

Insight English Study Plans – Year 8

WEEK 9 ANSWERS

PRACTICE AND ACHIEVE BOOK 2 ANSWERS

2	custom-built	unwilling to be photographed
	ex-husband	man that someone used to be married to
	camera-shy	made to order
	self-pity	feeling sorry for oneself
	mayor-elect	everything paid for
	all-inclusive	the person selected to be the next mayor

- 3 Answers will vary. Possible answers:
- smart; The quick-thinking girl managed to put out the fire.
 - young-looking; The baby-faced boy was often mistaken for a younger child.
 - easily confused; The muddle-headed professor mixed up the experiment.
 - someone who owns part of something; The co-owner of the gym was a fitness instructor.
 - the position between seventy-fifth and seventy-seventh; I came seventy-sixth in the race.
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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.

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	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
- to show words have been missed out
 - to show pauses in speech
 - to show a speaker trailed off
 - to show words missed out
 - to show a pause in the action
- 3 Answers may vary. Possible answers:
- The house ... could be dangerous ... so it has to be demolished.
 - 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:
- Tim always got his own way. He was spoilt.
 - A paediatrician is a children's doctor. The paediatrician visited the ward.
 - The teacher is usually fair. She was being unfair on this occasion.
 - I'll bring in my excursion form tomorrow, if I remember. I probably won't remember.
- 4
- Tigers (with their excellent camouflage) are magnificent hunters.
 - My favourite day (apart from my birthday) is Christmas Day.
 - Algebra (maths with letters) is lots of fun.
 - 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;

Eden prefers potato chips.	
Lefa was annoyed:	to do well on my maths exam.
The pizza had all her favourite toppings:	I just wish it wasn't so expensive!
Oscar likes chocolate;	she had missed the train again.
I have one goal:	ham, cheese, pineapple and tomato.

2 Answers will vary. Possible answers:

- I wrote down a list of items I would need for the party: streamers, balloons, party poppers and paper plates.
 - My brother's birthday is in May; mine is in February.
 - It had begun to rain; droplets were appearing on the ground.
 - The ring was very valuable: it had a 10-carat sapphire surrounded by diamonds.
 - All my favourite artists were performing: Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith, Katy Perry and the Veronicas.
- 3
- Maggie was losing weight; she had started going to the gym.
 - The party was excellent: all my friends were there, and the cake was enormous!
 - The weather here varies: some days it is sunny and other days it rains.
 - I own the following: a cat, a dog and a rabbit.
 - 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
- Of course I'll tell you my secret – as long as you go first.
 - 'I just stood there looking like a fool – I had never been so embarrassed!'
 - And then I got a phone call with the good news – I had won the competition!
 - My best friends – Anna, Jaak, Naomi and Silas – were all going to be there.
- 3
- The First World War spanned the years 1914–18. (Note: 1914–1918 is also acceptable.)
 - The best parts of this book are chapters 2–8.
 - 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.

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| a ditches | e counters |
| b hoaxes | f symphonies |
| c mosquitoes | g gases |
| d leaves | h potatoes |

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- men
- feet
- people
- appendices (or appendixes)
- mice
- these
- oxen
- fungi (or funguses)

3 moose, spaghetti, tuna, bison

4 Answers will vary. Possible answers:

- We stopped at the crossroads. All the crossroads were blocked off.
 - The sheep was tame and affectionate. The sheep were frightened at the shearers' approach.
 - The piece of furniture was delivered later than expected. We put all the bedroom furniture into the hall so we could clean the carpets.
 - My favourite television series is Westpoint High. Piper enjoys reading various comic book series.
- 5 Answers will vary. Possible answers:
- We bought loaves of bread, some lettuce, butter and tomatoes to make sandwiches. [or lettuces]
 - Use the scissors to cut cloth for the trousers. [or the pairs of trousers]
 - The books contained appendixes and indexes. [or appendices and indices]

DAILY LANGUAGE PRACTICE BOOK 2 ANSWERS

DAY 1

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a blessing in disguise — doing something poorly in order to save time
no pain, no gain — my patience has run out
that's the last straw — a good thing that seemed bad at first
pull someone's leg — you have to work for what you want
cutting corners — to joke with someone

- 2
- a I offered to help him carry the couch; he didn't want any help.
 - b Kamal loves exercising outside, but I prefer to go to the gym.
 - c Pakistan declared independence in 1947, not long before Israel did the same.
 - d Let's order takeaway tonight; I don't have time to cook a proper meal.
 - e Diana is passionate about books; she wants to be an author one day.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a We heard a large thud.
- b The truck hit the car.
- c Cheese can contain bacteria.
- d Piper baked the cake.
- e My dad is building our house.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a You have to be responsible because you are in charge of the dogs.
- b I ran away when I saw a monster in the shadows.
- c Dimitri wanted to serve in the army but he was only fifteen.

DAY 3

1 (bankquet) (smoothe) (weyght) (caracter)

banquet, smooth, weight, character

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- a The clouds in the sky were like cotton wool.
 - b The classroom was buzzing like a beehive when we arrived.
 - c The dog's fur was as warm and comforting as a blanket.
 - d Brendon danced as if he were wading through jelly.
 - e The fireflies shone like stars as they flew past.

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a I don't feel like doing anything this afternoon. I'm exhausted.
- b We had to shout to make ourselves heard over the noise of the band.
- c Maxine used to be a student of mine. Now she's a practising doctor.
- d Are these your glasses here in my hand?

- 2
- a Be careful – these chemicals are highly toxic.
 - b The athlete's career was cut short by a serious injury.
 - c Dusty science books were stacked high in every corner.
 - d We left shortly after they did.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:
to make the experiment as clear and accessible as possible to readers

- 2 to add the water and stir in the baking soda
- 3 They will grow bigger.
- 4 Then conduct the experiment and watch what happens!