

Writing: Vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation

REVIEW IT!

- 1 What percentage of the marks in the writing exams are accounted for by VSSSP?
- 2 Is VSSSP only about accuracy?
- 3 What are the six aspects of VSSSP?
- 4 What are the three pieces of punctuation that can end a sentence?
- 5 Name seven different punctuation marks.
- 6 Why is punctuation important?
- 7 Which of the following sentences uses a comma incorrectly?
 - a He wrote his story, but his teacher didn't like it.
 - b The sports centre is fun, it also helps us get fit.
 - c Although he was ill, he didn't go to bed.
 - d He found a beautiful, quiet, sandy, beach.
- 8 In which sentence below is the semicolon not used correctly?
 - a He woke up while it was still dark; he went downstairs.
 - b It was raining; he put on his coat.
 - c She realised all these things: she was excited, happy and impatient; her mother was angry, and her father wasn't going to help.
- 9 What are the two reasons for using a colon?
- 10 In which sentences below is the apostrophe not used correctly?
 - a Sadiq's uncle bought some potatoe's.
 - b Its hot today.
 - c The childrens teacher couldn't be found anywhere.
 - d I picked up the kettle by it's handle.
 - e The river's flow was'nt fast enough.
- 11 What is meant by 'sentence variety'?
- 12 Discourse markers are words and phrases that make connections in texts. There are at least eight discourse markers in the text below. Find all of them.

“ This tiredness stayed with Errol all week. He didn't seem to be able to get out of bed. Even when Hayley knocked on the door and called through the letter box, he just couldn't stir himself. Nights and days slowly passed through his stuffy room like silent visitors. They didn't trouble him though. His eyes were closed and he was elsewhere in his head. Because of his fever, he often didn't really know where he was. ”

- 13 Which one of the following sentences is not written in Standard English?
 - a She waved to John and me.
 - b Zanira and I went to the cinema.
 - c We wasn't speaking to each other.
 - d I did it well.
- 14 Which four of the following words are not spelled correctly?
definitely independant business trouble hopefull
necessary because dissappear disappoint accommodation