

# YEAR 9 — LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.  
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

**1** Presumably true means (proibly) true.

**2** Most cupboards have a set of (draws) .

**3** (Spageti) is a type of pasta meal.

**4** To be (ankshus) means to be worried and troubled.

**5** Quiet speaking is (wispring) .

**6** Many retired teachers turned up for the school's 50th  
(aniversery) .

**Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

**7** The name Knightsbridge contains six consecutive  
consonents.

**8** Owing to lightning damage, electricians will be rewiering  
the hall.

**9** The ingenius telephone marketer made a fake enquiry.

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**10** An extraordinary number of graduates met minimum requirements.  10

**11** Etymology is knowledge of word derivation or ancestry.  11

**12** Circuitry has superseded mechanic intricacy.  12

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## ***Student writing***

**13** School assignments usually have a writing component.  13

**14** Your writing will involve a reaserch phase where you gather ideas.  14

**15** As you collect these ideas and facts, give concoideration to the learning goals of the task.  15

**16** Overwhealmingly, the texts you write as a student will be explanatory essays.  16

**17** This means they will explain information more often than they give contreversle opinions.  17

**18** However, your essays will always need to explore a thesis or proposition.  18

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Read the text *Sausages* and then answer questions 19–25.  
Change the underlined **INFORMAL** words to **FORMAL** English.

## *Sausages*

Dear Mr Spratt,

I'm sorry my dog stole your sausages. Here's (19) the story.

I went to go and visit (20) my sick Aunt.

Her and her cat lives (21) next to your butcher shop.

My dog saw the sausages being delivered to your shop close to Aunt's fence. I would of tied (22) him up but I decided to trust him to be obedient.

I wanted to help my Aunt, so I asked if (23) I could wash her dishes.

While I washed the dishes, I had a look out (24) the window and saw some sausages slithering under a bush.

I rushed out and yelled at the dog. He cringed like he was going to die (25). I know how he feels. I decided to write my apology rather than face you, Mr Spratt.

Yours sincerely,  
Doreen Doogan.

- 19**  Here a  
 Here is  
 Here're  
 Heres are

Shade one bubble.



- 20**  am visiting  
 went to visit  
 was to go visit  
 went and visited

- 21**  She and her cat lives  
 Her and her cat lives  
 She and her cat live  
 Her and her cat live

- 22**  use to tie  
 would of tied  
 once had tied  
 could have tied

- 23**  as to whether  
 her whether  
 after her if  
 after

- 24**  looked out  
 looked out've  
 am looking out  
 tooked a look out

- 25**  like as if he was going to die.  
 as if he had of been dieing.  
 like he would of died.  
 as if he would die.

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Shade one bubble.



**26** Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Many people consider Sharelle McMahon  the best netball player in Australia.

- as
- to be
- being
- as being

**27** Which words show that Jo enjoys eating pears?

“Which fruit are you eating?” Dee asked.

“The pears,” said Jo .

- pleasantly
- pleasingly
- unpleasantly
- with pleasure

**28** Which words correctly complete the sentence?

“My friends have left without me,” said Jason. He sounded emotionally .

- devastated
- devastation
- devastating
- devastatingly


**29** Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Luckily,  adequate supply of  type of chocolate I like is stocked at  usual shops.

- the    an    a
- the    the    a
- an    the    an
- an    a    the

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- 30** The two sentences have missing punctuation. Where does the first sentence end?

Shade one bubble. 

It was an eventful year when great political events occurred before Sara became a



diplomat she did not expect that these events would affect her.



- 31** The word *as* can mean *while* or *because*.

Which sentence uses *as* correctly to mean *because*?

- As he opened the gate he checked the address.
- He rang the bell as he waited for an answer.
- She opened the door quickly as she was expecting him.
- As she paid for the pizza she could smell its aroma.

- 32** An apostrophe has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing apostrophe go?



Words like potatoes are often written in chalk on grocers signs.

- 33** Which word or phrase is not needed in this sentence?

(Which word or words could be removed without changing the meaning?)

I got dressed in my uniform to attend the celebration of the founding of the school.

- got
- dressed
- in my uniform
- the celebration of

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**34** Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Sue wanted the jacket so she asked the sales assistant how much .

- was it
- it was
- for it
- is it

**35** Which sentence is correct?

- My friend and I's families have different origins.
- My friend's and my family has different origins.
- My friend's family has different origins than mine.
- My friend and me have families with different origins.

**36** Shade the bubble to show where the comma should go.

Wasting no time Abby, Josh and Costas went to the shop where the sale was on.



**37** The table contains numbered terms for some grammatical parts of speech.

	Terms
1	verb
2	noun
3	adverb
4	adjective
5	conjunction
6	preposition

Write the number of the part of speech under the word that matches it.

“I **settled into** my **hide**. It was **early** morning, **when** wildlife is most **likely** to be active.

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**38** Which sentence has the correct use of italics?

- The reviewer, *Bajo*, panned Star Wars: The force unleashed II.
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**39** Brackets are needed in this sentence. Which part of the sentence needs brackets?

Ling Ling 1985–2008 was a Chinese giant panda who lived in Ueno Zoo in Japan.

- Chinese
- Ling Ling
- 1985–2008
- in Japan