

Week 1 – answers

1. Circle each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

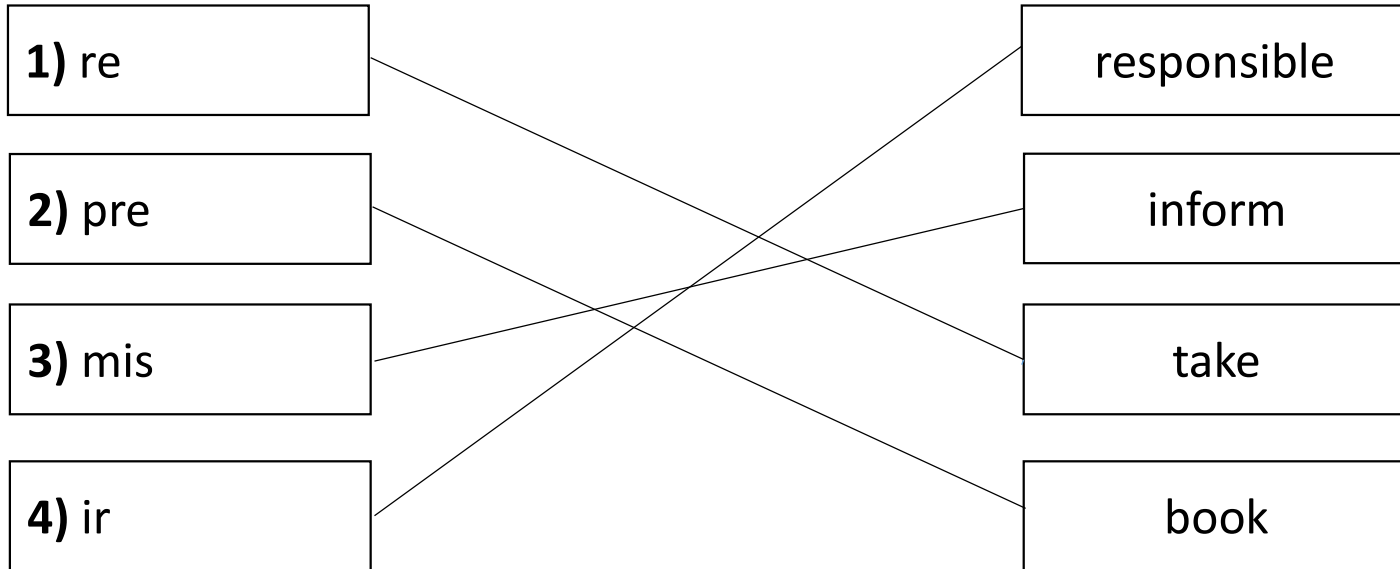
the united states of america comprises fifty-two states including califonia, north carolina and the islands of hawaii.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: Capital letters for the beginning of the sentence and for proper nouns.

Week 1 – answers

2. Draw a line to match each **prefix** to a word to make four different words. Use each prefix only once.



1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. return, rematch, remake, prepare, mistake, irregular ...

Week 1 – answers

3. Rewrite the sentence below, adding a **relative clause**.

Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The teacher, **who was angry**, strode down the corridor.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: *The teacher strode down the corridor **which was empty**.*

Week 2 – answers

1. Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the underlined word is being used as a **subordinating conjunction** or a **preposition**.

Sentence	Subordinating conjunction	Preposition
<u>Before</u> long, the children had arrived.		✓
Tidy your room <u>before</u> your aunt arrives.	✓	
<u>After</u> the rain stopped, we went outside to play.	✓	
Where will you go <u>after</u> lunch?		✓

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. The children played in the field until it began to rain.

Week 2 – answers

2. Insert a **comma** in the sentence below to make it clear that **only** the linesmen and the referee warmed up.

While we watched the footballers, the linesmen and the referee warmed up.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: While we watched, the footballers, the linesmen and the referee warmed up.

Week 2 – answers

3. Circle the **two** words in the sentence that are **synonyms** of each other.

Beth was desperate to keep her secret den concealed, the tree house was veiled by a dense shroud of leaves which hung protectively around it.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. thin, sparse

Week 3 – answers

1. Which sentence uses the underlined word as a **noun**?

Tick **one**

Dogs come in all shapes and sizes.

Authors spend a long time planning their writing.

Where is my orange pen?

Please book us tickets for the show.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. The smoke rose from the chimney. The rose smelled beautiful.

Week 3 – answers

2. Max wants to know whether the film is showing at the cinema tomorrow.
Write the question that he could ask to find out.

Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

Is the film showing at the cinema tomorrow?

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. When was our homework due in?

Week 3 – answers

3. Write the correct label in each box.

Adverb A	Adjective B	Determiner C	Verb D
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The delayed plane was soon ready to take off.

↑
C

↑
D

↑
A

↑
B

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. The delayed plane was soon ready to take off even though one of the passengers was still missing.

Week 4 – answers

1. Which **two** sentences use punctuation to show **parenthesis**?

Tick **two**

Last night, we went to the theatre.

Although we were late, we managed to get a seat, some popcorn and a drink.

Our seats, in the middle of the row, gave us a perfect view.

All of us – including my mum – enjoyed it very much.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: Tonight, I am going to the theatre.

Week 4 – answers

2. Underline the **subject** of the sentence below.

The ballroom dancer spun elegantly around the dance floor.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. *The ballroom dancer, who was only nineteen years old, spun elegantly around the dance floor. The ballroom dancer spun elegantly around the dance floor, (accept as correct with or without a comma here) **which was lit by a glitter ball.***

Week 4 – answers

3. Which sentence is the **most formal**?

Tick **one**

It was obvious he couldn't do it.

I suggested that he be excused from the lesson.

She was really desperate to get cracking with the task.

It's impossible to tell whether it's raining or not.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: 1. past tense/ modal verb 2. past tense/ subjunctive 3. past tense 4. present tense

Week 5 – answers

1. Add a **suffix** to the words in the boxes to complete the sentences.

It was **pitiful** to see the puppy left out in the cold.



pity

Her **creativity** was plain to see as the plate was beautifully decorated.



creative

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. -ly, -ment, -ful, -ness ...

Week 5 – answers

2. Circle the **possessive pronoun** in the sentence below.

After Jemma had borrowed my pencil for the third time, I asked her if she knew where hers was.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: Here's your coat; please can you pass my coat?

Week 5 – answers

3. Which sentence is written in **Standard English**?

Tick **one**

After a while, the children was too tired to run any more.

Once the rain come, the match was postponed.

The time had come for them to take their places.

They done their best but it wasn't good enough.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: *subordinating conjunction = **once**; coordinating conjunction = **but***

Week 6 – answers

1. What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

I wore a lime green dress with a bow around the middle.

noun phrase

1 mark

CHALLENGE: The function of a semi-colon is to link two complete sentences on the same theme and to separate longer items in a list.

Week 6 – answers

2. Rewrite the underlined verb in the sentence below so that it is in the **present progressive**.

I threw the ball.



am throwing

1 mark

CHALLENGE: *I threw the ball over the hedge.*

Week 6 – answers

3. Insert a **semi-colon** and a **comma** into the sentence below.

Her father wiped his brow; it was going to be a long, tiring night.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: Commas are used to separate items in a list, after fronted adverbials and to separate clauses.

Week 7 – answers

1. Which sentence **must** end with an exclamation mark?

Tick **one**

That show was brilliant

What an amazing day that was

Please wipe your feet carefully

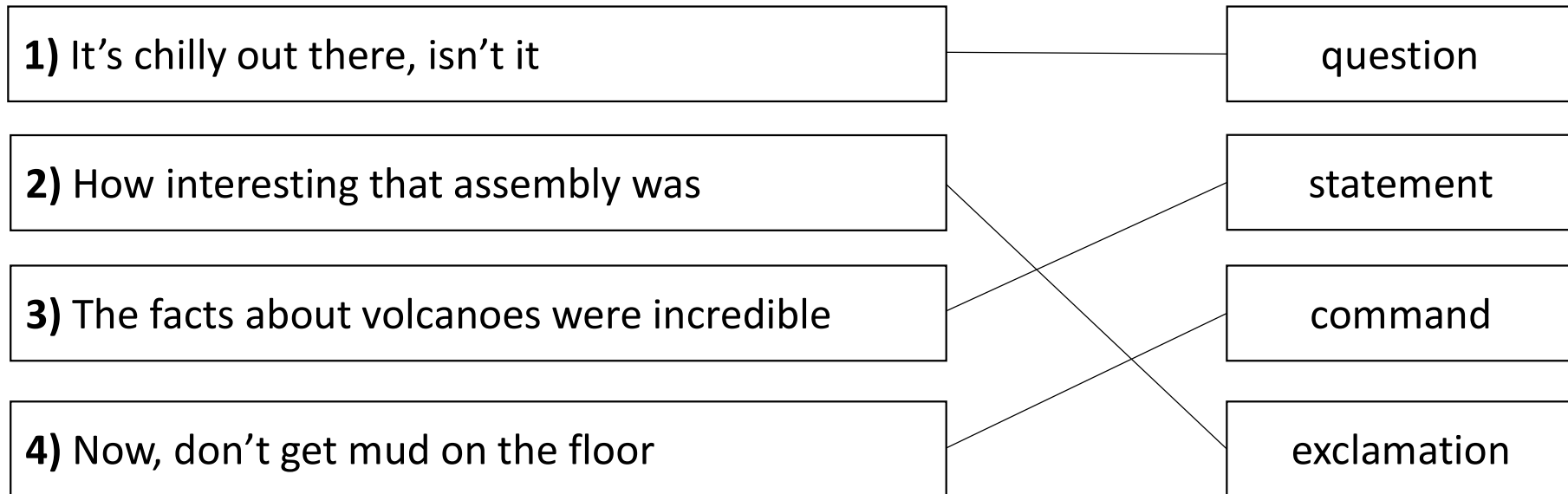
I have never seen anything so funny

1 mark

CHALLENGE: brilliant, amazing, funny

Week 7 – answers

2. Draw lines to match each sentence with its **function**.



1 mark

CHALLENGE: The facts about volcanoes were incredible, weren't they?

Week 7 – answers

3. Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the **apostrophe** has been used for **omission** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe used for omission	Apostrophe used for possession
1) It's a shame we have to leave.	✓	
2) Where are Olivia's shoes?		✓
3) The girls' bags were missing.		✓

1 mark

CHALLENGE: For singular noun possession, add 's and for plural noun possession, add s'.

Week 8 – answers

1. What is the **word class** of each underlined word?

The penguins waddled wearily through the blizzard. **adverb**

The weary penguins waddled through the blizzard. **adjective**

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. tired, exhausted

Week 8 – answers

2. Which option completes the sentence below in the **present perfect**?

Although she _____ her P.E. kit, she will still be able to play football.

Tick **one**

had forgotten

forgot

has forgotten

was forgetting

1 mark

CHALLENGE: She will still be able to play football.

Week 8 – answers

3. Explain why a **colon** has been used in the sentence below.

The Roman army was divided into two groups: legionaries and auxiliaries.

A colon has been used to introduce the explanation of the two groups of the Roman army.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: *the, two*

Week 9 – answers

1. Circle the **relative pronoun** in the sentence below.

The house that stood on the corner had been empty for some time.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: past perfect

Week 9 – answers

2. Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
a) Nobody saw the fox by the fence.	✓	
b) The leaves were eaten by the caterpillars.		✓
c) The results were announced.		✓

1 mark

CHALLENGE: e.g. The caterpillars ate the leaves. The teacher announced the results.

Week 9 – answers

3. Rewrite the two sentences below as one sentence using a **co-ordinating conjunction**.

Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

We know that you must be tired. We will let you rest.

We know that you must be tired so we will let you rest.

We know that you must be tired and we will let you rest.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: *must, will*

Week 10 – answers

1. The sentence below has a **hyphen** missing. Insert it and then explain why the hyphen is needed.

The **cold-hearted** ice queen banished her stepdaughter from the realm.

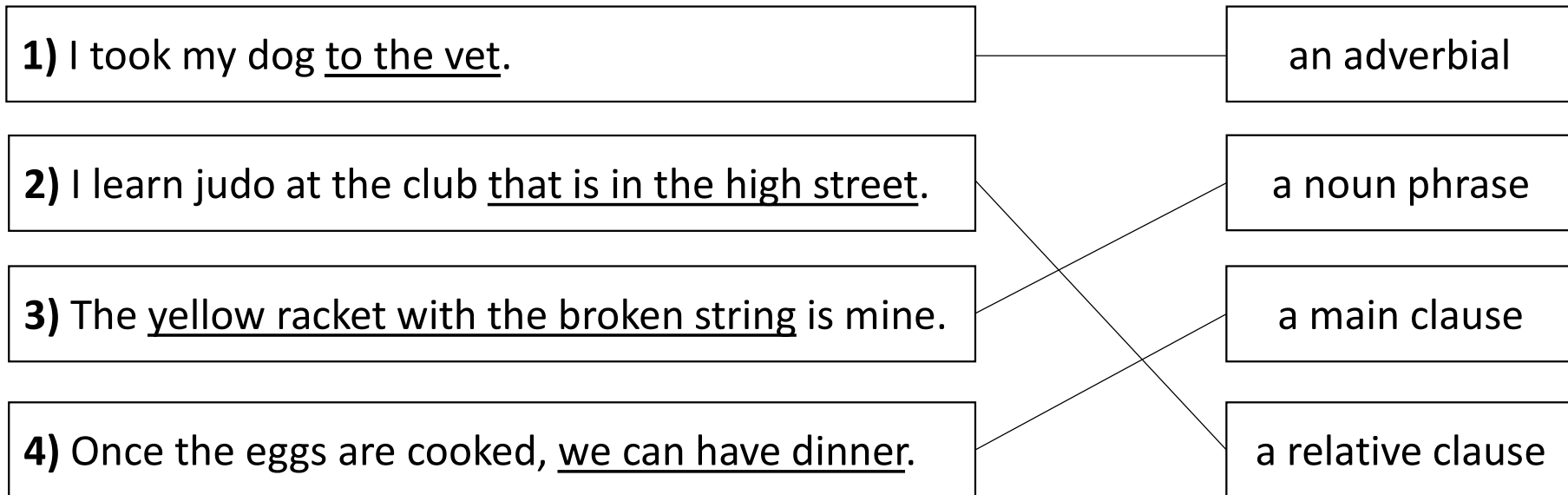
The hyphen is needed to join the two words together so that they can act as a single adjective before the noun.

2 marks

CHALLENGE: e.g. welcomed, accepted, admitted

Week 10 – answers

2. Draw lines to match the underlined part of each sentence with its **grammatical term**.



1 mark

CHALLENGE: to, at, in, with

Week 10 – answers

3. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Sadly, for us the wind and rain ruined our day.

Sadly for us, the wind, and rain ruined our day.

Sadly for us, the wind and rain ruined our day.

Sadly for us the wind, and rain ruined our day.

Tick **one**

1 mark

CHALLENGE: *Sadly for us, our day was ruined by the wind and rain.*

Week 11 – answers

1. Rewrite the reported speech below in **direct speech**.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The eyewitness explained that he was shocked to see so many cows on the motorway.

“I was shocked to see so many cows on the motorway,” explained the eyewitness.

The eyewitness explained, **“I was shocked to see so many cows on the motorway.”**

1 mark

CHALLENGE: on the motorway

Week 11 – answers

2. Which verb is an **antonym** of the verb succeed?

win

Tick one

fail

try

struggle

1 mark

CHALLENGE: success, successful

Week 11 – answers

3. Insert the missing **full stops** and **capital letters** into the passage below.

Ayla has always been interested in how things work. She asked lots of questions as a child about the workings of machines. Aeroplanes are her passion and she would like to be an engineer when she is older.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: See above

Week 12 – answers

1. Circle the correct **pronoun** to complete each sentence below so that it is written in **Standard English**.

Where are (them / those) socks that I bought yesterday?

He looked hard but he couldn't find (them / those) amongst the rubbish.

"I like (them / those) ones," he said to his grandmother.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: yesterday, hard

Week 12 – answers

2. Rewrite the underlined verbs in each sentence below so that they are written in the **simple past** tense.

I am reading a book about a witch and a wizard who have to battle dark forces.



read

My mum is bringing me a new book home from the library.



brought

1 mark

CHALLENGE: I read a book about a witch ... My mum brings me ...

Week 12 – answers

3. Replace the underlined words in each sentence with an appropriate **contraction**.

You're not permitted to wear your football boots inside.

Unless you concentrate, I **shan't** help you.

Mine's the only coat left on the peg.

1 mark

CHALLENGE: pair of brackets, pair of commas, pair of dashes