

## Practice tests

### Questions 1–12

#### Tip

Answer the questions one page at a time. For each question ask yourself: 'Does this question test a spelling rule? If so, which one?' Check the answers in the back of the book before moving on to the next page.

- 1 When I saw Kim, she was \_\_\_\_\_ her bicycle.  
(A) ridding  
(B) rideing  
(C) riding
- 2 When the rain started, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ inside.  
(A) hurried  
(B) hurried  
(C) hurried
- 3 My uncle tells the \_\_\_\_\_ jokes.  
(A) funniest  
(B) funnyest  
(C) funiest
- 4 Dean \_\_\_\_\_ the cricketers.  
(A) clapped  
(B) claped  
(C) claped
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ were grazing in the field beside the road.  
(A) donkies  
(B) donkey's  
(C) donkeys
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Grace nor her friend Rochelle was able to come.  
(A) neether  
(B) niether  
(C) neither
- 7 When the lesson ended, Mr Mackenzie \_\_\_\_\_ his class.  
(A) dissmised  
(B) dismmissed  
(C) dismissed
- 8 My aunt told me her watch was extremely \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) valueable  
(B) valuable  
(C) valuble
- 9 The police officer spoke to the woman \_\_\_\_\_ car had been stolen.  
(A) who's  
(B) whom  
(C) whose
- 10 Antigua became \_\_\_\_\_ on November 1st 1981.  
(A) independant  
(B) inderpendent  
(C) independent
- 11 Grandma settled \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the television.  
(A) comfortabley  
(B) comfortably  
(C) comfortably
- 12 Dwayne's teacher told him his work was not \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) satisfactory  
(B) satissfactory  
(C) satafactory

- 1 (A) (B) (C)
- 2 (A) (B) (C)
- 3 (A) (B) (C)
- 4 (A) (B) (C)

- 5 (A) (B) (C)
- 6 (A) (B) (C)
- 7 (A) (B) (C)
- 8 (A) (B) (C)

- 9 (A) (B) (C)
- 10 (A) (B) (C)
- 11 (A) (B) (C)
- 12 (A) (B) (C)

## Questions 13–24

## Tip

Did you spot the spelling rules tested on the previous page? Identify the spelling rules tested in these questions and work out why some of the options are wrong.

- 13** Everyone will have the \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the show.  
(A) oportunity  
(B) oppertunity  
(C) opportunity
- 14** Mom chopped some \_\_\_\_\_ to make a salad.  
(A) tomatoes  
(B) tomatos  
(C) tomato's
- 15** The excited children were \_\_\_\_\_ up and down.  
(A) jumppping  
(B) jumping  
(C) jumpin
- 16** Mom was vexed with Aidan and told him he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) immature  
(B) imature  
(C) inature
- 17** The flight to New York has been \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) canseled  
(B) canselled  
(C) cancelled
- 18** The students were told to complete \_\_\_\_\_ projects by the end of the week.  
(A) they're  
(B) there  
(C) their
- 19** The mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ drawn in the painting.  
(A) beautifuly  
(B) beatifuly  
(C) beautifully
- 20** I helped my father paint the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) ceiling  
(B) cieling  
(C) ceeling
- 21** My sister has gained much of her \_\_\_\_\_ from reading books.  
(A) knowledge  
(B) knowledg  
(C) knowlege
- 22** Mr Simpson took a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ on his holiday.  
(A) photos  
(B) photoes  
(C) photo's
- 23** Ethan looked \_\_\_\_\_ at the sandwiches on the table.  
(A) hungryly  
(B) hungrily  
(C) hungriley
- 24** The \_\_\_\_\_ will be closed next week for repairs.  
(A) libry  
(B) library  
(C) librery

- 13 (A) (B) (C)  
14 (A) (B) (C)  
15 (A) (B) (C)  
16 (A) (B) (C)

- 17 (A) (B) (C)  
18 (A) (B) (C)  
19 (A) (B) (C)  
20 (A) (B) (C)

- 21 (A) (B) (C)  
22 (A) (B) (C)  
23 (A) (B) (C)  
24 (A) (B) (C)



Questions 25–36

**Tip**

Work through this set of questions without stopping.  
Time yourself. Can you do them in less than 10 minutes?  
Check your answers in the back of the book.

- 25** It is not \_\_\_\_\_ to bring any money with you.  
(A) necessary  
(B) necesarry  
(C) nessarry
- 26** The nurse spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to the frightened child.  
(A) gently  
(B) gentley  
(C) gentely
- 27** I thought the colour of the trees in the painting was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) unatural  
(B) unnaturall  
(C) unnatural
- 28** Mrs Gomez asked for a \_\_\_\_\_ for the picture she had bought.  
(A) receipt  
(B) receit  
(C) reciept
- 29** The doctor advised Mr Barton to eat a \_\_\_\_\_ diet.  
(A) healthyer  
(B) healthier  
(C) healthyr
- 30** The result of last Saturday's match was very \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) surprising  
(B) suprising  
(C) serprising
- 31** My grandmother looked after us when we were \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) babys  
(B) baby's  
(C) babies
- 32** Everyone was \_\_\_\_\_ when the match was cancelled because of bad weather.  
(A) disappointed  
(B) dissappointed  
(C) disapointed
- 33** The farmer took the young \_\_\_\_\_ to market.  
(A) calfs  
(B) calves  
(C) callves
- 34** The police officer was \_\_\_\_\_ all the traffic.  
(A) stopping  
(B) stoppin  
(C) stoping
- 35** I can't see my friends. \_\_\_\_\_ at the match today.  
(A) They're  
(B) There  
(C) Their
- 36** Do you know Mr Campbell's new \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) adress  
(B) address  
(C) addres

- 25** (A) (B) (C)  
**26** (A) (B) (C)  
**27** (A) (B) (C)  
**28** (A) (B) (C)

- 29** (A) (B) (C)  
**30** (A) (B) (C)  
**31** (A) (B) (C)  
**32** (A) (B) (C)

- 33** (A) (B) (C)  
**34** (A) (B) (C)  
**35** (A) (B) (C)  
**36** (A) (B) (C)

## How did I do?

### A Check your answers to the Practice test questions (see page 108).

**14 or fewer** questions correct:  
You need to revise all areas much harder  
(0–40%)

**15–29** questions correct:  
You need more revision in weak areas  
(41–80%)

**30 or more** questions correct:  
Well done, you can move to the next topic  
(81%+)

### B Study this table. Which key points and question types do you need to revise?

Key points tested	Questions in Practice test
Plurals	5, 14, 22, 31, 33
Suffixes: Doubling rule	4, 17, 19, 34
Suffixes: Dropping -e, change -y to -i or -ie	1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 23, 26, 29
Adding prefixes	7, 10, 16, 27, 32
ie/ei rule	6, 20, 28
Grammatical homophones	9, 18, 35
Tricky words	10, 12, 13, 19, 21, 24, 25, 30, 36

#### Notes

- **Plurals:** Remember which words add -es or change -y to -ies in the plural.
- **Suffixes:** Remember the spelling changes needed when suffixes are added to words. Sometimes the final letter is doubled. For other words, the final -e is dropped, or -y is changed to -i or -ie.
- **Adding prefixes:** We do not change the spelling of the original word when we add a prefix.
- **ie or ei:** Remember the general rule: 'i' before 'e' when the sound is 'ee'. Learn the exceptions.
- **Tricky words:** Make a list of words you have difficulty in spelling and learn them.

### C Copy and complete this table.

Spelling: How did I do?	
Date I completed the tests	
Total score	
Types of questions I found easy	
Types of questions I found difficult	
How can I improve?	