

Punctuation Exercises

Exercise 2.5 B

Practice based on Question 18 (Sample English tests: Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – Levels 3-5)

Purpose of exercise: Use of brackets, commas, dashes and speech

Which of the sentences below is punctuated correctly?

1.

Tick **one**.

Barney my brother (loves eating) peppermint spiders.

Barney (my brother) loves eating peppermint spiders.

Barney (my brother loves eating) peppermint spiders.

Barney my brother (loves eating peppermint) spiders.

2.

Tick **one**.

Bears snakes, lions and tigers, were all scared of the mouse.

Bears, snakes, lions, and tigers were all scared of the mouse.

Bears, snakes, lions and tigers were all scared of the mouse.

Bears, snakes, lions and tigers were all, scared of the mouse.

3.

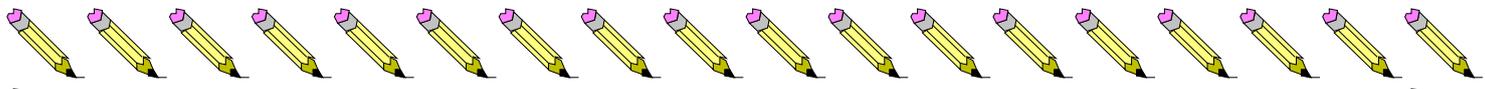
Tick **one**.

The elf was so smart – or so he thought – he should be king.

The elf was so smart or so – he thought he – should be king.

The elf was so smart – or so he thought he should – be king.

The elf was – so smart or so he thought – he should be king.



4.

Tick **one**.

“Why? is the giant crying” asked Princess Eleanor.

“Why is the giant? crying” asked Princess Eleanor.

“Why is the giant crying” asked Princess Eleanor?

“Why is the giant crying?” asked Princess Eleanor.

5.

Tick **one**.

Knights should always, have a sword, shield and clean pants!

Knights, should always have a sword shield and clean pants!

Knights should always have a sword, shield, and clean pants!

Knights should always have, a sword, shield, and clean pants!

6.

Tick **one**.

Familiars (witch’s companions) are normally small animals.

Familiars witch’s (companions are normally) small animals.

Familiars (witch’s) companions are normally small animals.

Familiars witch’s companions (are normally small) animals.

7.

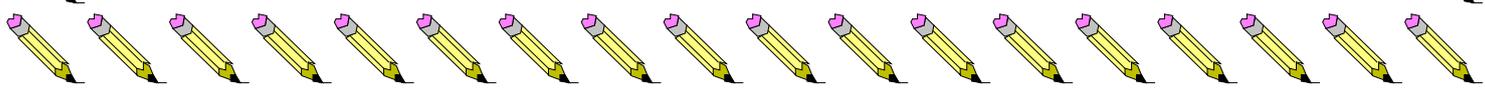
Tick **one**.

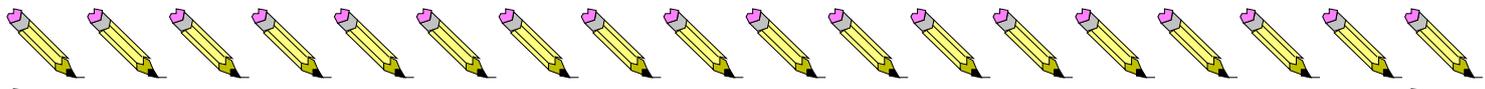
Dan agreed that despite being scary – some ghosts – are nice.

Dan – agreed that despite – being scary some ghosts are nice.

Dan agreed that – despite being scary – some ghosts are nice.

Dan agreed that despite – being scary – some ghosts are nice.





8.

Tick **one**.

“That dinosaur is enormous!” shouted Cheng.

“That dinosaur! is enormous” shouted Cheng.

“That dinosaur is enormous” shouted! Cheng.

“That! dinosaur is enormous” shouted Cheng.

9.

Tick **one**.

The (fizzy banana drink) his favourite tickled Peter’s nose.

The fizzy banana (drink his favourite tickled) Peter’s nose.

The fizzy banana drink (his favourite) tickled Peter’s nose.

The (fizzy banana) drink his favourite tickled Peter’s nose.

10.

Tick **one**.

Emily unless she was too, tired loved playing, dragon polo.

Emily, unless she was too tired, loved playing dragon polo.

Emily unless she, was too tired, loved playing dragon polo.

Emily unless she was too tired loved, playing dragon, polo.

