  - Always
  - Seldom
  - Frequently
  - Occasionally
  - Usually

### Examples in Sentences

- i. She is **never** late.
- ii. I **often** do my assignment.
- iii. They **sometimes** visit me.

## **PREPOSITIONS**

### **SIMPLE PREPOSITIONS**

- A preposition joins words together and show the relationship between the different parts of a sentence.
- The following are the simple prepositions with examples in sentences:

1. In, on, at

He is in the house.

The cup is on the table.

He teaches at a school in Wajir.

2. Above, below

Most students scored above 50.

Few students scored below 40.

3. Over, under

Don't jump over the fence.

The cat is hiding under the bed.

4. Around, through

The flowers we planted around the house.

The spear went through his body.

5. Before, after

I will see him before lunch.

He is leaving after lunch.

6. To, from

I am coming from Limuru.

I am going to Nairobi.

7. About, by

Have you read the story about an ogre?

The story was written by Kendagor.

8. With, without

He didn't want to go with us.

We went without him.

9. Between, among

This is a secret between you and me.

There is no secret among many.

10. Inside, outside

The bottle is inside the box.

The spoon is outside the box.

## **PREPOSITIONS COMBINATIONS**

### **Adjective+Preposition**

Specific prepositions are used after certain adjectives. There is no definite rule to ascertain which preposition should be used with which adjective. We simply need to learn them.

Here is a list of some commonly used adjectives and the prepositions that normally follow them:

#### **ADJECTIVE**

#### **PREPOSITION**

accustomed	To
Afraid	Of
Accused	Of
acquainted	With
Addicted	To
Annoyed	about/with/at
Allergic	To
Amazed	at/by
Anxious	About
appreciated	For
Ashamed	Of
associated	With
astonished	at/by
Aware	Of
Angry	With

Afraid	Of
Attached	To
Bad	At
Based	On
beneficial	To
Boastful	For
Bored	With
Brilliant	At
Busy	With
Capable	Of
Careful	with/about/of
Certain	About
characteristic	Of
Clever	At
connected	With



conscious	Of
Content	With
Crazy	About
Crowded	With
Curious	About
dissatisfied	With
Doubtful	About
Delighted	at/about
Derived	From
Different	From
disappointed	With
Eager	For
Eligible	For
enthusiastic	About
Excellent	in/at

Excited	About
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experienced	In
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Exposed	To
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Envious	Of
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Faithful	To
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Familiar	With
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Famous	For
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fed up	With
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Free	of/from
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frightened	Of
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Friendly	With
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Fond	Of
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Furious	About
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Furnished	With
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Full	Of
------	----

Generous	with/about
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Guilty	of/about
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Gentle	With
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Good	At
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Grateful	To
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Happy	About
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Hopeful	of/about
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Identical	with/to
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Immune	To
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impressed	With
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Inferior	To
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indifferent	To
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Innocent	Of
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interested	In
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Involved	With
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Incapable	Of
Jealous	Of
Kind	To
Keen	On
Late	For
Limited	To
Lucky	At
Nervous	of/about
Notorious	For
Opposed	To
Patient	With
pessimistic	About
Pleased	With
Polite	To
Popular	With

Presented	With
Proud	Of
Punished	For
Puzzled	by/about
Qualified	For
Ready	For
Related	To
Relevant	To
respectful	For
responsible	For
Rid	Of
Sad	About
Safe	From
Satisfied	With
Scared	Of

Sensitive	To
Serious	About
Sick	Of
Similar	To
Shocked	By
Skilful	At
Slow	At
Sorry	for/about
successful	In
Suitable	For
Sure	of/about
Superior	To
Surprised	At
suspicious	Of
sympathetic	With

terrible	At
terrified	Of
tired	Of
thankful	to/for
trilled	With
troubled	With
typical	Of
unaware	Of
upset	About
used	To
wrong	with/about
worried	About

### Examples in Sentences

1. It was nice of you to help me.
2. Why are you so angry about it? They were furious with me for not inviting them to my party.
3. I was disappointed with the book she bought me.
4. I was pleased with the present you gave me. Were you disappointed with your examination result
5. They have been astonished by something.

6. Everyone was surprised by /at the news.
7. Are you excited about going on holiday next week?
8. Are you afraid of dogs?
9. I'm not ashamed of what I did.
10. I'm not very good at driving big cars.
11. Your composition is full of errors.
12. Your name is similar to mine.

### **Verb +Preposition Combination**

- Some verbs need a preposition before an object or another verb.
- These kinds are called dependent prepositions and they are followed by a noun or a gerund ('*ing*' form).
- Here are some other verbs with their dependent prepositions.

account for  
accuse SO of ST  
adapt to  
add SO/ST to SO/ST  
add to  
adjust to  
admit ST to SO  
admit to  
agree on  
agree to  
agree with  
apologize to SO for ST

base on  
be absent from (a place)  
be accustomed to  
be acquainted with  
be addicted to ST  
be afraid of  
be angry at SO for ST  
be angry with SO for ST  
be annoyed at SO for ST

appeal to SO for ST  
approve of  
argue with SO about SO/ST  
argue with SO over ST  
arrange for SO (to do something)  
arrest SO for ST  
arrive at (a place)  
ask for

be annoyed with SO for ST  
be anxious about ST  
be associated with  
be aware of  
be blessed with  
be bored by  
be bored with  
be capable of ST  
be cluttered with ST



be committed to  
be composed of  
be concerned about  
be connected to  
be connected with  
be content with  
be convinced of ST  
be coordinated with ST  
be crowded in (a building or room)  
be crowded with (people)  
be dedicated to  
be devoted to  
be disappointed in  
be disappointed with  
be discouraged by  
be discouraged from (doing something)  
be discriminated against  
be divorced from SO  
be done with ST  
be dressed in  
be encouraged with  
be engaged in ST  
be engaged to SO  
be envious of  
be equipped with ST  
be excited about  
be exposed to  
be faced with  
be faithful to  
be familiar with  
be famous for  
be filled with  
be finished with  
be fond of  
be friendly to SO  
be friendly with SO  
be frightened by  
be frightened of  
be furnished with ST  
be grateful to SO for ST

be guilty of ST  
be happy about ST  
be innocent of ST  
be interested in  
be involved in ST  
be involved with  
be jealous of  
be known for ST  
be limited to  
be made from ST  
be made of (material)  
be married to  
be opposed to  
be patient with SO  
be pleased with  
be polite to SO  
be prepared for  
be protected from  
be proud of  
be related to  
be relevant to  
be remembered for ST  
be responsible for  
be satisfied with  
be scared of  
be terrified of  
be thankful for  
be tired from (doing something)  
be tired of (doing something)  
be worried about  
beg for  
begin with  
believe in  
belong to  
benefit from  
blame SO for ST  
blame ST on SO  
boast about  
borrow ST from SO

care about  
care for  
catch up with  
cater to  
charge SO for ST  
charge SO with ST  
choose between SO/ST and  
SO/ST  
chose ST from ST  
collide with  
come from  
comment on  
communicate with SO  
compare SO/ST to SO/ST  
compare SO/ST with SO/ST  
compete with  
complain about  
compliment SO on ST  
concentrate on  
concern SO with ST  
confess to  
confuse SO/ST with SO/ST  
congratulate SO on ST  
consent to ST  
consist of  
contribute to ST  
convict SO of ST  
cope with  
correspond with SO  
count on  
cover with  
crash into  
ST  
escape from (a place)  
exchange SO/ST for  
SO/ST  
exclude SO from ST  
excuse SO for ST  
expel SO from (a place)  
experiment on  
explain ST to SO

cure SO of ST  
  
deal with  
decide against  
decide between SO/ST and SO/ST  
decide on  
dedicate ST to SO  
demand ST from SO  
depend on  
derive ST from ST  
deter SO from ST  
devote ST to SO  
differ from  
disagree with  
disapprove of  
discourage SO from ST  
discuss ST with SO  
distinguish between SO/ST and  
SO/ST  
distinguish SO/ST from SO/ST  
distract SO from ST  
dream about  
dream of  
dress SO in ST  
drink to  
  
elaborate on  
ST  
emerge from  
  
feel about  
feel like  
fight about  
fight against  
fight for  
fight with  
forget about

forgive SO for  
ST

gamble on  
gawk at  
gaze at  
get back from (a  
place)  
get married to SO  
get rid of  
get through with  
get tired of  
get used to  
give ST to SO  
glare at  
gloat at  
grieve for  
gripe at SO  
grumble at SO about  
ST

happen to  
harp on  
hear about  
hear from SO  
hear of  
help SO with ST  
hide ST from SO  
hinder SO/ST from  
ST  
hinge on  
hope for

insist on  
insure against  
interfere in ST  
interfere with ST

introduce SO/ST to  
SO/ST  
invest in  
invite SO to  
involve SO/ST in ST

jabber about  
joke about  
joke with SO about  
SO/ST  
jot down ST

laugh about  
laugh at  
learn about  
lend ST to SO  
listen for  
listen to  
long for  
look at  
look forward  
to

meet with SO  
mistake SO/ST for  
SO/ST

nod  
at  
nod  
to

object to  
operate  
on

participate in ST  
pay for  
persist in  
plan on  
praise SO for ST  
pray for  
prefer SO/ST to SO/ST  
prepare for  
present SO with ST  
prevent SO/ST from (doing something)  
prohibit SO from (doing something)  
provide for  
provide SO with ST  
provide SO/ST for SO  
punish SO for ST

react to  
recover from ST  
refer to ST  
relate to  
rely on  
remind SO of SO/ST  
reply to  
rescue SO from SO/ST  
resign from ST  
respond to  
result in ST  
retire from ST

save SO from ST  
search for  
sentence SO to ST  
separate SO/ST from SO/ST  
share ST with SO  
shout at

show ST to SO  
smile at SO  
speak to SO about SO/ST  
specialize in ST  
spend (money/time) on  
stand for  
stare at  
stem from  
stop SO from (doing something)  
subject SO to ST  
subscribe to  
substitute SO/ST for SO/ST  
subtract ST from ST  
succeed at ST  
succeed in (doing something)  
suffer from  
suspect SO of ST

take advantage of  
take care of  
talk about  
talk to  
tell SO about ST  
thank SO for ST  
think about  
think of  
toast to  
translate ST into (a language)  
trust SO with ST  
turn to

use ST for  
ST

vote  
against  
vote for

wait for  
warn about  
waste (money/time)  
on  
wish for  
work for  
work on

worry about  
write about  
write to SO

yap  
about  
yearn for

### Exercise 1

Fill the blank spaces with the most appropriate prepositions.

1. She has placed the cup \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
2. I will allow you go \_\_\_\_\_ the field.
3. She is singing \_\_\_\_\_ her room.
4. Is he \_\_\_\_\_ home now?
5. He lives \_\_\_\_\_ Nairobi.
6. Don't be late \_\_\_\_\_ class.
7. Compare your points \_\_\_\_\_ your friend's.
8. Are the new student \_\_\_\_\_ Ethiopia?
9. Rich is still \_\_\_\_\_ vacation.
10. My daughter's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ May.

### Answers

- |       |         |        |
|-------|---------|--------|
| 1. On | 5. In   | 9. On  |
| 2. To | 6. For  | 10. In |
| 3. In | 7. With |        |
| 4. At | 8. From |        |

## Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with the most appropriate prepositions.

1. It was stupid .....her to go out without a coat.
2. Everyone was pleased .....the marks they scored.
3. I am bored .....singing every morning.
4. Are you interested .....sports?
5. Kenya is famous ..... her athletes.
6. I will be happy to see married ..... Gregory.
7. The town is crowded with people.
8. You will be held responsible .....anything that happens.
9. She is sorry ..... her behavior last night.
10. You should be sorry .....missing the lesson.
11. Jemimah is fond ..... dogs.
12. I am keen ..... leave this school.
13. What are you excited .....?
14. It seems she is upset .....something.
15. You shouldn't be worried .....anything as long as I am around.

## Answers

- |          |           |            |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| (1) Of   | (6) To    | (11) Of    |
| (2) With | (7) With  | (12) On    |
| (3) With | (8) For   | (13) About |
| (4) In   | (9) About | (14) About |
| (5) For  | (10) For  | (15) About |

## CONJUNCTIONS

### COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

- A coordinating conjunction connects words, phrases, and clauses.
- And, but, for, nor, or, so, and yet are the known coordinating conjunctions.

#### Examples in Sentences

- i. This is a beautiful girl, but a difficult one to convince.
- ii. It was cold, so I put on my jacket.
- iii. This tea is thick and sweet.
- iv. Do you like white rice, or brown rice?

#### Functions of Coordinating Conjunctions

Conjunction	Function	Example in a Sentence
And	Joins two similar ideas	Jane and Mary are in form one.

But	Joins two contrasting ideas	He drives slowly, but sure.
Or	Joins two alternative ideas	We can go to Naivasha, or stay here and watch news.
So	Shows the second idea is the result of the first	I was sick, so I did not go to school.
Nor	Joins two negative alternatives.	He doesn't wake up early, nor do I.
For	Give a reason	I was punished, for I was late.
Yet	Joins two contrasting ideas (means "but")	I was punished, yet I arrived early.

### Exercise

Join each pair of sentences with an appropriate coordinating conjunction.

1. I love to travel. I hate travelling by bus.
2. You should go to bed now. You will be tired tomorrow.
3. The bus stopped. Two passengers got out of it.
4. Helen was angry with Jane. Helen went out to cool down.
5. I arrived at school late. I left home early.

### Answers

1. I love to travel but I hate travelling by bus.
2. You should go to bed now, or you will be tired tomorrow.
3. The bus stopped and two passengers got out of it.
4. Helen was angry with Jane, so she went out to cool down.
5. I arrived at school late, yet I left home early.

### PHRASES

- ❖ A phrase is a group of words without a subject and a verb and which does not make sense on its own.
- ❖ There are various types of phrases. They include:



- ✓ Noun phrases
  - ✓ Verb phrases
  - ✓ Adjective phrases
  - ✓ Adverb phrases
  - ✓ Prepositional phrases
- ❖ At your level, we will only study noun phrases.

## NOUN PHRASES

- A noun phrase is a group of words that plays role of a noun and has a noun as the head word (main word).
- Look at the example below.
  - ❖ I saw **Bingo**. The word in bold is a noun
  - ❖ I saw **your dog**. In boldface, is the noun phrase that has replaced the noun in above sentence.

## Examples of Noun Phrases

The new car

My old shirt

The best car safety device

## Constituents of a Noun Phrase

- ❖ A noun phrase consists of:
  - ✓ A determiner, which can be an article, a number, or an adjective.
  - ✓ Modifiers, which can be an adjective, or combinations of adjectives.
- ❖ Modifiers can either be premodifier if it comes before the main noun, or post modifier if it follows the noun.
- ❖ Determiners precede modifiers.

❖ Study the noun phrases.

Phrase	Determiner	Pre modifier	Main noun	Post Modifier
The tall woman	The	Tall	Woman	Nearby
The longest river	The	Longest	River	
Your sister	Your		Sister	
Any big supermarket nearby	Any	Big	Supermarket	

### Exercise

**Underline the noun phrase in each of the sentences below.**

1. Did you see the tall man?
2. He called all the stubborn students.
3. He wishes to see the president.
4. He bought her a beautiful white blouse.
5. An horse prefers living in dark stables.
6. It is disgraceful to write such rubbish.
7. The people's president is in Mombasa.
8. The girl in blue skirt is my sister.
9. The soldiers are true heroes.
10. My best friend is Teris.

## SIMPLE SENTENCES

A simple sentence has one clause –independent

### (a) SENTENCE STRUCTURE (SUBJECT, PREDICATE)

- A simple sentence has the formula:

**Subject + Predicate**

- Look at the example below.

This desk is mine.

- ✓ This desk – Subject
- ✓ Is mine – the predicate

- A subject is the one doing the action.
- Predicate is the part of the sentence which talks about the subject and which has a verb.
- The predicate must contain a verb. The other constituents of a predicate can be an adverb, adjective, pronoun, etc.

➤ Can you identify the subject and predicate in each of the sentences below?

- ❖ She came to see me.
- ❖ Njoroge was here.
- ❖ I saw them dancing.
- ❖ This is the cheapest dress in town.
- ❖ You are a big fool.

## **(b) TYPES OF SENTENCES**

### **INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES**

- An interrogative sentence is used to ask questions.
- There are various question types:
  - ❖ Yes/no questions
  - ❖ Alternative questions
  - ❖ Tag questions

- ❖ w/h questions

### **Yes/No Questions**

- ✓ They are answered with yes or no as answers.
- ✓ Examples are:
  - ❖ Did you score everything?
  - ❖ Have you seen it?

### **Alternative Questions**

- ✓ There are options two to be chosen from.
- ✓ Examples are:
  - ❖ Would you like to take tea, or coffee?
  - ❖ Do you want a red pen, or blue one?

### **Tag Questions**

- ✓ There is the statement part, which is followed by a comma, and then the question part.
- ✓ Examples are:
  - ❖ She is the thief, isn't she?
  - ❖ It does not smell good, does it?

### **W/H Questions**

- ✓ The first word start with the two letters "**w and h**".
- ✓ Those words used for asking these questions are: who, where, which, how, why, what
- ✓ Examples
  - ❖ Who sent you?
  - ❖ Where do you live?

### **Exercise**

**Form three different question types from the sentence:**

You stole my cap.

**Answer**

1. Did you steal my red cap? Yes/no
2. Who stole my red cap? w/h
3. You stole me red cap, didn't you?

## IMPERATIVE SENTENCES

- An imperative sentence issues a request or a direct command.
- Usually, imperative sentences begin with verbs.
- Depending on the strength of the emotion, and the forcefulness of the command, it can end in either a full stop (.) or an exclamation mark (!).

### Examples

- i. Complete your assignment by afternoon!
- ii. Kindly open the door.
- iii. Turn left at the cross road.

## End Punctuation Marks with Imperative Sentences

- If the command is forceful, use an exclamation mark (!). for example,  
Leave now!  
Open the door!
- If the command is polite, or in the form of advice, put a period (.). examples,  
Please get me my book.  
Leave the door open.

## EXCLAMATORY SENTENCES

- An exclamatory sentence expresses emotion.
- The emotion can be of love, happiness, confusion, anger, etc.
- Usually ends with an exclamation mark.
- Use the word "**what**" or "**how**" before a noun.

### **Examples**

- ❖ What a day!
- ❖ What awful plastic!
- ❖ What funny people they are!
- ❖ What a match!

### **Exercise**

**Rewrite each sentence beginning with the word “what” or “how”.**

1. He is a foolish man.
2. This is a pleasant day.
3. That is clever of you.
4. They are lovely flowers.
5. He came early

### **Answers**

1. What a foolish man!
2. What a pleasant day
3. How clever of you!
4. What lovely flowers!
5. How early he came!

### **AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES**

There are two types:

- ❖ Declarative
- ❖ Negative

### **DECLARATIVE SENTENCES/**

- Used to make statements.
- End with a full stop or period (.).

➤ Here are examples of declarative sentences.

- ❖ My name is George.
- ❖ He brings me chocolate.
- ❖ She visited last year.
- ❖ I will leave in the evening.

## **NEGATIVE SENTENCES**

- A negative sentence states that something is untrue.
- A negative adverb is added to negate the validity of the sentence.
- A negative statement is formed by adding the word “not” to the first auxiliary verb. Examples
  - ❖ I did not abuse you.
  - ❖ This novel does not have a good ending.
  - ❖ You are not among the lucky ones.
  - ❖ Dan did not steal from me, it was you.

## **Exercise**

**Negate the following sentences.**

1. She has a bag.
2. I am sick.
3. He sells flowers.
4. They work there.
5. She writes good compositions.
6. It is interesting.

## **Answers**

1. She does not have a bag.
2. I am not sick.
3. He doesn't sell flowers.



4. They don't work there.
5. She doesn't write good compositions.
6. It is not interesting.

## **ANSWERS**

### **PARTS OF SPEECH**

#### **NOUNS**

##### **COMMON NOUNS**

1. The students were taught
2. I have visited a continent.
3. She lives in the city.
4. We eat in the hotel.
5. Have you ever swum in the river?
6. I drive a car.
7. Everyone went shopping at the supermarket.
8. A soldier is dead.
9. I come from a country.
10. I teach at a school.

##### **PROPER NOUNS**

1. I will take you to Rich's Palace.
2. Sarah is the girl I told you about.
3. Of all the continents, I like Africa the most.
4. Gracy is the cutest kitten ever.
5. I am craving Oreos.
6. I used Tilly in cooking.
7. Jupiter is one of the planets.

8. Margaret was a great author.

## CONCRETE NOUNS ABSTRACT NOUNS

### Exercise 1

- 1) A man must always have the courage to face every challenge.

**Man – concrete**

**Courage – abstract**

- 2) No matter what happens, we must not lose hope.

**Hope – abstract**

- 3) My faith in God is very strong.

**Faith – abstract**

**God – concrete**

- 4) A person should buy a beautiful dress.

**Person, dress – concrete**

- 5) Have you seen the black dog?

**Dog – concrete**

- 6) Love is blind.

**Love – abstract**

**Blind – concrete**

### Exercise 2

1. Advice
2. Education
3. Intelligence
4. Importance
5. Happiness
6. Confidence

7. Pride
8. Anger
9. Imagination
10. Loneliness

**NUMBER**

**ARTICLES**

- (1) An
- (2) A
- (3) The
- (4) No article
- (5) A
- (6) The
- (7) The
- (8) No article
- (9) An
- (10) An

## PRONOUNS

### PERSONAL PRONOUNS

#### Exercise 1

- 1) I
- 2) It
- 3) Him
- 4) Me
- 5) Her

#### Exercise 2

- 1) The old gate doesn't look good.  
**It doesn't look good.**
- 2) Tom and Mary went to school.  
**They went to school.**
- 3) The dog bit the doctor and the chief.  
**It bit them.**
- 4) Moses runs faster than Rebecca.  
**He runs faster than Rebecca.**
- 5) Phiona and Ruth played doubles.  
**They played doubles.**
- 6) Christine is clever.  
**She is clever.**
- 7) I brought the dress.  
**I brought it.**
- 8) Antony drove Junet and me.  
**Anthony drove us.**

### **POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS**

- 1) Her
- 2) Your
- 3) Mine
- 4) Theirs
- 5) Yours
- 6) Her
- 7) Their
- 8) Our
- 9) His
- 10) Your
- 11) Its
- 12) His

### **REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS**

- 1) Ourselves
- 2) Themselves
- 3) Yourself
- 4) Itself
- 5) Myself, myself
- 6) Itself
- 7) Himself
- 8) Yourselves
- 9) Themselves
- 10) Herself

## PHRASES

### NOUN PHRASES

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## WRITING FOR FORM 1

### SPELLING

#### SPELLING RULES

The following rules will help you spell words correctly.

### Rule 1: “/before *E* except after *C*”;

- achieve, believe, bier, brief, hygiene, grief, thief, friend, grieve, chief, fiend, patience, pierce, priest
- ceiling, conceive, deceive, perceive, receipt, receive, deceit, conceit

### Exceptions

*neighbor, freight, beige, sleigh, weight, vein, and weigh* and there are many exceptions to the rule: *either, neither, feint, foreign, forfeit, height, leisure, weird, seize, and seizure*.

### Rule 2: “Dropping Final *E*”

When adding an ending to a word that ends with a silent *e*, drop the final *e* if the ending begins with a vowel:

- advancing
- surprising

However, if the ending begins with a consonant, keep the final *e*:

- advancement
- likeness

(However, if the silent *e* is preceded by another vowel, drop the *e* when adding any ending: *argument, argued, truly*.)

**Exceptions:** to avoid confusion and mispronunciation, the final *e* is kept in words such as *mileage* and words where the final *e* is preceded by a soft *g* or *c*: changeable, courageous, manageable, management, noticeable. (The word management, for example, without that *e* after the *g*, would be pronounced with a hard *g* sound.)

### Rule 3: “Dropping Final *Y*”

When adding an ending to a word that ends with *y*, change the *y* to *i* when it is preceded by a consonant.

- supply becomes supplies
- worry becomes worried
- merry becomes merrier

This does not apply to the ending *-ing*, however.

- crying

- studying

Nor does it apply when the final *y* is preceded by a vowel.

- obeyed
- saying

#### Rule 4: "Doubling Final Consonants"

When adding an ending to a word that ends in a consonant, we double that consonant in many situations. First, we have to determine the number of syllables in the word.

Double the final consonant before adding an ending that begins with a vowel when the last syllable of the word is accented and that syllable ends in a single vowel followed by a single consonant.

- **submit** is accented on the last syllable and the final consonant is preceded by a vowel, so we double the *t* before adding, for instance, an *-ing* or *-ed*. *submitting, submitted*.
- **flap** contains only one syllable which means that it is always accented. Again, the last consonant is preceded by a vowel, so we double it before adding, for instance, an *-ing* or *-ed*. *flapping, flapped*. This rule does not apply to verbs that end with "x," "w," "v," and "y," consonants that cannot be doubled (such as "box" [boxing] and "snow" [snowing]).
- **open** contains two syllables and the last syllable is preceded by a single vowel, but the accent falls on the first syllable, not the last syllable, so we don't double the *n* before adding an ending: *opening, opened*.
- **refer** contains two syllables and the accent falls on the last syllable and a single vowel precedes the final consonant, so we will double the *r* before adding an ending, as in *referring, referral*. The same would apply to *begin*, as in *beginner, beginning*.
- **relent** contains two syllables, but the final consonant is preceded by another consonant, not a vowel, so we do not double the *t* before adding an ending: *relented, relenting*.
- **deal** looks like flap (above), but the syllable ends in a consonant preceded not by a single vowel, but by two vowels, so we do not double the final *l* as in *dealer* and *dealing*. The same would apply, then, to *despair*: *despairing, despaired*.

## PUNCTUATION

## CAPITALIZATION



## Capitalization Rules

**Capitalization** is the writing of a word with its first letter in uppercase and the remaining letters in lowercase.

Capitalize the first word of a document and the first word after a final punctuation mark (full stop, question mark, exclamation mark).

Capitalize proper nouns—and adjectives derived from proper nouns.

### ***Examples:***

*he is Brian's father*

*In Juja*

## Capitalization Checklist

- Brand names
- Companies
- Days of the week and months of the year
- Holidays
- Institutions  
*the University of Nairobi*
- Natural and artificial landmarks  
*the Fourteen Fall, the Mount Kenya*
- Religions and names of deities  
**Note:** Capitalize *the Bible* (but *biblical*). Do not capitalize *heaven, hell, the devil, satanic*.
- Special occasions  
*the Olympic Games, the Cannes Film Festival*
- Streets and roads

Capitalize specific geographical regions. Do not capitalize points of the compass.

## FINAL PUNCTUATION MARKS

## The Period, Full Stop or Point

- The period (known as a full stop) is probably the simplest of the punctuation marks to use. You use it like a knife to cut the sentences to the required length.
- Generally, you can break up the sentences using the full stop at the end of a logical and complete thought that looks and sounds right to you.

*Mark the end of a sentence which is not a question or an exclamation*

### Examples

- Kisumu is the third largest city in Kenya.
- I am writing you soon.

*Indicate an abbreviation*

### Examples

- I will arrive between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- We are coming on Fri., Jan. 4.

*Period after a single word*

Sometimes a single word can form the sentence. In this case you place a fullstop after the word as you would in any other sentence. This is often the case when the subject is understood as in a greeting or a command.

### Examples

- "Come."
- "Stop."

*Periods in numbers*

Numbers use periods in English to separate the whole number from the decimal. A period used in a number is also called a "decimal point" and it is read "point" unless it refers to money.

### Examples

- Sh. 10.50 is its price.
- Her weight is 60.60

## The Exclamation Mark

The exclamation mark is used to express astonishment, or surprise, or to emphasise a comment or short, sharp phrase. In professional or everyday writing, exclamation marks are used sparingly if at all.

### Examples

- Help! Help!
- That's unbelievable!
- Get out!
- Look out!

You can also use exclamation marks to mark a phrase as humourous, ironic or sarcastic.

### Examples

- What a lovely day! (when it obviously is not a lovely day)
- That was clever! (when someone has done something stupid)

## The Question Mark

Use the question mark at the end of all direct questions.

### Examples

- What is your name?
- Do you speak Italian?
- You're spanish, aren't you?

Do not use a question mark for reported questions

### Examples

- He asked me what my name was.
- She asked if I was Spanish.
- Ask them where they are going.

## The Comma

### Use comma to separate phrases, words, or clauses in lists

#### ➤ *A series of independent clauses (sentences)*

##### Example

I cried to her, she asked me to stop crying, and afterwards she took me out for lunch..

#### ➤ *A series of nouns*

##### Examples

- Don't forget to buy milk, ice cream, and fish.
- Gregory, David, and Christine arrived in time.

#### ➤ *A series of adjectives*

A list of adjectives usually requires commas. However, if an adjective is modifying another adjective you do not separate them with a comma (sentence 3).

##### Examples

- She was young, beautiful, kind, and intelligent.
- The house we visited was dark, dreary, and run-down.

#### ➤ *A series of verbs*

##### Examples

- Tony ran towards me, fell, yelled, and fainted.
- The boy leapt, spun, twisted, and dove into the water.

#### ➤ *A series of phrases*

##### Examples

- The car smashed into the wall, flipped onto its roof, slid along the road, and finally stopped against a tree.
- The dog leapt into the air, snatched the Frisbee in its mouth, landed, and ran off into the forest.

## More Uses

### 1. Enclosing details

Use a comma to enclose non-defining relative clauses and other non-essential details and comments. The comma is placed on either side of the insertion.

#### Examples

- China, one of the most powerful nations on Earth, has a huge population.
- Goats, unlike cows, do not like grass.

## 2. Participial phrases

#### Examples

- Hearing the sad news, Fred fainted.
- Walking home from school, I met my old friend.

## 3. Tag questions

#### Examples

- She hates you, doesn't she?
- We have no business together, have we?

## **STUDY WRITING**

### **MAKING NOTES**

#### **How to Make Notes**

The following tips will come in handy when making notes:

5. Read the material carefully and thoroughly.
6. Underline the key sentences as you read. This will help in forming the title.
7. Make a rough note of the main points in a logical sequence.
8. Write the final notes.

You should have in mind that a note:

6. Should be short and to the point.
7. Contain all the important and relevant information.
8. Should have information systematically divided and subdivided.
9. Should have a short title. Avoid long sentences as titles.
10. Must be written in points only.

#### **Notes Template**

**TITLE .....**

**(5) .....**

**(f) .....**

**(g) .....**

**(h) .....**

## TAKING NOTES

### How to Take Notes

- There is no one "right" way to take notes. Very different approaches can be equally effective, depending on the context.
- The key thing is to ensure that you remain actively engaged with the material whilst taking notes.
- If all you do is copy down what you hear or read, then you won't actually be learning anything at all. You may not even understand your notes when you come back to review them later!
- Do the following:
  - (i) Be concise
  - (2) be as neat as possible
  - (iii) use headings and numbered points
  - (4) use abbreviations/shorthand
  - (v) Leave spaces in between your notes in case of any additions.
- Avoid the following:
  - copying out sentences or passages verbatim (i.e. word for word)
  - copying a mass of factual information
- After the lesson, rewrite the notes in a more organized way adding details left out.

## 1. CREATIVE WRITING

### POEMS

#### Poem Writing Tips

There are a few things to think about before you start writing your poem. The following tips on writing poems will help you get started.

- Know your purpose. Know why you are writing a poem and what you want it to do.
- Pick a subject. Poems can be written about any topic under the sun.
- Avoid clichés. These are sayings that have been overused, like busy as a bee, or blind as a bat.
- Use imagery. Paint with your words and use concrete words that appeal to the senses. Abstract words cannot give the reader a good picture of what you are trying to say.
- Use similes and metaphors. Similes compare two things, like “you are sweet as honey” and usually use the word “like” or “as.” Metaphors state that one thing is another thing, like “you are a pig.” Things being compared in a metaphor have at least one thing in common but are very different in other ways.
- You can also consider using rhyme, alliteration, consonance, etc

## IMAGINATIVE COMPOSITIONS

### Elements of Imaginative Compositions

In order to write a good story, use these important elements:

**a) Characters:** Refers to those who act in the story. They should be people, animals or objects that think and talk.

**b) Setting:** Describes time and place of the story for example: classroom, lakeside, town



etc.

**c) Plot:** Refers to the series of actions that the characters go through as they try to solve a problem. In the plot, we have the:

1. *Introduction:* This is usually short. It presents the character, the situation or the problem, and part of the setting.
2. *Development:* This simply shows how the situation affects the characters and what they do to try and solve the problem.
3. *Conclusion:* This shows the solution of a problem. It is usually short. It may lead to a happy, sad or surprise ending.

When writing a story, remember to *organise* the flow of your events so that the reader's interest is maintained throughout the story. The element of suspense should also be created and maintained so that the reader will want to find out what is most likely to happen in your story.

You can create suspense by:

1. Including mystery
2. Changing the scene
3. Creating unexpected events
4. Including dialogue
5. Giving surprise ending
6. Moving from one character to another

## 2. PERSONAL WRITING

### (a) Diaries

- A diary is a written record of things that happen each day.
- It is also a record of things you plan to do per day and the time you plan to do so.
- A diary is also the book in which you write down things that happen to you on daily basis.

#### Diaries to Record what is planned to be done

- Here, we record things we plan to do.
- Let us look at the sample below:

MY DIARY			
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2015	8.00 am	Waking up
		8.15 am	Taking shower
		8.30 am	Breakfast
		8.40-10.30	Reading History

		10.35am – 12.30pm 1.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Going for skating Lunch Reading the Bible Supper
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015	7.00 am 8.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00 pm 8.00 pm	Breakfast Attending mass Reading CRE(St Luke's Gospel) Taking lunch Playing video games Watching movies Writing notes Supper
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015	7.30 am 8.00 am 8.30 am 9.30am 11.30 am 12.30 pm 3.00 pm 5.00 pm 8.30 pm	Waking Shower Breakfast Washing clothes Playing video games Lunch Reading Chemistry Watching movies Supper

## Diaries for Recording the Daily Observation

### MY DIARY

#### Calendar

April, 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Frid

Sat

			1	2	3	4
5						
6	7	8	9	10	11	
12						
13	14	15	16	17	18	
19						
20	21	22	23	24	25	
26						
27	<b><u>28</u></b>	29	30	31		

#### ENTRY

Dear Diary,

Today, I started writing my first poem. I thought of what to write and by

lunch time, an idea crossed my mind. I decided to write about corruption. I entitled it "Another Bond - Eurobond". I had a lot to write about it. As I write now, my dear, I have completed writing it. Hopefully, I will write another one before the week ends. I will inform you about it once that is done. Bye

**(b) ADDRESSES**

- An address is a superscription of a letter directing who the letter is meant to reach.
- The writer also writes their address in the letter to allow for the reply.
- An address is written on an envelop, letter, or package.



### **Addresses in Letters**

- Address format vary according to the type of letter written.
- Even though they are written differently, there are common features such as:
  - The post office box number
  - The postcode
  - The street, road, or building where the post office is located
  - The city or town
  - The country
- There are two formats of writing addresses:
  - Block format; and
  - Indented format

### **Block Format**

- Address written in a block.
- Paragraphs also blocked.
- An example is

KILIMAMBOGO FOOD AND BEVERAGE,  
P.O. BOX 555-35400,  
KILIMAMBOGO – KENYA.

### **Indented Format**

- Written on a slant.
- The paragraphs in the letter are also indented.
- An example is:

KILIMAMBOGO FOOD AND BEVERAGES,  
P.O. BOX 555-35400,  
KILIMAMBOGO – KENYA.

### Exercise

Write each of the addresses below as they would appear on your envelope:

- (a) Migori Polytechnic-40400- P.O. Box 654- The Principal-Kenya- Migori
- () Kenya Labour-The Director-30210- P.O. Box 90100- Kenya- Nairobi

### (c) PACKING LISTS

- At times you find yourself forgetting something when packing for a trip.
- It is important to get organized. Writing a packing list will be key in ensuring no item intended to be carried during a trip is forgotten.
- A packing list is therefore a checklist for what to bring along with them.
- To make the most out of your trip you have to pack the right items.
- What you pack will highly depend on factors such as:
  - () The place you are visiting. If for example, you are visiting a place where it is hot, there will be no need of carrying heavy clothes.
  - () Means of transport. There is a limit to what one should carry depending on the weight.
  - () Number of days.
  - () The reason for visiting. For example if going on a camp, you need carry camping gear.

### How to Start

- (i) Get a piece of paper and a pen and write "PACKING LIST". This forms part of the title. The other part is the place to visit.
- () Write number of days. It is advisable to do this as it will help you tell how many clothes you will need. It might not sound good to carry only two underpants, for example, if the trip will last a week.

- () Draw a table with columns containing item category, item, quantity, and description. The various item categories are:
- Entertainment list, for example, CDs, Radio, etc.
  - Clothing List, for example, underpants, skirts, etc.
  - Camping Gear, for example, sleeping bag,
  - Toiletries, for example, toothpaste, soap, etc.
- (iv) In that table fill all the items and all its columns appropriately.

### Sample Packing List

TRIP TO MACHAKOS PACKING LIST				
<b>DAYS:</b> 3 Days				
NO.	ITEM CATEGORY	ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1.	CLOTHING LIST	Trousers	3	Purple one
		Shirts	3	2 white ones The pink one The one printed "Newyork".



		Underpants	4	The newly bought one. The black, yellow, red and indigo ones.
2.	ENTERTAINMENT LIST	CDs	3	Nigerian movies
		Laptop	1	The one recently bought.
		Earphone	1	Purple one.
3.	TOILETRIES	Bathing soap	1-250gm	Fa Bathing soap.
		Washing soap	½ bar	Jamaa
		Toothpaste	50 gm	Colgate
4.	DRINKS	Afya	2-500 ml	Guava flavored.
		Soda	2-500 ml	Fanta

### Exercise

You are Manchester City Football club Player. During one of the summer holidays, your club go for a 5 day camp to a very hot place in United Arab Emirates. Here, no beddings are provided. Write a packing list of all the items you would carry with you to this trip.

### 3. SOCIAL WRITING

#### Informal Letters

- Usually written to people known to people you know fairly well. These can be friends and relatives.
- Also referred to as **friendly letters**.
- They are meant to:
  - (i) Give news;
  - (ii) Request information;
  - (iii) Congratulate people;
  - (iv) Ask questions; or
  - (v) Give advice.

#### How to Write Informal Letters

- An informal letter has such elements as:
  - (a) Sender's address. Write your address here. Example,  
**MAALIK AHMED**  
**P.O. BOX 6454-90800**  
**KITALE**
  - (b) Date when the letter is written.
  - (c) Salutation. Example,  
**Dear Timothy,**
  - (d) Body. Write the body of the text. Include greetings, news, other questions, etc.
  - (e) Closing. Sign off with your name. example,  
**See you soon,**  
**Denis**

➤ The table that follows is of a format of an informal letter blended with explanations:

The Format	Explanation
Address	At the top right hand corner, write your address. For example,  <b>Keicy Kimito</b> <b>P.O. Box 567</b> <b>RONGO</b>
Date	Below the writer's address, is the date. For example,  13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015
Salutation	Written on the left hand side of the letter. Start with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dear .....</b> , e.g. Dear Drinkwater,</li> <li>• <b>Dearest.....</b>, or <b>My Dear.....</b>, ( for close friends and relatives) Example, <b>Dearest Drinkwater,</b>  Or <b>My Dear Drinkwater,</b></li> </ul>
Opening Paragraph	You may ask about the recipient's health. For example, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is your family?</li> <li>• How are you Njuguna? I hope that you and your family are in the pink.</li> <li>• I am fine and I hope you are as fit as a fiddle.</li> </ul>
Content Paragraphs	This is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You mention your main reason for writing (paragraph 2)</li> <li>• Give the news</li> <li>• Ask questions</li> </ul>

	<p>You can start with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing this letter to...</li> </ul>
Closing Paragraph	<p>It is proper to inform your recipient that you are ending the letter. Some phrases you can use are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do write me soon.</li> <li>• Please convey my warm regards to...</li> <li>• Allow me to pen off here.</li> <li>• Hope to receive a reply from you.</li> <li>• Bye/ Goodbye</li> </ul>
Closing	<p>Sign off with your name. you can sign off using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your loving friend,</li> <li>• Yours lovingly,</li> <li>• Yours affectionately,</li> <li>• Your nephew,</li> <li>• Yours sincerely,</li> <li>• Keep in touch,</li> </ul> <p>Your name should follow. Your first name is preferred.</p>

### **The Language of Informal Letters**

- The language used is simple as well as friendly.
- You can use contractions such as I'm, won't, you're, etc.

### **Sample Friendly Letter**

	<p>Brigit Annabel</p> <p>P.O BOX 454—40400</p> <p>SUNA- MIGORI</p>
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5<sup>TH</sup> September, 2015

Dear James,

Hi James! Hope you are fine back there in Rongo. My sister and I are very much fine.

I'm just writing to let you know I quit my old job and found something new in Migori town.

I was really fed up with working at Banana Academy as there was little work enough to challenge me anymore. You know me; if there is no enough, I get bored too easily and have to find something new.

I'm now teaching at Sunsun in Migori and the kind of work I do suits me to the ground. I teach two candidate classes. The work here is not only challenging, but it is rewarding as well. I know you will find it hard to believe... but you just have to.

That is not all for now! I'm getting married in a couple of weeks. He is working in the neighbouring school. So many promises I hope he will fulfill he has not stopped to give. I also find him the best among the many. When the time comes I believe you will come and celebrate with us.

Keep in touch,

Brigit

### Exercise

You have recently joined another school. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

- Explain why you changed school
- Describe your new school

- Tell him/her your other news

#### **4. INSTITUTIONAL WRITING**

##### **(a)PUBLIC NOTICES**

- A public notice is a notice given to provide information for the public that is widespread in a wide geographical area via media.
- They are mostly placed in newspapers by businesses, county and national government, and individuals.
- They include:
  - (i) Unclaimed property

- (ii) Wanted person
- (iii) Dangerous person
- (iv) Government contracts
- (v) Auction
- (vi) Foreclosures, etc.

### **Public Notice Format**

- The parts of a public notice include among others:
  - i. Name of the organization/institution. Letterhead is preferred.
  - . Then write/type "PUBLIC NOTICE".
  - iii. The topic/theme/subject. Let the public know what you want to inform them about.
  - iv. Date, time, and venue(if need be).
  - v. Picture to reinforce the message.
  - . Name of the writer of the notice and the job position(and signature, for the more formal ones)

### **Sample Public Notice**

<p><b>MAJI MACHAFU LANDS DEALERS COMPANY</b></p> <p>(P.O. Box 123-00200 Nanyuki, Email: <a href="mailto:majchaf@hotmail.com">majchaf@hotmail.com</a>, Mobile: 0715234343)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u></b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that son of Amos Kinyanjui resident of Plot(5) located opposite Kadika Plaza, Kilgoris Estate has agreed to sell the plot mentioned in the schedule hereto dated 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.</p> <p>All persons claiming interest in the land or any part thereof by any way are hereby required to bring their complaints at our Mukomi office within 10 days from the date hereof, failing which the sale will be completed.</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Yours Sincerely</p>
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[sign]

Fredrick Wainaina

SALES MANAGER

- In the notice above, a picture of the plot can be included.

## **() INVENTORIES**

- An inventory is a complete list of items such as equipment, property, goods in stock, or even the contents of a particular place.
- A list of things possessed by a person or company.
- It is a good idea to keep the records of items owned by a person or company.
- An inventory will have the following basic elements:
  - (i) Name of the institution. Name of the person, if individually possessed.
  - (ii) Date when the records are taken.
  - (iii) Item number
  - (iv) Item category
  - (v) Item
  - (vi) Quantity of items
  - (vii) Description of the item
  - (viii) Approximate value of the item
  - (ix) The name and designation of the person keeping the records.



➤ Here is a sample inventory.

KILIMANJARO MIXED DAY AND BOARDING HIGH SCHOOL					
INVENTORY OF THE EQUIPMENT AS AT 24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016					
NO.	ITEM CATEGORY	ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE VALUE IN KSH.
1.	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	Test tubes	15	Good condition	1200
		Microscopes	2	Damaged	9800
2	ELECTRONICS	Computers	3	New ones	72 000
			4	Damaged	12 000
		Radios	4	Not working	6 800
		Printers	2	New ones	68 700
			6	Damaged	14 600
3	FURNITURE	Teachers' tables	14	Good Condition	48 000
		Staffroom Chairs	22	Newly Bought ones	110 000
			400	Good Condition	200 000
		Classroom chairs	89	Broken	44 500
			500	Good condition	250 000
		Students' Lockers	6	New Ones	60 000
			3	New Ones	12 000
		Office Cupboards	300	Good Condition	600 000
4	GAMES EQUIPMENT	Beds	3	Punctured	3 000
			2	Good Condition	6 000

		Balls			
		Volley ball nets			

RECORDS KEPT BY: Jeniffer Kwamboka

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School Store Keeper

### Exercise

You are St. Monica's Mission Hospital Resource Manager. At this hospital, records of items in it are kept at the end of every August. Write the inventory of all the items here.