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Descriptive and Narrative Writing — Practice Test

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1

A train journey is described in a story. Which sentence best sets the scene?

A Mist hung over the platform as the train steamed in.

B Trains are a form of transport used by many people every day.

C The train had many seats.

D I like trains a lot.

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2 **Autumn leaves drift down through the cold air. Which word is a noun in this sentence: Leaves drift through the air?**

- A through
- B drift
- C the
- D Leaves

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3 **A garden full of roses grows beside the cottage. Which word is closest in meaning to fragrant?**

- A silent and completely still
- B sweet-smelling
- C very large and tall indeed
- D thoroughly unpleasant

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4 **A snowman stands in the garden after fresh snow. Which sentence is a complex sentence?**

- A Snow fell on the garden.
- B The snowman was cold and white.
- C The snowman stood in the garden while the snow fell.
- D The snowman was cold and white and made of fresh snow.

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5 **A camera sits on the shelf beside old photographs. Which sentence uses standard English?**

- A We were at the park yesterday.
- B We was at the park yesterday afternoon
- C We is at the park yesterday
- D We was at the park, innit

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6 **A violin plays a slow, sad tune. Which word is closest in meaning to mournful?**

- A silent
- B cheerful and full of joy
- C loud and very fast indeed
- D sorrowful

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7 **Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

- A I was tired; and I went to bed.
- B I was tired, I went to bed.
- C I was tired I went; to bed.
- D I was tired; I went to bed.

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8 **Which word can start a subordinate clause?**

A therefore

B although

C and

D but

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9 **Which sentence uses repetition for effect?**

A He waited patiently for a very long time.

B He waited. He waited. He waited.

C He waited for an hour.

D He waited a long time.

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10 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly after a fronted adverbial?**

- **A** In the morning we went, out.
- **B** In, the morning we went out.
- **C** In the morning, we went out.
- **D** In the morning we went out to play.

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11 **What is a subordinate clause?**

- **A** a clause that makes complete sense alone
- **B** the main part of a sentence
- **C** a sentence with two verbs
- **D** a clause that cannot stand alone

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12 **In the sentence The old cat slept, which word is the noun?**

- A cat
- B slept
- C old
- D the

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13 **Which sentence uses standard English?**

- A There are two cats.
- B There is two cats.
- C There is two cats here.
- D There are two cat.

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14 **Which sentence uses a colon correctly?**

A It was simple: just ask.

B It was simple, just ask for help.

C It was: simple just ask.

D It: was simple just ask.

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15 **What is a narrator?**

A the voice telling the story

B the title of the story

C the last page

D the main character in every story

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16 **Which sentence uses a dash correctly to show an interruption?**

A I was just oh, - never mind.

B I - was just oh never mind.

C I was just about to say something important.

D I was just - oh, never mind.

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17 **Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for the word children?**

A The childrens toys were everywhere.

B The childrens' toys were everywhere.

C The childrens toys were everywhere in the room.

D The children's toys were everywhere.

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18 **How do you turn an active sentence into a passive one?**

A add an exclamation mark

B make the object the subject

C make it a question

D remove all the verbs from the sentence

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19 **What is a good way to structure a story?**

A random order

B ending, climax, build-up, opening

C no structure at all

D opening, build-up, climax, ending

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20 **Which word is closest in meaning to ancient?**

A very new

B very small

C very big

D very old

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21 **Which phrase creates a vivid sense of a storm?**

A the weather was bad

B there was rain in the sky all day

C rain hammered the roof

D it rained

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22 **Which sentence has a subordinate clause at the end?**

- **A** We stayed in.
- **B** It rained.
- **C** We stayed in because it rained.
- **D** Because it rained, we stayed in all day.

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23 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly before and in a list?**

- **A** I like red, blue and green.
- **B** I like red blue and green, and yellow.
- **C** I like red blue, and green.
- **D** I like, red blue and green.

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24 **What is a compound sentence?**

A a sentence with a subordinate clause

B a question and an answer

C one main clause on its own, with nothing else

D two main clauses joined together

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25 **Which word is a conjunction?**

A because

B however

C therefore

D although

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	C	**19.**	D
2.	D	**11.**	D	**20.**	D
3.	B	**12.**	A	**21.**	C
4.	C	**13.**	A	**22.**	C
5.	A	**14.**	A	**23.**	A
6.	D	**15.**	A	**24.**	D
7.	D	**16.**	D	**25.**	D
8.	B	**17.**	D		
9.	B	**18.**	B		

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