

# **Insight English Study Plans – Year 8**

## **WEEK 7 ANSWERS**

# PRACTICE AND ACHIEVE BOOK 2 ANSWERS

- 3 a anything      d taught      g as soon as  
 b have          e very  
 c borrow        f does not

**Challenge** Answers will vary. Sample answer:

**Original piece of writing:**

The burglar was quickly apprehended by police as a result of his own incompetence. After he had gained access to the house and collected all the valuables, he decided to check his Facebook page on the home computer, forgetting to log out of the account before he left.

**Informal piece of writing:**

The police caught the burglar quick as a flash cos he wasn't very bright. After he'd broken into the house and grabbed all the valuable stuff, he checked out his own Facebook page on the computer, and it totally slipped his mind to log out once he was done.

## PAGES 28–9 Nominalisations

**Try these**

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

- Mai **made the decision** to take German in Year 9.
- The protest group **had a collection of** over a thousand signatures on their petition.
- Indi and Zac **had a celebration for** their third anniversary.

- 1 a good (adjective)      c protect (verb)  
 b sensitive (adjective)      d consider (verb)

Verb	Noun
develop	development
sympathise	sympathy
manage	management
introduce	introduction
select	selection

Adjective	Noun
intelligent	intelligence
cheerful	cheerfulness
violent	violence
friendly	friendliness
jealous	jealousy

4 Note that variations in wording are acceptable, provided that the noun form of the verb or adjective is given correctly.

- a The old man **displayed confusion** at the unfamiliar surroundings.  
 b The doctor **made a diagnosis** of pneumonia.  
 c Yesterday, Lane received an invitation to a barbecue.  
 d The coach **gave Archie encouragement** to try again.

**Challenge** Answers will vary. Sample answer:

**Original text:**

While there is no way of guaranteeing good health, there are several steps we can take to improve our chances of living long and productively. Eating healthily, exercising regularly and avoiding smoking will all assist. It's also important to sleep enough. Good relationships with friends and family have also been proven to help protect against getting sick.

**Nominalised text:**

While there is no **guarantee** of good health, there are several steps we can take to create an **improvement** in our chances of a long and productive life. Healthy eating, regular exercise and the **avoidance** of smoking will all provide **assistance**. It's also important to have enough **sleep**. There is also proof that good relationships with friends and family provide **protection** against **sickness**.

It might be noted that nominalisation makes writing sound more formal.

## PAGES 30–1 Comparatives and superlatives

**Try this**

Bec is the most honest person I know.

1 e best

2 hottest

Adjective	Descriptor	Comparative	Superlative
best			✓
further		✓	
tall	✓		
most frightening			✓
glowing	✓		
healthier		✓	

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 The **hotter** the day got, the **slower** the students ran, but the teacher was the **slowest!**

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5 c

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
great	greater	greatest
mad	madder	maddest
jolly	jollier	jolliest

**Challenge** Answers will vary. Possible answer:

prim / primmer / primmest

Katie, the **primmest** person in the class, never misbehaved.

dowdy / dowdier / dowdiest

His old brown suit was much **dowdier** than the one worn by the other job applicant.

insolent / more insolent / most insolent

'You are the **most insolent** child I've ever met!' exclaimed Aunt Isobel.

persuasive / more persuasive / most persuasive

Oscar's argument was logical but Gabby's was more **persuasive**.

sombre / more sombre / most sombre

The party was a **more sombre** occasion than expected, as the host had just received some bad news.

## PAGES 32–3 Commas

**Try these**

- 'Let's walk to the milk bar, which is just around the corner,' suggested Thuy.
- With a loud bang and a flash of light, the magician, who was known for his dramatic tricks, disappeared, causing some of the smaller children to cry.

1 a ✓      b N      c N      d N      e ✓

2 a E, E      b E, E, L, J

3 a Andy, trying to be helpful, piled up the boots, coats and hats.

b While reading a story, I noticed the window / was open.

c 'You can do that, can't you?/' asked Kaya.

d ✓

e I do well in maths, reading / and science, but I'm best at writing.

4 a Annie received money, books and toys for her birthday, which was yesterday.

b Marsi pleaded, 'Please, James, you will play, won't you?'

**Challenge** Answers will vary. Sample answer:

As the water levels were getting too high, it was time to leave our island home. Mum packed our belongings, Dad grabbed all the food he could find, I gathered our pets, and Dan, my brother, pulled our boat out. The sea was rough, with violent waves that rocked us dangerously, and I was frightened. 'Dan, we'll be OK, won't we?' I whispered. 'Don't worry,' Dan replied, 'This boat is sturdier than it looks.'

## PAGE 34–5 Quotation marks

**Try these**

- 'Do you think,' wondered Alice, 'that the blue top looks okay with these jeans?'
  - 'Mum,' I said, 'the principal announced, "students, there's no school tomorrow," so I'm staying home.'
  - 'Oliver called out "happy birthday" to me,' said Ryan, 'but it's not my birthday today!'
- 1 a 'Watch this,' whispered Mark. 'He's going to open the cupboard door.'  
 b 'If,' intoned Mr Kovac, 'I hear anyone say, "It's not fair," I will be very upset.'  
 c 'Stop!' called the police officer, 'or I will arrest you.'  
 d 'He is,' stated Eddie, 'a very silly boy.'
- 2 a 'Don't worry' said Sallie, 'we'll find it.'  
 b 'Perhaps,' mused Andy, 'You could make more of an effort.'  
 c 'Tom said, "I'm coming," but I told him he couldn't', confessed Jack.  
 d 'If Lani said that Rob said that you said "Ruby doesn't want to go," then I believe her,' said Ruby.

3 Give 2 marks for correctly placed quotation marks, 2 marks for starting a new line for each new speaker, 2 marks for punctuation within quotation marks (capital or not and punctuation before second quotation mark for each pair).

'When the weather is sunny,' said Max, 'it's good to go out.'

'It's good to go out anyway!' retorted Rowan.

'Yes,' agreed Annabel, 'because my mum said, "If you stay in the house any longer I think I'll go mad," and she did look like she was losing it.'

'Yes,' said Rowan, 'and I think my mum has the same problem!'

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Sentence	Is it correct?	If not, explain why not.
'Sit up,' said the teacher and look this way.'		There should be a comma after the word 'teacher' and an opening quotation mark before 'and'
'Mum said, 'No, you can't!'' said Ellie.		Single quotation marks are used for the quote within the quote.
'Let's rest,' suggested George, 'before we walk any further.'	✓	
'Well, she was surprised. "Never mind" I told her – "you can't win them all!"' laughed Nan.		The sentence needs a comma after 'mind'.
'Rest,' ordered Jakob, 'before you do any more work.'	✓	
'Two weeks,' I informed him, 'So don't say, "No-one told me," because I'm telling you now.'		'So' should not begin with a capital letter as it is the middle of the speech sentence.

**Challenge** Answers will vary. Possible answer:

- 'She ordered us to "Watch and learn!" so we did,' laughed Tom.
- 'What happened?' asked Lucy curiously.
- 'Well,' he replied, 'she jumped on one side of the boat and fell straight off the other!'

## PAGES 36–7 Hyphens

**Try these**

high-flying — grandmother by marriage  
 Governor-General — successful  
 step-grandmother — arrogant  
 big-headed — the Queen's representative in Australia

- 1 a accident-prone      d sugar-free  
 b computer-aided      e power-driven  
 c good-looking

# DAILY LANGUAGE PRACTICE BOOK 2 ANSWERS

## DAY 1

- 1 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**
- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| a microscope    | f fitness       |
| b mismanagement | g dangerous     |
| c pavement      | h rental        |
| d automobile    | i understanding |
| e relationship  |                 |
- 2
- Our neighbour, Ms Morland, loves to pry – she’s always poking her nose into other people’s business.
  - I won’t be able to help you this afternoon. I’ve got enough on my plate already!
  - Mathias is being so difficult today. He’s an absolute pain in the neck!
  - You’ve told some shocking lies in your time, but this one really takes the cake!

## DAY 2

- 1 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**
- At the moment I am reading an excellent book on Rome.
  - Tomorrow I’m going to the movies with my friends.
  - For most of my life I have lived in Melbourne.
  - Ever since I was young I have collected stamps.
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- My father and I (are) going to the hospital this afternoon to visit my cousin.
  - Tax (is) not included in the advertised price.
  - Periods of stress during the exam block (are) avoidable.
  - The medication the doctor prescribed (seems) to be helping Henry sleep.
  - His symptoms (include) headaches, nausea and muscle pain.

## DAY 3

- 1
- |             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| built-up    | in poor condition     |
| well-off    | not working           |
| run-down    | having many buildings |
| broken-down | expensive             |
| high-end    | wealthy               |

- 2
- The young doctor smiled (reassuringly) at his patient.
  - My brother is terrified of large needles; he faints (instantly) when he sees them.
  - Every physician is required to (dutifully) abide by the Hippocratic oath.
  - Sam (patiently) waited to join the animated conversation.

## DAY 4

- 1
- The hospital has been very busy lately. This week we have admitted a dozen new patients, including one young man with CIP (congenital insensitivity to pain). This patient has never experienced the sensation of pain, although this doesn’t mean he hasn’t been injured. Over his short life he has broken numerous bones, burnt himself countless times and suffered many cuts and bruises. Since Tuesday alone he has undergone surgery for a broken elbow and a leg wound.
- 2
- (Despite) the heavy traffic, we arrived at the airport in time to catch our flight.
  - (Even though) I watched the movie, I still read the book.
  - We decided to stay home (because of) the windy weather.
  - Raadha and Xavier get along very well (in spite of) their differences.

## DAY 5

- an initialism
- Pain serves as an important alert system when something is wrong with our bodies and teaches us to avoid harmful situations in the future.
- because without pain there is a greater risk of injuring yourself
- to find alternatives to traditional pain-relief treatment