10.4 Hyphens: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

Talent Show Day

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The long-awaited talent show finally arrived on a bright Friday afternoon. Twenty-six acts had signed up, and the hall buzzed with nervous, excited chatter. Priya's singing partner was Tomasz, a best-known face from last year's show. Their duet was well-rehearsed, and they checked every note again and again backstage. Mr Hendry, the drama teacher, handed out last-minute instructions to the dancers from the Reception class. Several of the dancers were only six years old and could barely stand still with excitement. The first performer was a Year 3 pupil who forgot his props and re-entered the stage twice. Next came a comedy sketch that had been co-written by two Year 6 boys who had never performed together before. When the judges announced their well-deserved winner, the whole hall erupted into applause. Even the teachers, usually calm and self-assured, cheered louder than anyone.

1 A hyphen joins the parts of a compound word together, with no space on either side. Tick the sentence in each pair that uses hyphens correctly.

(a) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) The well-known artist performed first.
- ☐ B) The well known artist performed first.

(b) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) A six year-old dancer waited backstage.
- ☐ B) A six-year-old dancer waited backstage.

(c) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) It was a state of the art robot.
- ☐ B) It was a state-of-the-art robot.

(d) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) She wore an easy going smile.
- ☐ B) She wore an easy-going smile.

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2 A hyphen is also used to join the two parts of a written-out number between twenty-one and ninety-nine. Circle the correctly hyphenated number in each sentence.

(a) ___ children took part in the sports day relay. **(1)**

- ☐ Forty-seven
- ☐ Forty seven

(b) The recipe needed ___ eggs for the whole class to bake. **(1)**

- ☐ twenty-three
- ☐ twenty three

(c) Priya counted ___ steps up to the lighthouse door. **(1)**

- ☐ ninety-nine
- ☐ ninety nine

(d) There were ___ pupils in the school choir this year. **(1)**

- ☐ sixty-five
- ☐ sixty five

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3 A compound adjective needs a hyphen when it comes before the noun it describes, but usually does not need one when the same words come after the noun. Sort the six examples in the box below into the correct column of the table.

Word bank: a five-year-old girl | the girl is five years old | a well-known artist | the artist is well known | a three-metre wall | the wall is three metres tall

Hyphen needed (before the noun)	No hyphen needed (after the noun)

(6)

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Question 1

(a) A ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) The well-known artist performed first.**

(b) B ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) A six-year-old dancer waited backstage.**

(c) B ticked cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) It was a state-of-the-art robot.**

(d) B ticked cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) She wore an easy-going smile.**

Question 2

(a) Forty-seven circled cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Forty-seven**

(b) twenty-three circled cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **twenty-three**

(c) ninety-nine circled cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **ninety-nine**

(d) sixty-five circled cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **sixty-five**

Question 3

a five-year-old girl sorted as hyphen needed (before the noun) cao **B1**

the girl is five years old sorted as no hyphen needed (after the noun) cao **B1**

a well-known artist sorted as hyphen needed (before the noun) cao **B1**

the artist is well known sorted as no hyphen needed (after the noun) cao **B1**

a three-metre wall sorted as hyphen needed (before the noun) cao **B1**

the wall is three metres tall sorted as no hyphen needed (after the noun) cao **B1**

Answer:

Hyphen needed (before the noun)	No hyphen needed (after the noun)
a five-year-old girl	the girl is five years old
a well-known artist	the artist is well known
a three-metre wall	the wall is three metres tall

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