

Insight English Study Plans – Year 8



WEEK 8 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!'

4

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.

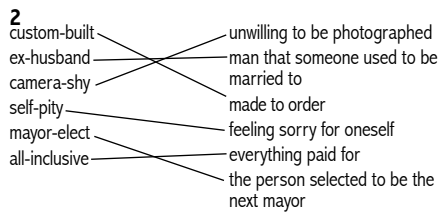
'Well,' he replied, 'she jumped on one side of the boat and fell straight off the other!'

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



- 3** Answers will vary. Possible answers:
- a** smart; The quick-thinking girl managed to put out the fire.
 - b** young-looking; The baby-faced boy was often mistaken for a younger child.
 - c** easily confused; The muddle-headed professor mixed up the experiment.
 - d** someone who owns part of something; The co-owner of the gym was a fitness instructor.
 - e** the position between seventy-fifth and seventy-seventh; I came seventy-sixth in the race.
- 4**
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| a fifty-five | d ninety-eight |
| b seventy-one | e twenty-seventh |
| c two-thirds | f forty-three |

Challenge Answers will vary. Possible answers: put-upon – taken advantage of; stuff-up – mistake.

PAGES 38–9 Ellipses

Try this

Ms Olsen ... won the prestigious writing award.

	Words missed out	A speaker trailed off	To show a pause
The firefighter said, '... it was started deliberately.'	✓		
'I'm not sure ...' whispered Caitlin.		✓	
Olga reported that the children ... behaved well.	✓		
Rowan waited ... and waited ... and waited.			✓
'Listen ... yes, that's an owl ... and there it goes again ...' Ted said.			✓
'I wonder ...' said Ms Nguyen.		✓	

- 2**
- a** to show words have been missed out
 - b** to show pauses in speech
 - c** to show a speaker trailed off
 - d** to show words missed out
 - e** to show a pause in the action
- 3** Answers may vary. Possible answers:
- a** The house ... could be dangerous ... so it has to be demolished.
 - b** If you go surfing ... wear a wetsuit ... and always have someone ... with you.

Challenge Answers will vary. Students may find that fiction books use ellipses more for speakers trailing off or to show pauses, while nonfiction books use ellipses more to show that words have been missed out from quotations.

PAGES 40–1 Parentheses

Try this

Answers will vary. Possible answer:

- Phoebe-Rose is Sia's best friend. She sent Sia a video message on her birthday.

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	Explain a word	Emphasise a point	Show what the writer is thinking	Add extra information
(though I don't think that is true)			✓	
– in other words, your skull –	✓			
, who was tall and thin,				✓

– and I mean really tall.		✓		
(a set of lines for writing music)	✓			
– what a stupid idea.			✓	
(its babies live in there for six weeks)				✓

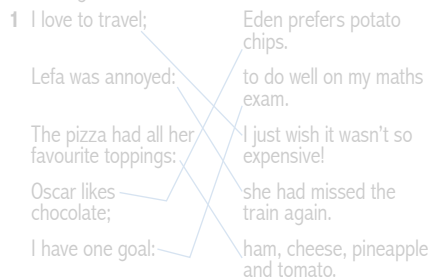
- 2** **b, c and d**
- 3** Answers may vary. Possible answers:
- a** Tim always got his own way. He was spoiled.
 - b** A paediatrician is a children's doctor. The paediatrician visited the ward.
 - c** The teacher is usually fair. She was being unfair on this occasion.
 - d** I'll bring in my excursion form tomorrow, if I remember. I probably won't remember.
- 4**
- a** Tigers (with their excellent camouflage) are magnificent hunters.
 - b** My favourite day (apart from my birthday) is Christmas Day.
 - c** Algebra (maths with letters) is lots of fun.
 - d** My birthday is on Halloween (31st October).

Challenge Answers will vary. Possible answer: The family barbecue, which was held on the first Saturday of the month, was packed with people. Simon – he's my second cousin, and a chef – brought a cake he'd made. It was a pavlova (an Aussie classic, made with meringue and cream) and it was really delicious!

PAGE 42–3 Colons and semicolons

Try these

- We are able to study a lot of interesting subjects at school: archery, astronomy, Ancient Greek and basket-weaving.
- The gate was opened; cows had wandered into the field.
- I couldn't believe what I was hearing: we were moving to America.



- 1** I love to travel;
- Lefa was annoyed;
- The pizza had all her favourite toppings;
- Oscar likes chocolate;
- I have one goal:
- 2** Answers will vary. Possible answers:
- a** I wrote down a list of items I would need for the party: streamers, balloons, party poppers and paper plates.
 - b** My brother's birthday is in May; mine is in February.
 - c** It had begun to rain; droplets were appearing on the ground.
 - d** The ring was very valuable: it had a 10-carat sapphire surrounded by diamonds.
 - e** All my favourite artists were performing: Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith, Katy Perry and the Veronicas.
- 3**
- a** Maggie was losing weight; she had started going to the gym.
 - b** The party was excellent: all my friends were there, and the cake was enormous!
 - c** The weather here varies: some days it is sunny and other days it rains.
 - d** I own the following: a cat, a dog and a rabbit.
 - e** The weather was wild; trees bent in the wind and the streets were flooded.

Challenge Answers will vary.

PAGES 44–5 Dashes

Try these

- William Shakespeare (1564–1616) is considered one of the world's greatest playwrights.
- Guess who I just ran into – our old teacher, Mrs McKenzie.
- My horse – whose name is Geo – is seven years old.

- 1** **a, b and c**
- 2**
- a** Of course I'll tell you my secret – as long as you go first.
 - b** 'I just stood there looking like a fool – I had never been so embarrassed!'
 - c** And then I got a phone call with the good news – I had won the competition!
 - d** My best friends – Anna, Jaak, Naomi and Silas – were all going to be there.
- 3**
- a** The First World War spanned the years 1914–18. (Note: 1914–1918 is also acceptable.)
 - b** The best parts of this book are chapters 2–8.
 - c** Pages 19–25 are essential; also read pages 28–30.

Challenge Answers will vary. Sample answers:

Original sentences:

- My favourite food is tomatoes.
- Henry had a party for his birthday.
- I lost my bus pass.
- People sitting in rows E, F, G and H had the best view.
- It's important to brush your teeth daily.

Rewritten sentences:

- My favourite food is tomatoes – especially on pizza!
- Henry had a party – at the local laser tag place – for his birthday.
- I lost my bus pass – actually I lost my whole wallet.
- People sitting in rows E–H had the best view.
- It's important to brush your teeth – at least twice – daily.

PAGES 46–7 Plurals

Try this

- Humans and apes are closely related species. The professor was excited when she spotted a rare species of insect.

- 1**
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| a ditches | e counters |
| b hoaxes | f symphonies |
| c mosquitoes | g gases |
| d leaves | h potatoes |
- 2**
- a** men
 - b** feet
 - c** people
 - d** appendices (or appendixes)
 - e** mice
 - f** these
 - g** oxen
 - h** fungi (or funguses)
- 3** moose, spaghetti, tuna, bison
- 4** Answers will vary. Possible answers:
- a** We stopped at the crossroads. All the crossroads were blocked off.
 - b** The sheep was tame and affectionate. The sheep were frightened at the shearers' approach.
 - c** The piece of furniture was delivered later than expected. We put all the bedroom furniture into the hall so we could clean the carpets.
 - d** My favourite television series is Westpoint High. Piper enjoys reading various comic book series.
- 5** Answers will vary. Possible answers:
- a** We bought loaves of bread, some lettuce, butter and tomatoes to make sandwiches. [or lettuces]
 - b** Use the scissors to cut cloth for the trousers. [or the pairs of trousers]
 - c** The books contained appendixes and indexes. [or appendices and indices]

DAILY LANGUAGE PRACTICE BOOK 2 ANSWERS

DAY 1

- 1 Is having more money likely to make you happier? With more money, you are able to buy and do more things: you can afford that expensive car you want, or the holiday on the Isle of Capri you've always dreamed about. However, while this might make you happy for a short time, in the long run there is much more to happiness than material goods.
- 2
- a Their family donates almost \$100 000 a year to charity.
 - b Freda is a little busy at the moment. She is preparing for the concert tomorrow.
 - c How long has Sonia lived with Callum and Karleigh?
 - d What are the Simpson brothers doing over the holidays?

DAY 2

- 1
- a 'What were you doing at exactly ten o'clock last night?' asked the policeman.
 - b I dreamed of being rich when I was younger.
 - c I injured my foot while I was jogging yesterday.
 - d I was cleaning the bathroom when someone rang the doorbell.
- 2
- a Ralph has been under a lot of financial pressure since the business closed down.
 - b These vegetables look a little undercooked. I think they need more time in the oven.
 - c The Minuet and Trio in G Major is Mozart's first documented composition.
 - d Wayne is currently working on the English translation of a famous novel.

DAY 3

- 1
- a abbreviation
 - b gladiator
 - c rotation
 - d sentiment
 - e dormitory

- 2
- a The council is encouraging people to use fewer plastic bottles.
 - b We were running late for the concert. Luckily, there was little traffic on the road.
 - c I prefer the latter of the two options.
 - d Fewer people are joining mainstream political parties.

DAY 4

- 1 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**
- a Students spend a lot of time studying, but they like to have fun, too.
 - b I went to my local charity and donated clothes.
 - c Mandy adopted her son when he was ten years old.
 - d We promised not to laugh, but we couldn't help ourselves.
- 2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**
- a You can't pay using a credit card here. They only accept cash.
 - b My aunty prefers to make tea in the pot, rather than use a teabag.
 - c Climate change is causing sea levels to rise.
 - d Sunglasses protect your eyes from sunlight and glare.

DAY 5

- 1 ending global poverty and addressing inequality
- 2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:** urgent issues that need to be addressed to help other people
- 3 compound noun
- 4 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**
- a greater self-esteem
 - b a lower risk of depression