1.5 Spelling Error-Spot: 1-hour Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 60 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

The Lock-Keeper's Cat

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Freya Adeyemi-Clarke had never lived on a boat before, and she was quite sure she never wanted to, not really, though she would not have admitted that to her grandmother for all the tea in Millbrook Quay.

Nana Iris had moved onto the narrowboat two summers ago, trading her terraced house for sixty feet of dark green paintwork and a chimney that always smoked slightly crooked. She met Freya at the towpath gate wearing a jumper three sizes too big and waved as though Freya's train might otherwise glide straight past the village and out towards the hills.

'You've grown at least an inch,' Nana Iris announced, which probably was not true, but Freya let her believe it anyway.

That evening, the boat rocked gently against its mooring ropes, and somewhere further along the canal a lock gate groaned open like an old door reluctant to be disturbed. Nana Iris explained that the gate had creaked in exactly that way for forty years, ever since Mr Kaczmarek had first taken over as lock-keeper. 'It isn't a graceful sound,' she said, 'but it has let every boat safely through this stretch of water since before your mother was born. Some things do not have to be elegant to be important.'

The next morning, Freya met Dev Chowdhury, who lived on the boat moored just behind Nana Iris's and could name every lock between Millbrook Quay and the next town without pausing for breath. Together they balanced along the towpath wall, hunting for the flat stones Dev swore were lucky, though he could never quite explain the rule that decided which ones counted. Mr Kaczmarek called down from the lock-keeper's cottage, his voice rough with age but warm all the same, and invited them in to see the winding gear, where a tabby cat named Rudder dozed on a stack of ropes and blinked at them without much interest.

By the time Freya had wound the great iron paddle high enough to let the water surge through, her arms were aching, but she felt strangely steady, determined not to be the one who asked to stop first. From the lock wall, the whole village opened out below her: the crooked chimneys, the boats tilted slightly where the water ran shallow, and far along the canal, the small dark shape of the next lock gate, waiting patiently for the water to find its level.

'It looks so ordinary from up here,' she murmured.

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'Most important things do,' said Mr Kaczmarek, and turned to grease the great iron paddle until it moved without a sound.

1 The word in capitals is spelled wrongly. Which is the correct spelling?

"He made an EXSELLENT suggestion."

- [ ] A) excellent
- [ ] B) excellant
- [ ] C) excelent

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2 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) people
- [ ] B) forest
- [ ] C) guess
- [ ] D) country
- [ ] E) togeather

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3 Which of these sentences contains a spelling mistake?

- [ ] A) They launched a campaign to save the village hall.
- [ ] B) The adorable puppy wagged its tail.
- [ ] C) A technician checked the equipment before the show.
- [ ] D) There was a peculliar smell coming from the cupboard.
- [ ] E) A white yacht rocked gently in the harbour.

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4 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) The maggician pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat.
- [ ] B) The magician pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat.
- [ ] C) The magisian pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat.
- [ ] D) The magitian pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat.

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5 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) usualy
- [ ] B) dictionery
- [ ] C) thousand
- [ ] D) curius
- [ ] E) infomation

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6 One word in this sentence is spelled incorrectly. What is the correct spelling of that word?

"The jorney to the coast took three hours."

- [ ] A) journey
- [ ] B) jorney
- [ ] C) journy

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7 Choose the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

"The crowd gave a _____ cheer."

- [ ] A) tremendos
- [ ] B) tremmendous
- [ ] C) tremendus
- [ ] D) tremendous

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8 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) commitee
- [ ] B) repetittion
- [ ] C) supose
- [ ] D) imposible
- [ ] E) therefore

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9 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"(A) Please (B) complet the (C) sentence with a (D) suitable word."

- [ ] A) Please
- [ ] B) complet
- [ ] C) sentence
- [ ] D) suitable
- [ ] E) No mistake

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10 Choose the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

"The bridge is closed for _____ repairs."

- [ ] A) temporery
- [ ] B) temporrary
- [ ] C) temporary

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11 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) corageous
- [ ] B) foreign
- [ ] C) pronunciasion
- [ ] D) privillege
- [ ] E) physisian

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12 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"This is my (A) favourrite (B) place in the (C) whole (D) world."

- [ ] A) favourrite
- [ ] B) place
- [ ] C) whole
- [ ] D) world
- [ ] E) No mistake

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13 The word in capitals is spelled wrongly. Which is the correct spelling?

"The APPEARRANCE of the old house made us feel nervous."

- [ ] A) appearance
- [ ] B) apearance
- [ ] C) appearence
- [ ] D) appearanse

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14 The word 'reguler' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) reggular
- [ ] B) reguler
- [ ] C) regular
- [ ] D) reglar
- [ ] E) regullar

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15 One word in this sentence is spelled incorrectly. What is the correct spelling of that word?

"The soup smelled absolutely delicius."

- [ ] A) delicious
- [ ] B) dellicious
- [ ] C) delicios
- [ ] D) delishus
- [ ] E) delisious

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16 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) Gymnasts need to be very flexibel.
- [ ] B) Gymnasts need to be very flexible.
- [ ] C) Gymnasts need to be very flexable.

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17 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) marvellous
- [ ] B) listen
- [ ] C) orchestra
- [ ] D) suppose
- [ ] E) temporrary

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18 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"The (A) adventure was far (B) more (C) excitting (D) than the film."

- [ ] A) adventure
- [ ] B) more
- [ ] C) excitting
- [ ] D) than
- [ ] E) No mistake

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19 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) Are any tickets still availible for Friday?
- [ ] B) Are any tickets still availabel for Friday?
- [ ] C) Are any tickets still available for Friday?
- [ ] D) Are any tickets still availllable for Friday?

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20 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) pronunciation
- [ ] B) extention
- [ ] C) rhubbarb
- [ ] D) prejuddice
- [ ] E) sofen

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21 Which of these sentences contains a spelling mistake?

- [ ] A) Hot is the opposite of cold.
- [ ] B) The teacher had a serious look on her face.
- [ ] C) The school choir practises every Wednesday after lunch.
- [ ] D) Start a new paragraf when you change the topic.
- [ ] E) He packed a cheese sandwich for the journey.

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22 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) A ripe red beri fell from the bush.
- [ ] B) A ripe red berry fell from the bush.
- [ ] C) A ripe red bery fell from the bush.

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23 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) foreign
- [ ] B) fashionable
- [ ] C) flexible
- [ ] D) appearance
- [ ] E) indeppendent

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24 One word in this sentence is spelled incorrectly. What is the correct spelling of that word?

"The leaflet has useful informattion about the zoo."

- [ ] A) infomation
- [ ] B) informasion
- [ ] C) informattion
- [ ] D) information

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25 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) The party was a complete suprise for my sister.
- [ ] B) The party was a complete surprise for my sister.
- [ ] C) The party was a complete surpris for my sister.

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26 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) jewellery
- [ ] B) therefore
- [ ] C) patient
- [ ] D) chocolate
- [ ] E) fasinate

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27 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"A (A) technitian checked the (B) equipment (C) before the (D) show."

- [ ] A) technitian
- [ ] B) equipment
- [ ] C) before
- [ ] D) show
- [ ] E) No mistake

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28 The word in capitals is spelled wrongly. Which is the correct spelling?

"Carrot is my favourite VEGETIBLE in a stew."

- [ ] A) vegetabel
- [ ] B) vegtable
- [ ] C) vegetable
- [ ] D) veggetable

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29 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) position
- [ ] B) beutiful
- [ ] C) friend
- [ ] D) decide
- [ ] E) autumn

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30 One word in this sentence is spelled incorrectly. What is the correct spelling of that word?

"They had troubel finding the entrance."

- [ ] A) troble
- [ ] B) troubel
- [ ] C) truble
- [ ] D) trouble

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31 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) His sudden appearance made us jump.
- ☐ B) His sudden apearance made us jump.
- ☐ C) His sudden appearence made us jump.
- ☐ D) His sudden appearanse made us jump.
- ☐ E) His sudden appearrance made us jump.

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32 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- ☐ A) arrive
- ☐ B) Wednesday
- ☐ C) excitting
- ☐ D) world
- ☐ E) listen

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33 Which of these sentences contains a spelling mistake?

- ☐ A) I finished my project yesterday evening.
- ☐ B) The guide led us through the caves.
- ☐ C) She carried her bag over one shoulder.
- ☐ D) We do some exercise before every lesson.
- ☐ E) Every snowflake looks differant under a magnifying glass.

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34 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) Look up the word in your dictionery to check its meaning.
- ☐ B) Look up the word in your dictionnary to check its meaning.
- ☐ C) Look up the word in your dictionary to check its meaning.

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35 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- ☐ A) auddience
- ☐ B) cemetery
- ☐ C) leisure
- ☐ D) performance
- ☐ E) lightning

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36 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"They (A) launched a (B) campane to (C) save the (D) village hall."

- [ ] A) launched
- [ ] B) campane
- [ ] C) save
- [ ] D) village
- [ ] E) No mistake

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37 Choose the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

"The _____ announced a plan to plant more trees."

- [ ] A) governmant
- [ ] B) government
- [ ] C) goverment

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38 The word 'thoussand' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) thousand
- [ ] B) thoussand
- [ ] C) thosand

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39 Which of these sentences contains a spelling mistake?

- [ ] A) They had trouble finding the entrance.
- [ ] B) The weather was perfect for a picnic.
- [ ] C) We walked through the park to get to school.
- [ ] D) Look up the word in your dictionary to check its meaning.
- [ ] E) The museum had an interresting display about Roman coins.

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40 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) The presense of the headteacher made everyone sit up straight.
- [ ] B) The pressence of the headteacher made everyone sit up straight.
- [ ] C) The presance of the headteacher made everyone sit up straight.
- [ ] D) The presence of the headteacher made everyone sit up straight.

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41 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) doubt
- [ ] B) imposible
- [ ] C) marvellous
- [ ] D) amateur
- [ ] E) review

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42 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"Safety is the (A) most (B) importent (C) rule at the (D) pool."

- [ ] A) most
- [ ] B) importent
- [ ] C) rule
- [ ] D) pool
- [ ] E) No mistake

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43 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) His pronunsiation of the French words was excellent.
- [ ] B) His pronunciasion of the French words was excellent.
- [ ] C) His pronunciation of the French words was excellent.
- [ ] D) His pronounciation of the French words was excellent.
- [ ] E) His pronnunciation of the French words was excellent.

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44 The word 'gramar' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) grammer
- [ ] B) gramar
- [ ] C) grammar

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45 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"Our (A) football (B) match takes (C) place on (D) Saterday morning."

- [ ] A) football
- [ ] B) match
- [ ] C) place
- [ ] D) Saterday
- [ ] E) No mistake

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46 Choose the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

"Please add your _____ at the bottom of the page."

- [ ] A) signature
- [ ] B) sinature
- [ ] C) signatture
- [ ] D) signiture

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47 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) polittician
- [ ] B) corageous
- [ ] C) violense
- [ ] D) humorus
- [ ] E) fashionable

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48 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"(A) That is the most (B) ridiculos hat I have (C) ever (D) seen."

- [ ] A) That
- [ ] B) ridiculos
- [ ] C) ever
- [ ] D) seen
- [ ] E) No mistake

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49 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) Take the medicine with a glass of water.
- ☐ B) Take the medecine with a glass of water.
- ☐ C) Take the meddicine with a glass of water.
- ☐ D) Take the medicin with a glass of water.
- ☐ E) Take the medisine with a glass of water.

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50 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) orchestera
- ☐ B) dobt
- ☐ C) eigth
- ☐ D) incredible
- ☐ E) sissors

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51 Below is part of a letter Freya wrote to her friend Maya. Each of the ten sentences contains exactly one spelling mistake. For each sentence, write down the misspelled word and its correct spelling.

1. Dear Maya, I hope your parents can accomodate a visit to Millbrook Quay this summer.
2. The open day at the lock is begining to feel like a lot of work for Nana Iris.
3. It would be embarassing if we forgot to invite Mr Kaczmarek, since he has looked after the lock for forty years.
4. Something rather wierd happened on Tuesday: Rudder the cat escaped and sat on the chimney for an hour.
5. A small disagreement occured between Dev and me about which stones count as lucky.
6. Nana Iris thinks it is neccessary for every visitor to sign the old towpath book.
7. Dev and I had a friendly arguement about whether locks or narrowboats are more interesting.
8. Mr Kaczmarek says the local enviroment has changed a great deal since he first became lock-keeper.
9. Even the goverment sent a letter thanking the village for keeping the canal open to walkers.
10. Nana Iris is fiercely independant and refuses to let anyone carry her shopping to the boat.

(a) Sentence 1 **(1)**

(b) Sentence 2 **(1)**

(c) Sentence 3 **(1)**

(d) Sentence 4 **(1)**

(e) Sentence 5 **(1)**

(f) Sentence 6 **(1)**

(g) Sentence 7 **(1)**

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(h) Sentence 8 **(1)**

(i) Sentence 9 **(1)**

(j) Sentence 10 **(1)**

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Question 1

A) excellent - 'excellent' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: A) excellent

Question 2

E) togeather - 'togeather' should be spelled 'together'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: E) togeather

Question 3

D) There was a peculliar smell coming from the cupboard. - 'peculliar' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'peculiar'; every other sentence is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: D) There was a peculliar smell coming from the cupboard.

Question 4

B) The magician pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat. - 'magician' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) The magician pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat.

Question 5

C) thousand - 'thousand' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: C) thousand

Question 6

A) journey - 'jorney' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'journey' **B1**

Answer: A) journey

Question 7

D) tremendous - 'tremendous' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: D) tremendous

Question 8

E) therefore - 'therefore' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: E) therefore

Question 9

B) complet - 'complet' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'complete' **B1**

Answer: B) complet

Question 10

C) temporary - 'temporary' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) temporary

Question 11

B) foreign - 'foreign' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: B) foreign

Question 12

A) favourrite - 'favourrite' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'favourite' **B1**

Answer: A) favourrite

Question 13

A) appearance - 'appearance' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: A) appearance

Question 14

C) regular - 'reguler' should be spelled 'regular' **B1**

Answer: C) regular

Question 15

A) delicious - 'delicius' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'delicious' **B1**

Answer: A) delicious

Question 16

B) Gymnasts need to be very flexible. - 'flexible' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) Gymnasts need to be very flexible.

Question 17

E) temporrary - 'temporrary' should be spelled 'temporary'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: E) temporrary

Question 18

C) excitting - 'excitting' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'exciting' **B1**

Answer: C) excitting

Question 19

C) Are any tickets still available for Friday? - 'available' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) Are any tickets still available for Friday?

Question 20

A) pronunciation - 'pronunciation' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: A) pronunciation

Question 21

D) Start a new paragraf when you change the topic. - 'paragraf' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'paragraph'; every other sentence is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: D) Start a new paragraf when you change the topic.

Question 22

B) A ripe red berry fell from the bush. - 'berry' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) A ripe red berry fell from the bush.

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Question 23

E) indeppendent - 'indeppendent' should be spelled 'independent'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: E) indeppendent

Question 24

D) information - 'informattion' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'information' **B1**

Answer: D) information

Question 25

B) The party was a complete surprise for my sister. - 'surprise' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) The party was a complete surprise for my sister.

Question 26

E) fasinate - 'fasinate' should be spelled 'fascinate'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: E) fasinate

Question 27

A) technitian - 'technitian' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'technician' **B1**

Answer: A) technitian

Question 28

C) vegetable - 'vegetable' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) vegetable

Question 29

B) beutiful - 'beutiful' should be spelled 'beautiful'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: B) beutiful

Question 30

D) trouble - 'troubel' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'trouble' **B1**

Answer: D) trouble

Question 31

A) His sudden appearance made us jump. - 'appearance' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: A) His sudden appearance made us jump.

Question 32

C) excitting - 'excitting' should be spelled 'exciting'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: C) excitting

Question 33

E) Every snowflake looks differant under a magnifying glass. - 'differant' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'different'; every other sentence is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: E) Every snowflake looks differant under a magnifying glass.

Question 34

C) Look up the word in your dictionary to check its meaning. - 'dictionary' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) Look up the word in your dictionary to check its meaning.

Question 35

A) auddience - 'auddience' should be spelled 'audience'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: A) auddience

Question 36

B) campane - 'campane' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'campaign' **B1**

Answer: B) campane

Question 37

B) government - 'government' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) government

Question 38

A) thousand - 'thoussand' should be spelled 'thousand' **B1**

Answer: A) thousand

Question 39

E) The museum had an interresting display about Roman coins. - 'interresting' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'interesting'; every other sentence is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: E) The museum had an interresting display about Roman coins.

Question 40

D) The presence of the headteacher made everyone sit up straight. - 'presence' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: D) The presence of the headteacher made everyone sit up straight.

Question 41

B) imposible - 'imposible' should be spelled 'impossible'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: B) imposible

Question 42

B) importent - 'importent' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'important' **B1**

Answer: B) importent

Question 43

C) His pronunciation of the French words was excellent. - 'pronunciation' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) His pronunciation of the French words was excellent.

Question 44

C) grammar - 'gramar' should be spelled 'grammar' **B1**

Answer: C) grammar

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Question 45

D) Saterday - 'Saterday' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'Saturday' **B1**

Answer: D) Saterday

Question 46

A) signature - 'signature' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: A) signature

Question 47

E) fashionable - 'fashionable' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: E) fashionable

Question 48

B) ridiculos - 'ridiculos' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'ridiculous' **B1**

Answer: B) ridiculos

Question 49

A) Take the medicine with a glass of water. - 'medicine' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: A) Take the medicine with a glass of water.

Question 50

D) incredible - 'incredible' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: D) incredible

Question 51

(a) accomodate -> accommodate (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: accomodate -> accommodate

(b) begining -> beginning (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: begining -> beginning

(c) embarassing -> embarrassing (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: embarassing -> embarrassing

(d) wierd -> weird (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: wierd -> weird

(e) occured -> occurred (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: occured -> occurred

(f) neccessary -> necessary (cao) **B1**

(f) Answer: neccessary -> necessary

(g) arguement -> argument (cao) **B1**

(g) Answer: arguement -> argument

(h) enviroment -> environment (cao) **B1**

(h) Answer: enviroment -> environment

(i) goverment -> government (cao) **B1**

(i) Answer: goverment -> government

(j) independant -> independent (cao) **B1**

(j) Answer: independant -> independent

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