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**Language Arts - 4th grade practice test**

Fourth Grade English/Language Arts  
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**Instructions:**

Bubble in the correct answer. Reach each choice before marking your answer.

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1. Eleanor is writing a paper about fruit flies. What would be the BEST heading for her to look under?
- A. flying plants
  - B. flying animals
  - C. flying creatures
  - D. flying insects
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2. In the sentence below, which word should NOT be capitalized?

Winter is Uncle Fred's favorite season, and Summer is his least favorite.

- A. Winter
  - B. Uncle
  - C. Fred
  - D. Summer
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3. How can the sentences BEST be combined?

The children went camping. The children had a campfire.

- A. The children went camping, the children had a campfire.
  - B. The children went camping, the children also had a campfire.
  - C. The children went camping, and they had a campfire.
  - D. The children went camping and during which they had a campfire.
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4. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. Last weekend R.J. met the President of the United States.
  - B. Last weekend r.J. met the President of the United States.
  - C. Last weekend R.J. met the president of the United States.
  - D. Last weekend R.j. met the President of the United States.
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5. Which of the underlined words in the passage below is NOT an adjective?

Chris really wanted to go to the movies with his best friend. The movie was supposed to be good and scary.

- A. really
  - B. best
  - C. good
  - D. scary
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*Use the paragraph below to answer question 6.*

**1**Jake and me went to the country fair last week. **2**Both of us had a great time. **3**We hadn't been there for two years. **4**Last year, Jake was visiting his grandparents.

6. Which sentence above uses an incorrect pronoun?

- A. sentence 1
  - B. sentence 2
  - C. sentence 3
  - D. sentence 4
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7. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. My dog barks two loudly in the morning.
  - B. The children will be arriving tomorrow too play on Thursday.
  - C. They took the school bus to the museum.
  - D. It's time too get ready for the game.
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8. Which sentence is the BEST topic sentence for the paragraph below?

He is born too small, but Fern raises Wilbur, the pig, in the house. When he grows big, Wilbur is sent outside to live with the other farm animals. Soon Wilbur learns from the other animals that he will be taken to the market. Wilbur is saved when Charlotte, a spider, weaves words describing him into her web.

- A. Wilbur is a character in a book and I really liked him.
  - B. I read the book, *Charlotte'sWeb*.
  - C. *Charlotte'sWeb* is an excellent book.
  - D. Wilbur, a loveable pig, is the main character in the book, *Charlotte'sWeb*.
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Use the note below to answer question 9.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Please water my plants while I am away. Thank You.

Sincerely, Bryan

9. Bryan wrote the note above. What change in capitalization should be made to the note?

- A. change *Dear* to *dear*
  - B. change *Jackson* to *jackson*
  - C. change *You* to *you*
  - D. change *Sincerely* to *sincerely*
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10. What is the simple predicate in the sentence below?

I understand how you feel.

- A. I
  - B. understand
  - C. you
  - D. feel
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11. What does the underlined word in the sentence below refer to?

Meg invited 14 girls for a sleepover party. Several activities were planned to entertain them.

- A. the girls
  - B. Meg
  - C. the party
  - D. the activities
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12. Which pair of guide words would appear on the same dictionary page as the word below?

tooth

- A. tool–topic
  - B. topple–tornado
  - C. toll–tong
  - D. toad–toga
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13. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. Place the apple on my desk, Ms. Clark, the fifth grade teacher said.
  - B. "Place the apple on my desk," Ms. Clark, the fifth grade teacher said.
  - C. "Place the apple on my desk," Ms. Clark, "the fifth grade teacher said."
  - D. "Place the apple on my desk, "Ms. Clark, the fifth grade teacher said."
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14. In the sentence below, which word needs a capital letter?

Our family wants to move to a small town in the west.

- A. family
  - B. small
  - C. town
  - D. west
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15. In the sentence below, what does the underlined word *he* refer to?

William helped his grandfather around the house. He fed the dog, and he took out the garbage.

- A. the dog
  - B. his grandfather
  - C. William
  - D. the house
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16. Jean is taking notes from a passage about rainbow trout. Which of these notes is copied directly from the passage?

The rainbow trout is a fresh water fish. It gets its name from the band of color, like a rainbow, that runs along its sides. Like all fish, the rainbow trout can breathe under water. Water goes into the mouth. Then it is forced through the gills, which absorb the oxygen from the water.

- A. The rainbow trout lives in fresh water.
  - B. The rainbow trout is called rainbow because it has colors like a rainbow on its sides.
  - C. The rainbow trout can breathe under water.
  - D. The water is forced through the gills, and the gills absorb the oxygen from the water.
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17. How should the sentences below BEST be combined?

Judy can ride her bicycle to school. Her mother may drive her in the car.

- A. Judy can ride her bicycle to school and her mother may drive her in the car.
  - B. Judy can ride her bicycle to school, her mother may drive her in the car.
  - C. Judy can ride her bicycle to school and her mother driving her in the car.
  - D. Judy can ride her bicycle to school, or her mother may drive her in the car.
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18. Cynthia needs to find out some basic information about raccoons. Where should she look?

- A. an encyclopedia
  - B. a periodical
  - C. an almanac
  - D. a thesaurus
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19. Which word in the sentence below needs an apostrophe?

Andres left early to get gas in the car, but he didnt remember until he was with Thomas.

- A. Andres'
  - B. didn't
  - C. gas'
  - D. Thomas'
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20. Which form of *tall* means that one person's height is more than another person's?

- A. tall
  - B. taller
  - C. tallish
  - D. tallness
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21. What is the simple subject in the sentence below?

The four birds at the fountain flew away.

- A. fountain
  - B. birds
  - C. away
  - D. four
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*Use the paragraph below to answer question 22.*

**1**Sue is a babysitter and has spent much time with young children. **2**She knows how to change diapers, give baths, and play games well with children. **3**Sue is seventeen years old. **4**She mainly babysits for her neighbors.

22. Which sentence should be removed from the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
  - B. sentence 2
  - C. sentence 3
  - D. sentence 4
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23. In the sentence below, which words should be capitalized?

Mr. E. F. payne runs a paint and wallpaper store in cody, georgia.

- A. payne, cody, georgia
  - B. payne, paint, store
  - C. store, cody, georgia
  - D. paint, wallpaper, store
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24. Which sentence is a compound sentence?

- A. Jill McPeters researches and writes science articles.
  - B. Trumpets, flutes, and violins are in the orchestra.
  - C. A wind and rainstorm blew across the fields.
  - D. Nutrition is important, and exercise is necessary.
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25. Which one is a complete sentence?

- A. Smiled every morning when Jeannie gets up.
  - B. Every morning when Jeannie smiling gets up.
  - C. Every morning when Jeannie gets up, she smiles.
  - D. Every morning when Jeannie gets up smiles.
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26. Which is NOT needed in the sentence below?

Anna just bought a dress that is blue in color and very long.

- A. just
  - B. very
  - C. that is
  - D. in color
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27. Jessica is doing an oral speech on dolphins. What can she use to hear how dolphins communicate?

- A. encyclopedia
  - B. dictionary
  - C. thesaurus
  - D. audio/visual
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28. What change needs to be made in order for the sentence below to be correct?

Billy was born on February 14, 1985, in Macon Georgia.

- A. comma after Macon
  - B. comma after February
  - C. comma after born
  - D. comma after Billy
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29. What is the purpose of the sentence below?

“Make your bed now,” stated the mother firmly.

- A. to make a statement
  - B. to state a command
  - C. to ask a question
  - D. to show excitement
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30. Which word in the sentence below should be changed?

The brightly star twinkled in the night sky.

- A. *brightly* to *bright*
  - B. *twinkled* to *twinkling*
  - C. *night* to *nightly*
  - D. *sky* to *skies*
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