# 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) hurryed
(B) huried
(C) hurried

**3** My uncle tells the _____ jokes.
(A) funniest
(B) funnyest
(C) funiest

**4** Dean _____ the cricketers.
(A) clapped
(B) claped
(C) clapeed

**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) dissmissed
(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) comfortablly
(C) comfortably

**12** Dwayne's teacher told him his work was not _____ .
(A) satisfactory
(B) satissfactory
(C) satasfactory

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| **1** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **5** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **9** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |
| **2** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **6** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **10** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |
| **3** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **7** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **11** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |
| **4** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **8** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **12** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |



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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) jumpping
(B) jumping
(C) jumpin

**16** Mom was vexed with Aidan and told him he was _____ .
(A) immature
(B) imature
(C) inmature

**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) knowlidge
(B) knowledge
(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) libary
(C) library

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| **13** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **17** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **21** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |
| **14** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **18** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **22** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |
| **15** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **19** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **23** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |
| **16** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **20** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | **24** | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |



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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) necessry

**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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **25** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **29** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **33** | (A) | (B) | (C) |
| **26** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **30** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **34** | (A) | (B) | (C) |
| **27** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **31** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **35** | (A) | (B) | (C) |
| **28** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **32** | (A) | (B) | (C) | **36** | (A) | (B) | (C) |



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# How did I do?

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

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| **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? | |



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