

Dear parents,

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> is virtual learning day for students so they will work from home. Please have your student complete the attached worksheets along with reading their fluency, sight, and nonsense words in their folder.

Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend!

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## Beginning-of-Year Grammar Assessment

*Read the following paragraph carefully and then answer questions 1–4.*

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Summer is the very best time of year! Our family always goes to the beach, and we play in the sand and surf for days. We love to build sandcastles and watch the waves creep in and flatten them. The next day we just build them again. If we're lucky we will see the dolphins swimming offshore. Tulips bloom in the spring. I can't wait for summer to arrive so we can head toward the ocean again!

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1. Which of the following is the topic sentence of the paragraph?
  - A. Our family always goes to the beach, and we play in the sand and surf for days.
  - B. Tulips bloom in the spring.
  - C. I can't wait for summer to arrive so we can head toward the ocean again!
  - D. Summer is the very best time of year!
2. Which of the following is the concluding sentence of the paragraph?
  - A. Our family always goes to the beach, and we play in the sand and surf for days.
  - B. Tulips bloom in the spring.
  - C. I can't wait for summer to arrive so we can head toward the ocean again!
  - D. Summer is the very best time of year!
3. Which of the following is an irrelevant sentence in the paragraph?
  - A. Our family always goes to the beach, and we play in the sand and surf for days.
  - B. Tulips bloom in the spring.
  - C. I can't wait for summer to arrive so we can head toward the ocean again!
  - D. Summer is the very best time of year!

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7. Choose the answer with words that are verbs.
- A. thrilled, arrived, stayed
  - B. excited, early, best
  - C. thrilled, greatly, final
  - D. excited, gym, get
8. Choose the answer with words that are adjectives.
- A. thrilled, large, best
  - B. game, early, final
  - C. large, best, climactic
  - D. all, large, until
9. Choose the answer with words that are adverbs.
- A. excited, early, climactic
  - B. Elementary, early, stayed
  - C. greatly, enthusiastically, early
  - D. Scottsville, best, final
10. Draw a vertical line to separate the subject and predicate in the following sentence.
- The striped hot air balloon drifted high in the puffy clouds.
11. Which sentence uses the conjunction *but* correctly?
- A. Mrs. Wells said we could have both recess but extra time to read after the spelling test.
  - B. The child's picture was painted green, purple, but yellow.
  - C. Bob likes to read nonfiction, but Bill would rather read fiction.
  - D. The babysitter said, "You may stay up until 9:00 tonight but you finished your supper!"

12. Choose the sentence that uses the conjunction *because* correctly.
- A. Because we left the picnic early the thunderstorm drenched everyone's lunch.
  - B. Mom is baking a three-layer birthday cake because Dad turns 30 years old today.
  - C. Because we spelled all of our spelling words correctly we practiced the words carefully.
  - D. We blew out all the candles in the room because it got very dark.

13. Which sentence uses the conjunction *so* correctly?
- A. My sister knocked over her glass of milk so she helped clean it up.
  - B. We watched television inside so the storm came up suddenly.
  - C. My friend was very excited so he won the game.
  - D. We arrived at the movie on time so we left the house early.

14. Write the sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.

your disguise is so creative that I hardly recognized you said Donny

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15. Write the sentence adding commas where needed.

Mary invited Fran Molly and Nancy to her house for an afternoon of movies and popcorn.

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16. Circle the letter of the sentence that uses the past tense of the verb correctly.

- A. Reggie eats more ice cream than all of his brothers.
- B. The threatening clouds will scare away the children.
- C. My trip to the ocean last weekend calmed and renewed my spirit.
- D. The department store is having a half-price sale.

17. Write the correct verb on the blank.

The fussy baby will \_\_\_\_\_ lots of attention from her grandparents.  
(have, has)

18. Choose the sentence that uses the linking words *for example* correctly.

- A. The girl loves to cook, for example, for her family grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, and apple pie.
- B. Lamps come in all shapes and sizes, for example, table lamps, floor lamps, and hanging lamps.
- C. The shopper finds wonderful bargains at the store, for example.
- D. Birds fly overhead, for example, singing their songs, moving from place to place, and looking for food.

19. You can use the linking words *for example* to do all of the following except:

- A. To add adjectives to a sentence, making it more interesting.
- B. To add adverbs to a sentence, making it more interesting.
- C. To add a list of things to a sentence, making it more interesting.
- D. To signal a conclusion to a paragraph.

20. Which sentence uses the linking words *in the same way* correctly?
- A. We live on a farm in the country. In the same way, you live in downtown New York City.
  - B. The third grade class is on a field trip today. In the same way, the fourth grade class is on a trip, too.
  - C. Hannah is a very pleasant person. In the same way, Hank is a mean person.
  - D. Wanda grew three inches last year. In the same way, her brother has been the same height for years.
21. The words *in conclusion* signal \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. two things are the same.
  - B. a summary is coming up next.
  - C. two things are different.
  - D. a cause and effect are coming up next.
22. Choose the sentence that uses the words *in contrast* correctly.
- A. The clowns make us laugh. In contrast, the funny movie makes us laugh, too.
  - B. Fairy-tale giants are make-believe. In contrast, flying elephants are found in fiction.
  - C. The desks in our classroom are all lined up. In contrast, the desks across the hall are all out of order.
  - D. Spelling is an easy subject for me. In contrast, grammar isn't difficult either.
23. Write the correct singular possessive noun on the blank.

We are all invited to \_\_\_\_\_ for a party.  
(the house of our teacher)

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24. Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?
- A. The freshly baked cookies' were delicious.
  - B. The cookie frosting's was gooey and yummy.
  - C. Chocolate chip and peanut butter cookie's are my favorite!
  - D. Can you see all of the cookies' burned edges?
25. Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.
- A. Lions, tigers, and bears are coming this way!
  - B. The lions roars could be heard all over the zoo.
  - C. The stripes on the tigers fur are orange and yellow.
  - D. Do you see the bears claws scratching the tree?
26. Write the correct possessive pronoun on the blank.

Can the rushing river overflow \_\_\_\_\_ banks?  
(its, it's)

*Write the correct form of the comparative or superlative adjective or adverb in the blank.*

27. The apple slices on your plate are cut in \_\_\_\_\_ slices than the apple slices on my plate.  
thin
28. The paintings in that museum are the \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever seen!  
unusual
29. Our grandmother lives \_\_\_\_\_ to the mall than we do.  
close
30. Our class recited multiplication tables \_\_\_\_\_ than the other class.  
correctly

*Beginning-of-Year Grammar Assessment total \_\_\_\_\_ of 30 points*