

## SPaG activities

### Spelling activity 1

Words containing ...ent and ...ant

different   ancient   excellent   patient   violent   parliament  
distant   hesitant   reluctant   restaurant   fragrant   vacant

Insert the correct words into the sentences below and copy in your best handwriting:

The family had dinner at their favourite \_\_\_\_\_.

There were no \_\_\_\_\_ chairs in the waiting room.

Those \_\_\_\_\_ mountains look spectacular.

Ben and his twin brother, Tom, look very \_\_\_\_\_.

Ryan and his dad went to visit an \_\_\_\_\_ castle.

The roses were \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful.

In Great Britain, our \_\_\_\_\_ makes the laws.

The tiny duckling was \_\_\_\_\_ when entering the water.

Stay away from that \_\_\_\_\_ prisoner!

Jess was \_\_\_\_\_ to start her homework.

"What an \_\_\_\_\_ piece of work!" beamed the teacher.

"Be \_\_\_\_\_! We are nearly there," sighed Dad.



### Spelling activity 2:

Click on this [link](#) to practice your spellings further by playing fun games on Spellzone.

## Activity 1– Verbs

Click on this [link](#) to revise verbs and modal verbs.

### Warming up\*

Q1 Circle the **modal verb** in the sentence below.

Kate hoped that she would see goats and sheep at the farm.

1 mark

Q2 Explain how the **modal verb** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1) Yusuf and his sister go swimming with their dad.

2) Yusuf and his sister might go swimming with their dad.

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1 mark

Q3 Tick one box in each row to show how the **modal verb** affects the **meaning** of the sentence.

Sentence	Modal verb indicates <b>certainty</b>	Modal verb indicates <b>possibility</b>
It will be very cold tomorrow.		
John might have missed the train.		
Ann can speak six languages.		
You could finish your work by the end of the lesson.		

1 mark

Which sentence contains **two** verbs?

Tick **one**.

- Q4      The lambs played happily. ☐
- The cows sleep in the field. ☐
- The puppies growl and bark. ☐
- The horses eat grass and hay. ☐

1 mark

Q5      Which sentence uses the word book as a **verb**?

Tick **one**.

- We decided to book tickets for the football match. ☐
- Arin wrote a book review for the school magazine. ☐
- The scientist's ideas are explained in his latest book. ☐
- Book club meets every Wednesday in the library. ☐

1 mark

Feeling confident \*\*

Q1      Rewrite the underlined verb in the sentence below so it is in the **present progressive**.

I taught my sister to skateboard.



1 mark

Q2

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the **present progressive** form.

Jim learns French at school.

↓

He plans to ski in the Alps in the spring.

↓

1 mark

Q3

Tick one box in each row to show if the sentence is in the **present progressive** or the **past progressive**.

Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive
Joey was playing football in the park after school.		
Joey's football skills are improving all the time.		
Joey is hoping to be a professional footballer.		

1 mark

Tick to show which sentence uses the **past progressive**.

Q4

Tick **one**.

After Ali finished his homework, he went out to play.

☐

Gemma was doing her science homework.

☐

Jamie learnt his spellings every night.

☐

Anna found her history homework difficult.

☐

1 mark

Q5

Which sentence uses the **present perfect form**?

Tick **one**.

Jo went shopping on Saturday and she bought a whole new outfit.

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The girl entered at the last minute and won the race!

☐

My sister was a reserve, but she scored the winning goal.

☐

My dog was very naughty, but since the classes he has been much better.

☐

1 mark

Q6

Underline the **verb form** that is in the **present perfect** in the passage below.

Rachel loves music and has wanted to learn how to play the piano for years. She was hoping for piano lessons, and was delighted when her parents gave her a keyboard for her birthday.

1 mark

Ready for a challenge \*\*\* - Inverted commas

Click on this [link](#) to revise how to use inverted commas.

Q1

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Our parents always say "work hard and do your best."

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Our parents always say, "work hard and do your best."

☐

Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best."

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Our parents always say "Work hard and do your best."

☐

1 mark

Q2

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.  
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

I asked her if she needed any help.

I asked, \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Q3

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Abdul called out, "will you come and help me?"

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Abdul called out "Will you come and help me"

☐

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me"?"

☐

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me?"

☐

1 mark

Q4

Tick two boxes to show where the missing **inverted commas** should go.

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↓☐  
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↓☐  
↓

Roman life was unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.

1 mark

Q5

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

She asked if he wanted a banana.

She asked him, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Q6

Add the missing **inverted commas** to the passage below.

Maya whispered , I can see a baby hedgehog ! Keep  
quiet so we don't scare it .

1 mark

Q7

Which sentence uses **inverted commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

"Follow me! shouted the tour leader."

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"Follow me! "shouted the tour leader."

☐

"Follow me!" shouted the tour leader.

☐

"Follow me"! shouted the tour leader.

☐

Q8

Which sentence uses **inverted commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

"Mr Nelson asked, Who is responsible for the sports equipment?"

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Mr Nelson asked, "Who is responsible for the sports equipment?"

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"Mr Nelson asked," Who is responsible for the sports equipment?"

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Mr Nelson asked, "Who is responsible for the sports equipment"?"

☐

1 mark

### Activity 1 Spellings – Answers

1. restaurant
2. vacant
3. distant
4. different
5. ancient
6. fragrant
7. parliament
8. reluctant
9. violent
10. hesitant
11. excellent
12. patient

### Grammar Activity 1 – Answers

#### Warming up\*

Q1 **Award 1 mark** for the correct word circled.

Kate hoped that she would see goats and sheep at the farm.

Q2 **Award 1 mark** for a response that demonstrates that the modal verb indicates possibility or uncertainty, e.g.

- *In the second sentence they are not definitely going swimming.*
- *The second sentence means maybe they are going to go swimming.*
- *In the second sentence, they might go but in the first, they will definitely go.*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

*In the first one, they are definitely going.*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding by using an appropriate alternative modal verb, e.g.

*In the second one, they could go swimming.*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

**1 mark**



**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

Q3

Sentence	Modal verb indicates certainty	Modal verb indicates possibility
It will be very cold tomorrow.	✓	
John might have missed the train.		✓
Ann can speak six languages.	✓	
You could finish your work by the end of the lesson.		✓

1 mark

Q4

☐☐

The puppies growl and bark.

☒☐

Q5

We decided to book tickets for the football match. ☒

Feeling confident \*\*

Q1

**Award 1 mark for**

I taught my sister to skateboard.



am teaching

**Do not accept** misspellings of verb forms.

Q2

**Award 1 mark** for both correct.

Jim learns French at school. He plans to ski in the Alps in the spring.



is learning



is planning

Q3

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive
Joey was playing football in the park after school.		✓
Joey's football skills are improving all the time.	✓	
Joey is hoping to be a professional footballer.	✓	

Q4

Gemma was doing her science homework.

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Q5

My dog was very naughty, but since the classes he has been much better.

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Q6

**Award 1 mark** for the correct words underlined.

Rachel loves music... has wanted ... for her birthday.

Ready for a challenge \*\*\*

Q1

**Award 1 mark** for the correct box ticked.

Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best." ☒

1 mark

Q2

**Award 1 mark** for an appropriate, grammatically correct and accurately punctuated sentence in direct speech, e.g.

- I asked, "Do you need any help?"
- I asked, 'Do you need me to help you?'
- I asked, "Is any help needed?"
- I asked, "Would you like me to help you?"
- I asked, "Do you need any help with that?"
- I asked, 'Rosie, do you need me to help you?'

1 mark

Q3

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me?" ☒

Q4

☒ Roman life was very unlike modern life, ☒ the archaeologist said. ☐

1 mark

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly punctuated response, e.g.

Q5

- She asked him, "Do you want a banana?"

**Also accept** minor errors that preserve the basic meaning, e.g.

- She asked him, "Would you like a banana?"
- She asked him, "Do you want bananas?"

Q6

**Award 1 mark** for correctly placed inverted commas.

Maya whispered, "I can see a baby hedgehog! Keep quiet so we don't scare it."

**1 mark**

Q7

"Follow me!" shouted the tour leader.

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Q8

Mr Nelson asked, "Who is responsible for the sports equipment?"

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