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Year 8
Literacy Review Worksheets

Literacy review 1

1. Punctuation

Correct the following passage. You should add 6 full stops, 2 exclamation marks and 12 capital letters for it to make sense.

As i went to open the door, he barged past me i could not understand what the problem was however hard i tried, he still hated me i felt so furious it hadn't always been like this when he and i had started school, we had been best mates it was all because of his lunchbox how i wished i hadn't eaten all of his sandwiches

20 marks

2. Spelling

Write down the plural form of the following words in the box below (first one has been done for you).

- a) Beach
- b) Cat
- c) Dinner
- d) Bus
- e) Knife
- f) Wolf
- g) Party
- h) Sheep
- i) Leaf
- j) Foot

a. <i>Beaches</i>
b.
c.
d.
e.
f.
g.
h.
i.
j.

18 marks (two marks for each, a) not included)

3. Sentence Work

Trim this sentence to make one short, clear and powerful sentence in the box below.

While she was feeling afraid that she might be caught by the people who were chasing after her, she picked up all her belongings and, without another thought for anyone but herself, she ran down the lane as fast as her legs would carry her.

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6 marks

4. Imagine you are writing an article about living in a town. After your introduction you need a paragraph about advantages followed by disadvantages.

* Using the two headings below, organise the information into the appropriate box.

Near shops	Noisy	Near park	Pollution
Near cinema	High rate of crime	Near sports clubs	Easy to meet people
Might get mugged	More amenities	Easy to catch train	Can't go out so much on your own

Advantages	Disadvantages

12 marks (one for each answer)

5. Figures of Speech

Example - An ant ate an apple.

Create similar sentences using alliteration. The sentence beginnings have been done for you.

a) a bear

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b) a camel

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c) a dinosaur

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d) an elephant

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e) a ferocious

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10 marks (two for each)
Literacy review 2

Mark/percent

1. Parts of Speech

* Underline the adjectives in the following sentences.

* Choose and add a comment from the comment box for what you think suits the meaning of the sentence.

Comment box:

Too many	Means the same	Too obvious	Repetition	Adds something new	
				a.	
				b.	
				c.	
				d.	
				e.	

- a) The big giant crushed the house.
- b) The slim, silver, shining, flickering, sleek salmon swam.
- c) The tired and weary cat slept.
- d) The rusty key was rusty.
- e) The soft ice cream was served.

10 marks (2 marks for each)

2. Parts of Speech

* Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

* Choose and add a comment from the comment box here for what you think suits the meaning of the sentence.

Comment Box:

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				e.	

- a) The choir sang sweetly, precisely, loudly, amazingly.
- b) The cat snored loudly and noisily.
- c) Silently, Sally crept down the path silently.
- d) The massive bomb exploded loudly.
- e) The clown wept bitterly.

10 marks (2 marks for each)

3 Spelling

Add ing to the following words in the box below, spelling them correctly.

Walk	Eat	Shut	Sleep	Make	Leave
Share	Cook	Stop	Clap	Run	Kick
Write	Snore	Print	Record	Hop	Smile
Drink	Live	Melt	Plan	Save	Act
Solve	Read	Chat	Give	Wash	Shake

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30 marks (1 mark for each)

4. Sentence Work - the simple sentence

Write down the subject followed by the verb, followed by the object - 3 words for each answer.

- a) The lorry slid down the hill.
- b) Tarzan swooped through the jungle at great speed.
- c) Billie grabbed the metal bars of the rusted gate.
- d) In the afternoon she drank a whole pint of milk.
- e) Later that day Timo told Tarzan the truth.

	Subject	Verb	Object
a.			
b.			
c.			
d.			
e.			

15 marks (3 marks for each)

5. Structure

Read through the following paragraphs. Underline the topic sentence (the main/most important sentence).

a) Sharks are some of the most feared creatures on this planet. Many people are disturbed when they swim because they fear that a shark will bite their legs. This fear has been made worse by such films as "Jaws", which featured frightening images of swimmers being killed by sharks. Even when people are swimming in places where sharks are unknown they still feel afraid.

c) Scorpions live in warm, dry climates. They may be small, but they can pack a punch. The sting of a scorpion is highly poisonous and could kill a young child, old or sick person. They use the sting to kill their prey which they grab with their pincers. In the main, they hunt at night. So, if you are on holiday in a warm country, just watch your step late at night if you are walking about!

6 marks (3 marks for each)

6. Figures of Speech

Create your own similes, extending them if you can! Look at the example:

EXAMPLE

as slow as a slug - simile

as slow as a slug stuck in super-glue - extended simile



- a) as tall as
- b) as fast as
- c) as hot as
- d) as small as
- e) as thin as
- f) as calm as

a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
e.	
f.	

12 marks (2 marks for each)

Literacy review 3

1. Parts of Speech

* Underline the verbs in the following sentences for one mark.

* In the box provided, write a more powerful verb to replace the original for the second mark. Each answer should contain one verb.

- a) The Queen ate the bun.
- b) The Prime Minister went all the way round the M25 for charity.
- c) The robber looked into the jeweller's window at the diamond rings.
- d) "No!" said Anna Jones.
- e) The hippo went past the front entrance.
- f) Mrs Pomfrey looked at the scruffy boy.
- g) Sam got up from the sofa.

a.
b.
c.
d.
e.
f.
g.

14 marks (two for each)

2. Punctuation

In the box provided, write down as many opportunities to use the omissive (not possessive) apostrophe in the following sentences. Look at the example.

Example - *It is kind of you to give us a lift home.* It's

- a) Amy cannot answer your call right now, but she will ring you tomorrow.
- b) I am sure that you will find that library book. You did not leave it in your locker, did you?
- c) Malcolm is looking tired today is he not? His baby is teething and he is not getting much sleep himself.
- d) Janet has left a message to say she will not be ready until 10.00a.m. She said we should not wait for her, so we had better get started. Who has got the minutes of the last meeting?

a)
b)
c)
d)

8 marks (two for each)

3. Spelling

In the table, sort the words below according to the prefix each one should take. The first one has been done for you.

indirect legal responsible mature literate secure regular

complete correct replaceable relevant mortal possible

(table on next page)

il	ir	im	in
			Indirect

12 marks (one mark for each)

4. Sentence Work - Compound sentences

Join these pairs of simple sentences together - use "and", "but" or "or". You may alter the sentences slightly if necessary. Write your answer in the boxes provided.

a) Plants need water. Plants need sunshine.

b) He crossed the road. He went down to the shops.

c) Smoking is dangerous. Many people ignore the warnings.

d) The sea is often cold. Some people swim in it.

8 marks (two marks for each)

5. Structure

The sentences are mixed up. Sort out the sentences by numbering (1 to 6) them in the boxes provided to make one logical paragraph.

In fact, domestic dogs are all descended from the grey wolf. 

Most of us think of dogs as pets, but across the world there are many different kinds of wild dog.

Of all the dogs, the wolf is the best known and the most feared by man.

So that sleepy pooch, lying on the carpet at home, is a distant relative of one of the most feared animals alive.

This includes 2 kinds of wolves, 21 kinds of foxes and 4 kinds of jackal.

So many stories and films have featured wolves as killers that the poor animal hardly stands a chance.

6 marks (one mark for each)
Literacy review 4

Mark/percent

1. Punctuation

With a highlighter and pen (highlight where you add), properly punctuate the following sentences so they make sense.

- a) the old man rushed down the street he walked into the chip shop and asked for a burger
- b) ice cream melts in the sunlight it is not a good idea to leave it out of the fridge
- c) last week we went to see a concert my sister got lost in the crowd it was so embarrassing
- d) smoking is not good for your health our lungs were not designed to breathe in smoke however many people still smoke

8 marks (two marks for each)

2. Punctuation

Write out the correct version of these sentences using the possessive apostrophe.

- a) Tonys mum keeps cats.

- b) Tonys mums cats are both long haired.

- c) The cats names are Bart and Homer.

- d) Mrs Holmes cats are very fussy eaters.

- e) Barts favourite food is salmon while Homers favourite is tuna chunks.

10 marks (two marks for each)

3. Spelling - Prefixes

Match up the prefix to the correct number. Insert the number that the word represents in the boxes provided.

1,2,2,2,3,4,5,5,5,6,8,10,100,100,1000,1000

decade		tricycle		binary	
century		quintet		centigrade	
decimal		sextet		millipede	
quarter		kilogram		octopus	
pentagon		monologue		duet	

15 marks (one mark for each)

4. Sentence Work - Complex sentences

Add a clause to each of the following sentences.

Choose a connective: because, whenever, despite, even though, however, although, whilst, until, before, since, as, after, whereas, unless.

a) It was a rattlesnake.

b) The lizard's head nodded.

c) I ran to the car.

d) Driving fast is against the law.

e) Jo Grabbed the tightrope.

5 marks (one for each)

5. Structure

PART A - Underline three sentences which would work well as opening sentences to a paragraph

PART B - In the box below explain why they work well.

- a) In short, vampires do not exist.
- b) For example, it is more dangerous to travel by road than by train.
- c) Starting at a new school is one of the biggest changes anyone ever makes.
- d) First of all, it is against the law.
- e) In conclusion, smoking is dangerous.
- f) There are three reasons why we do not need a ring road round the town.
- g) After that the protesters moved to the city walls.
- h) Is reading cool?
- i) Moreover, the town does not need another supermarket.

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3 marks for part A

3 marks for part B

6. Figures of Speech

Create sentences for the following nouns using personification.

a) The trees	
b) The wind	
c) The rain	
d) The sun	

8 marks (two marks for each)
Literacy review 5

Mark/percent

1. Parts of Speech

Underline the adjectives in the following sentences. Choose and add a comment from the comment box here for what you think suits the meaning of the sentence.

- a) The large lion flattened the grass.
 b) The slimy, small, shiny, sleek snake slithered.
 c) The alert and excited dog jumped.
 d) The old door was old.
 e) The hard toffee was sold.

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10 marks (2 marks for each)

2. Underline the adverbs in the following sentences. Choose and add a comment from the comment box here for what you think suits the meaning of the sentence.

- a) The bird sang sweetly, precisely, loudly, amazingly.
 b) The old man grumbled angrily.
 c) Angry, Louisa stomped down the hall in a temper.
 d) The massive crowd cheered loudly.
 e) She believed her trainers made her run faster and quicker.

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b.
c.
d.
e.

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10 marks (2 marks for each)

3. Sentence Work - the simple sentence

Write down the subject followed by the verb, followed by the object - 3 words for each answer.

- a) The parrot fell off the tree.
 b) Spiderman glides through the city with elegance.
 c) Pauline grasped the car door to let her dog out.
 d) In the morning she ate a whole bowl of porridge.
 e) Later that day Marc opened the can of beans.

	Subject	Verb	Object
a.			
b.			
c.			
d.			
e.			

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15 marks (3 marks for each)

4. Structure

Read through the following paragraphs. Underline the topic sentence.

- e) Manchester United is the most successful football club in England. They have dominated the premier league since it started in 1992, winning it 11 times. In this time they have also won the FA Cup and League Cup four times each and the illustrious European Cup twice.

- f) 6 million British people go abroad every year. However, some 7 million tend to holiday in Britain in a tent, caravan or campervan. England has approximately 8,000 sites, Scotland 2,000 and Wales 1,000. The thought of going to the country rather than the city is something that is certainly growing in Britain.

6 marks (3 marks for each)

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c.
d.
e.
f.

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- b) as comfortable as
- c) as warm as
- d) as painful as
- e) as bulky as
- f) as quiet as

12 marks (2 marks for each)