

1.

Tick one word or phrase to complete the sentence below.

The audience watched in delight as the acrobats \_\_\_\_\_ daring feats.

Tick **one**.

will perform

perform

performed

have performed

1 mark

2.

Circle the **verb** that shows the **past** tense in each sentence below.

On holiday, we were very happy on the beach.

The journey was rather too long for me.

The weather in Spain is usually hot and sunny, though one day it rained a lot.

1 mark

3.

Rewrite the sentence below in the **present tense**.

Tom baked a cake.

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1 mark

4.

The sentences below each have an error. The errors are underlined.

Write the correction in the box, making sure the verb matches the tense.

One has been done for you.

had



Last Tuesday, I have an awful headache all day.



My baby brother likes to sit and drank a cup of milk first thing every morning.

The twins are going to the football tomorrow night and



they had eaten some sweets during the match.



I am putting on my coat and I will have taken the dog for a walk right now!

1 mark

5.

Rewrite the sentence below in the **present tense**.

Jack wrote a card.

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1 mark

6.

Complete the table with the **present tense** form of the verb.

One has been done for you.

<b>Present tense</b>	<b>Past tense</b>
We dance	We danced
We	We stirred
We	We were
We	We ate

1 mark

7.

Tick a box in each row to show whether the sentence is in the past or present tense.

Sentence	Present	Past
The children learnt about Romans in history.		
The computer works well.		
The children are choosing what they want to do for their projects.		
They added raisins to the muffins.		

1 mark

8.

Change each underlined verb from the present tense to the **past tense**, and write the verb in the box.



Sally forgets her lunch when she is in a hurry for school.

1 mark

9.

Tick one box in each row to show how the **modal verb** affects the **meaning** of the sentence.

<b>Sentence</b>	Modal verb indicates <b>certainty</b>	Modal verb indicates <b>possibility</b>
It will be very cold tomorrow.		
John might have missed the train.		
Ann can speak six languages.		
You could finish your work by the end of the lesson.		

1 mark

10.

Complete the sentences below, using the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

It was a cold day when we \_\_\_\_\_ handball.

↑  
play

My friend \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to me and I \_\_\_\_\_ it.

↑  
throw

↑  
catch

1 mark

11.

Which sentence below is written in the **past tense**?

Tick **one**.

That is the oldest house in our village.

The original part of the house dates from 1760.

The roof was replaced in 1970.

The owners plan to open the house to the public.

1 mark

12.

Which sentence shows that you are **most likely** to be away next week?

Tick **one**.

I could be away next week.

I might be away next week.

I shall be away next week.

I may be away next week.

1 mark

13. Rewrite the underlined verbs in the **simple past** tense.

During the winter months, the sun does not appear high in

↓

the sky and the days are much shorter than the nights.

↓

1 mark

14. Complete the sentence below with the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

I \_\_\_\_\_ netball last weekend, but I only \_\_\_\_\_

↑

to play

↑

to know

where the match \_\_\_\_\_ the day before.

↑

to be

1 mark

15. Explain how the **modal verb** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

- 1) Yusuf and his sister go swimming with their dad.
- 2) Yusuf and his sister might go swimming with their dad.

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1 mark

16. Rewrite the underlined verbs so that they are in the **simple past**.

I usually feed my cat before I eat breakfast.

↓

↓

1 mark

17. Rewrite the underlined verbs in the **simple past**.

The sky begins to look darker as the storm approaches.

↓

↓

1 mark

18. Which sentence expresses the greatest certainty?

Tick **one**.

It may rain later in the week.

The train might arrive late again today.

I will walk through the park to get to school.

It should be sunny and warm tomorrow.

1 mark

19. Complete each sentence with the **simple past** of the verbs in the boxes.

I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework on the computer.



to do

I \_\_\_\_\_ to do a project about horses.



to choose

I \_\_\_\_\_ by making notes about different breeds.



to begin

1 mark

## Mark schemes

1.

performed

1 mark

2.

On holiday, we **were** very happy on the beach.

The journey **was** rather too long for me.

The weather in Spain is usually hot and sunny, though one day it **rained** a lot.

Award **1 mark** for all three correct.

1 mark

3.

Tom bakes a cake.

**OR**

Tom is baking a cake.

**OR**

Tom's baking a cake.

**Do not accept** responses that include any other present tense verb, eg:

- *Tom eats / decorates / presents a cake.*

1 mark

4.

**Award 1 mark** for all three correct.

drink / to drink



My baby brother likes to sit and **drank** a cup of milk first thing every morning.

will eat / are going to eat / will be eating



The twins are going to the football tomorrow night and they **had eaten** some sweets during the match.

am taking / will take / am going to take



I am putting on my coat and I **will have taken** the dog for a walk right now!

**Also accept** responses that use capital letters.

**Also accept** appropriate modals for (ii) and (iii).

**Also accept** appropriate contracted forms for (ii) and (iii).

**1 mark**

5.

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly punctuated response written in the present tense, eg:

- *Jack writes a card.*
- *Jack is writing a card.*
- *Jack's writing a card.*

**1 mark**

6.

Award 1 mark for all three present tense forms correct.

Present tense	Past tense
We dance	We danced
<b>We stir / are stirring</b>	We stirred
<b>We are / are being</b>	We were
<b>We eat / are eating</b>	We ate

1 mark

7.

Award 1 mark for all four correct.

Sentence	Present	Past
The children learnt about Romans in history.		✓
The computer works well.	✓	
The children are choosing what they want to do for their projects.	✓	
They added raisins to the muffins.		✓

1 mark

8.

Award 1 mark for changing both underlined verbs to a suitable past tense form.



Sally forgets her lunch when she is in a hurry for school.

**Also accept** alternative past tense forms.

**Do not accept** alternative verbs, eg: *did not remember*.

1 mark

9.

Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.

Sentence	Modal verb indicates certainty	Modal verb indicates possibility
It will be very cold tomorrow.	✓	
John might have missed the train.		✓
Ann can speak six languages.	✓	
You could finish your work by the end of the lesson.		✓

1 mark

10.

Award 1 mark for all three correct.

It was a cold day when we played handball.

↑  

play

My friend threw the ball to me and I caught it.

↑  

throw

↑  

caught

Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.

1 mark

11.

The roof was replaced in 1970.

1 mark

12.

I shall be away next week.

1 mark

13.

**Award 1 mark** for both correct.

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↓  
did

the sky and the days are much shorter than the nights.

↓  
were

**Do not accept** misspellings of verb forms.

1 mark

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to play

↑  
to know

where the match was the day before.

↑  
to be

**Do not accept** misspellings of verb forms.

1 mark

15.

**Award 1 mark** for a response that demonstrates that the modal verb indicates possibility or uncertainty, e.g.

- *In the second sentence they are not definitely going swimming.*
- *The second sentence means maybe they are going to go swimming.*
- *In the second sentence, they might go but in the first, they will definitely go.*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

*In the first one, they are definitely going.*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding by using an appropriate alternative modal verb, e.g.

*In the second one, they could go swimming.*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

**1 mark**

**16.**

**Award 1 mark** for both correct.

I usually feed my cat before I eat breakfast.



**Do not accept** misspellings.

**There are no capitalisation requirements for this question.**

**1 mark**

**17.**

**Award 1 mark** for both correct.

The sky begins to look darker as the storm approaches.



**Do not accept** misspellings of verbs.

**1 mark**

**18.**

I will walk through the park to get to school.

**1 mark**

19.

Award 1 mark for all **three** correct.

I did my homework on the computer.



to do

I chose to do a project about horses.



to choose

I began by making notes about different breeds.



to begin

1 mark