



Punctuation Exercises

Exercise 2.9 B

Practice based on Question 39 (Sample English tests: Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – Levels 3-5)

Purpose of exercise: Add inverted commas

Insert the missing **inverted commas** in the sentence below.

1. Close the gates, yelled the King, the giraffes are attacking!
2. The sorcerer paused and turned to face them, whispering Do not touch any of the potions in this room.
3. I see the island, Captain, straight ahead. shouted the first mate from the front of the ship.
4. Unless the person who kicked that football comes forward, announced the headmaster sternly, the Christmas holidays are cancelled.
5. Cross over the bridge and turn left, directed the innkeeper, follow the riverbank and you'll come to the house of the wise old crone.
6. Congratulations, said Commander Stephenson, you passed the navigation test with flying colours.
7. Leave me alone, hissed the snake, thisss isss my sssswamp.
8. The lights blazed, lighting up the stage. The lead singer grabbed the microphone: Hello, New York!
9. I don't know how it happened, muttered the professor, but there is no doubt that this teapot is now made of solid gold.
10. Mum grabbed the biggest stalk of celery and looked at me, raising an eyebrow. You are sure that this is what you want? she asked.
11. Gadzooks! cried the princess, as she ducked behind the castle wall.
12. Oh dear, whimpered the rat, I think I've over-cooked the haggis.