9.5 Spelling: 30-minute Pack

STA DfE National Curriculum - English Appendix 1 (Spelling); STA KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Diary

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The storm arrived without warning last night. I had never seen such wierd clouds rolling in from the sea, and the wind grew stronger with every hour. My little cottage stands seperate from the village, so I was alone when the power failed.

I keep candles in a special box for exactly this reason. The local goverment sent a letter last month reminding lighthouse keepers to be prepared, and I was glad that I had listened.

By morning the sea was calm again. Gulls searched for food along the shore, and I did not want to embarass myself by oversleeping, so I climbed the two hundred steps to check the light. It is necesary to check it every single day, whatever the weather.

Later, a small boat asked me to acommodate two tired sailors for the night. I was happy to help, and I did not want them to think I would not recieve visitors kindly. Looking after this stretch of coastline is my most treasured posession.

1 Add the suffix shown to each word. Remember that the final r doubles only when the stress stays on the 'fer' syllable after the suffix is added.

(a) refer + ed -> **(1)**

(b) refer + ence -> **(1)**

(c) prefer + ed -> **(1)**

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(d) prefer + ence -> **(1)**

2 Complete each sentence with a word from this family that contains the letters 'sc': science, scissors, scent, muscle.

(a) We learn about plants and animals in _____ lessons. **(1)**

(b) Use the _____ to cut along the dotted line. **(1)**

(c) The perfume had a strong, sweet _____. **(1)**

(d) Lifting weights helps to build _____. **(1)**

3 Read the diary entry called 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Diary'. It contains eight spelling mistakes. Find the eight misspelled words and write each one, together with its correct spelling, in the table below.

(8)

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4 Add the suffix shown to each word. Remember the spelling rule for words ending in a consonant plus y.

(a) hurry + ed -> **(1)**

(b) carry + es -> **(1)**

(c) happy + ness -> **(1)**

(d) funny + est -> **(1)**

(e) easy + ly -> **(1)**

5 Complete each sentence with the correct word.

(a) I need more _____ before the match on Saturday. (practice / practise) **(1)**

(b) You should _____ your spellings every night. (practice / practise) **(1)**

(c) The cold weather can _____ how plants grow. (affect / effect) **(1)**

(d) The medicine had an immediate _____. (affect / effect) **(1)**

(e) _____ coat is this on the floor? (Whose / Who's) **(1)**

(f) _____ coming to the party tonight? (Whose / Who's) **(1)**

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6 Complete each sentence using the correct spelling of one word from the box below. Each word is used only once.

Box: government, environment, necessary, familiar, especially, recommend

(a) The _____ announced new plans to protect the countryside. **(1)**

(b) Recycling helps to protect the _____. **(1)**

(c) It is _____ to wear a seatbelt in a car. **(1)**

(d) His voice sounded _____, though I could not remember his name. **(1)**

(e) I enjoy all sports, _____ swimming. **(1)**

(f) Could you _____ a good book for the summer holidays? **(1)**

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7 Complete each sentence with the correct spelling of a word containing a silent letter.

(a) Please _____ the question in a full sentence. (silent w) **(1)**

(b) The soldier stood _____ outside the palace gate. (silent u) **(1)**

(c) The cat began to _____ down from the tall tree. (silent b) **(1)**

(d) Please _____ carefully to the instructions. (silent t) **(1)**

8 Add -able or -ible to each root to make a correctly spelled adjective. Use this rule: if the root is a complete word on its own, it usually takes -able; if the root is not a complete word by itself, it usually takes -ible.

(a) adjust -> **(1)**

(b) sens- (not a complete word by itself) -> **(1)**

(c) accept -> **(1)**

(d) terr- (not a complete word by itself) -> **(1)**

(e) reason -> **(1)**

(f) poss- (not a complete word by itself) -> **(1)**

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Mark scheme · 9.5 Spelling: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

(a) writes 'referred' cao (r doubled) B1
(a) Answer: **referred**
(b) writes 'reference' cao (r not doubled) B1
(b) Answer: **reference**
(c) writes 'preferred' cao (r doubled) B1
(c) Answer: **preferred**
(d) writes 'preference' cao (r not doubled) B1
(d) Answer: **preference**

Question 2

(a) writes 'science' cao B1
(a) Answer: **science**
(b) writes 'scissors' cao B1
(b) Answer: **scissors**
(c) writes 'scent' cao B1
(c) Answer: **scent**
(d) writes 'muscle' cao B1
(d) Answer: **muscle**

Question 3

identifies 'wierd' and corrects to 'weird' cao B1
identifies 'seperate' and corrects to 'separate' cao B1
identifies 'goverment' and corrects to 'government' cao B1
identifies 'embarass' and corrects to 'embarrass' cao B1
identifies 'necesary' and corrects to 'necessary' cao B1
identifies 'acommodate' and corrects to 'accommodate' cao B1
identifies 'recieve' and corrects to 'receive' cao B1
identifies 'posession' and corrects to 'possession' cao B1
Answer: **wierd -> weird; seperate -> separate; goverment -> government; embarass -> embarrass; necesary -> necessary; acommodate -> accommodate; recieve -> receive; posession -> possession**

Question 4

(a) writes 'hurried' cao B1
(a) Answer: **hurried**
(b) writes 'carries' cao B1
(b) Answer: **carries**
(c) writes 'happiness' cao B1
(c) Answer: **happiness**
(d) writes 'funniest' cao B1
(d) Answer: **funniest**
(e) writes 'easily' cao B1
(e) Answer: **easily**

Question 5

(a) writes 'practice' cao (noun) B1
(a) Answer: **practice**
(b) writes 'practise' cao (verb) B1
(b) Answer: **practise**
(c) writes 'affect' cao (verb) B1
(c) Answer: **affect**
(d) writes 'effect' cao (noun) B1
(d) Answer: **effect**
(e) writes 'Whose' cao B1
(e) Answer: **Whose**
(f) writes 'Who's' cao B1
(f) Answer: **Who's**

Question 6

(a) writes 'government' cao B1
(a) Answer: **government**
(b) writes 'environment' cao B1
(b) Answer: **environment**
(c) writes 'necessary' cao B1
(c) Answer: **necessary**
(d) writes 'familiar' cao B1
(d) Answer: **familiar**
(e) writes 'especially' cao B1
(e) Answer: **especially**
(f) writes 'recommend' cao B1
(f) Answer: **recommend**

Question 7

(a) writes 'answer' cao B1
(a) Answer: **answer**
(b) writes 'guard' cao B1
(b) Answer: **guard**
(c) writes 'climb' cao B1
(c) Answer: **climb**
(d) writes 'listen' cao B1
(d) Answer: **listen**

Question 8

(a) writes 'adjustable' cao B1
(a) Answer: **adjustable**
(b) writes 'sensible' cao B1
(b) Answer: **sensible**
(c) writes 'acceptable' cao B1
(c) Answer: **acceptable**
(d) writes 'terrible' cao B1
(d) Answer: **terrible**
(e) writes 'reasonable' cao B1
(e) Answer: **reasonable**
(f) writes 'possible' cao B1
(f) Answer: **possible**

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