2nd Grade Language Arts Practice Test

Second Grade English/Language Arts
Test

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Name: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

Instructions:

______________________________________________________________
1. Which word in the paragraph below is used too much?

   My music teacher is nice. He plays nice music and we sing nice songs. He is nice to all of us.

   A. music  
   B. nice  
   C. plays

I hope you have a happy birthday!

2. Which kind of sentence is this?

   Over the summer, Melissa went camping. She learned how to build a fire. She learned how to fish. She found berries in the woods. On the first day of school, Melissa has to write a paper. Her teacher says the paper should explain how to do something.

   A. a telling sentence  
   B. a command sentence  
   C. a sentence that shows excitement

3. Which is the BEST topic for Melissa’s paper?

   A. how to build a fire  
   B. her summer vacation  
   C. where to go camping
4. Which word belongs in the blank?

I found many _______ on the beach.

A. shels
B. shalls
C. shells

5. Which sentence has two subjects?

A. The cat played with the toy.
B. My pet dog, Chipper, is a beagle.
C. The cat and the dog chased each other.

Write your name at the top of your paper.

6. What type of sentence is this?

A. telling
B. asking
C. commanding

7. To keep a list of all the animals your class saw in a month, which is the BEST to use?

A. a database
B. a radio
C. an encyclopedia
8. Which sentence has the quotation marks (" ") in the right place?

A. Dad said, “Let’s go fishing.”
B. “Dad said,” Let’s go fishing.
C. “Dad said, Let’s go fishing.”

Last summer I visited my grandmother. She lives in Arizona. First, we took a long ride in the car to get there. Then, we went to see the Grand Canyon. It was even better than I imagined. We spent a lot of time in Phoenix, too. What a great vacation!

9. Which word is a sequence (transition) word in this paragraph?

A. Then
B. even
C. too

The teacher read the class an exciting story.

10. Which is the action word in this sentence?

A. read
B. exciting
C. story

11. Which is the BEST word to use to join the following two sentences?

I could play baseball everyday, _____ I don’t like to play football at all.

A. or
B. but
C. and
Brenda lives in Marietta, Georgia.

12. Which word in this sentence is the name of a person?

A. Brenda  
B. Marietta  
C. Georgia

13. Which word comes FIRST in ABC order?

A. track  
B. tiger  
C. torn

14. Steven wants to find the word principal in the dictionary. Between what two words would he find it?

A. pig—planet  
B. point—profit  
C. puff—pyramid

15. Which of the following is written correctly?

A. mr. Jones  
B. Mrs. Brown  
C. MS Smith

16. Which naming word means ONLY one?

A. trees  
B. clown  
C. oxen
I drink juice because it is sweet.

17. Which word is the verb in this sentence?

A. I  
B. drink  
C. juice

I cannot believe you broke that crystal vase!

18. Which kind of sentence is this?

A. asking someone a question  
B. showing that someone is upset  
C. asking someone to do something

19. Which sentence shows the correct way to write a doctor’s name?

A. dr. Lopez  
B. Dr. lopez  
C. Dr. Lopez

20. Which words sound alike, but have different meanings?

A. sun and son  
B. black and white  
C. wood and forest
Jared is a second-grade student. He likes to skateboard and even enters contests sometimes. He also enjoys reading and playing outside. Jared does not like to play soccer or stay inside too much. Jared’s teacher told the class to write a story about themselves and something they enjoy doing.

21. Which would be the BEST thing for Jared to write about in his story?

A. skateboard contests
B. his best soccer game
C. fun things to do inside

We all want _________ candy.

22. Which word BEST fills in the blank?

A. Bills
B. Bills’
C. Bill’s

23. Which would be the BEST topic sentence for this paragraph?

My school has recess every day. I like to play on the swings and jungle gym with my friends. We like to laugh and run. Recess is my favorite time of the day.

A. Recess is when I can have fun with my friends.
B. Some kids bring their toys from home for recess.
C. Parents sometimes bring their small children during recess for a visit.
Lewis Carroll wrote a book called *Alice’s Adventures in wonderland*.

24. Which word needs a capital letter?

A. book  
B. called  
C. wonderland

25. What is the subject of this sentence?

A. noisy hens  
B. eat all day  
C. hens and chicks

26. Which sentence has two actions?

A. I read many books every year.  
B. Maria works hard and helps others.  
C. Elizabeth tries her best on the spelling tests.

27. Which is NOT a complete sentence?

A. Let’s bake cookies today.  
B. So that we can save it for later.  
C. Did you remember to pack your lunch?
28. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph below?

1. A goldfish is an easy pet to take care of.
2. It needs a big bowl of water to swim in.
3. It needs special food.
4. Turtles are good pets.
5. It is fun to watch the fish swim.

A. sentence 2  
B. sentence 3  
C. sentence 4

29. What kind of sentence is this?

A. a telling sentence  
B. an asking sentence  
C. an excitement sentence

30. Which sentence is NOT needed in this paragraph because it repeats information from another sentence?

A. Tommy got a new bike for his birthday.  
B. The bike is painted a shiny red.  
C. Tommy’s bike is the kind of bike he has always wanted.