

WEEK 1 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

WHY EATING ORGANIC IS THE SMARTER CHOICE

I've always ~~considered~~ ^{considered} myself a healthy eater who cares about the ~~environment~~ ^{environment}, but it turns out there is a type of food that I've been sorely missing from my diet: organic. What is organic food, you ask? Well, the term 'organic' refers to the way agricultural products are grown and processed. Organic crops must be grown without the use of synthetic pesticides, while organic ~~livestock~~ ^{livestock} raised for ~~meat~~ ^{meat}, eggs and ~~dairy~~ ^{dairy} products must have access to the outdoors and not be given growth hormones. These ~~processes~~ ^{processes}, which reduce pollution and soil erosion and increase soil ~~fertility~~ ^{fertility}, mean that organic food is better for the environment. Given that it can be found in most supermarkets, organic food is a no-~~brainer~~ ^{brainer}!

Come back next week to read my post on the health benefits of organic food.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

A noun names a person, place or thing.		
<u>lake</u>	<u>house</u>	<u>book</u>
A pronoun takes the place of a noun.		
<u>she</u>	<u>it</u>	<u>they</u>
An adjective provides more information about a noun.		
<u>curious</u>	<u>exhausted</u>	<u>calm</u>
A verb identifies an action.		
<u>read</u>	<u>eat</u>	<u>search</u>
An adverb describes a verb, an adjective or an adverb.		
<u>happily</u>	<u>often</u>	<u>quickly</u>

DAY 3

THE REAL GAMER

There has been a lot of talk in the online gaming community lately about 'real gamers' – those who think that the games they play make them superior to others. Real gamers tend to enjoy role-playing games such as 'CourtFite' these types of games are held in high esteem because they require many hours of gameplay.

I agree that these games are often more gratifying than simple mobile-platform games however, this is just my personal opinion. It is not fair to suggest that gamers who enjoy a different style of gaming are inferior their tastes are simply different. The scorn directed towards players of the popular farm-themed phone game 'DaisySquash' is a classic example of this kind of gamer discrimination.

DAY 4

- a A blog (short for 'web log') is an online journal where a writer shares their views on a subject.
- b There are many reasons to start a blog; whatever the reason, it must appeal to a specific audience.
- c Unlike many websites, blogs require frequent updates. For example, a company might update its blog with industry news.
- d Successful blogs are those that have interested readers who comment on posts and share their opinions.
- e Blog topics are excitingly varied. You can find blogs on an endless number of topics, including food and gaming.

DAY 5

1

HOW TO TRAIN FOR A MARATHON

So, you want to run a marathon? For many ^{runners}runners, the desire to complete a forty-two-kilometre run is a personal challenge. [;]it is a chance for you to test your limits. Whatever your reason, you will need commitment and dedication to achieve this ^{goal}goal.

You should run consistently for at least a year before even contemplating running a marathon. [;]it is also a good idea to run a few shorter races in preparation. The key elements of marathon training include the following.

1. **Increase mileage.** Running three to five times per week [;]allows you to build your weekly mileage over time.
2. **Do regular long runs.** Completing at least one long run every seven to ten days [;]prepares your body for running long ^{distances}distances.
3. **Recover.** Maintaining normal levels of rest can help prevent ^{injuries}injuries.

2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

My favourite hobby: playing the piano

This hobby is interesting because learning new songs is fun and relaxing, and you can improve your music skills over time.

My blog will focus on teaching people how to play popular songs.

3 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

a My blog will be very popular because it will include sheet music.

b My blog will captivate many people.

c My blog can be described as educational.

d People will read the posts on my blog enthusiastically because they will be well written.

WEEK 2 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE BENEFITS OF OP-SHOPPING

For years I have shopped at highbrow stores, boutiques and fashion outlets. I believed that this set me apart. But, recently, a close friend of mine suggested I go to an op-shop, a charity store that sells new or used goods that have been donated for sale. I discovered that op-shopping is amazing; it has both personal and environmental benefits.

Not only is op-shopping a cheaper way to purchase clothes, but it is also a fun treasure-hunting expedition. It requires you to rummage through hundreds of unique items to find the one that fits your style; finding the perfect scarf or hat can give you a sense of accomplishment. And unlike traditional stores, op-shops encourage recycling; this helps to keep items out of landfill.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Pronoun	Verb	Adjective	Noun	Adverb
We	<u>eat</u>	delicious	<u>cookies</u>	hungrily.
I	jump	tall	<u>fences</u>	<u>regularly.</u>
He	builds	<u>sturdy</u>	tables	<u>occasionally.</u>
You	<u>read</u>	big	books	<u>attentively.</u>
<u>She</u>	<u>drives</u>	shiny	cars	<u>speedily.</u>
<u>They</u>	are	<u>terrible</u>	people	sometimes.
It	sniffs	<u>cool</u>	<u>air</u>	curiously.

DAY 3

TRICKS TO MASTER PUBLIC SPEAKING

I have given ~~hundred~~ ^{hundreds} of speeches in my career. There are a few ~~thing~~ ^{things} that I have learned along the way that will help you achieve ~~successes~~ ^{success} in any speech you give.

- 1 Project confidence.** Public speaking is all about confidence. You don't necessarily need to *be* confident; you just need to make your audience *believe* that you are.
- 2 Find a ~~style~~ ^{style} that works for you.** Different ~~event~~ ^{events} often require different ~~approach~~ ^{approaches}. While more formal events may call for a prepared speech, others can be more spontaneous and include humour.
- 3 Engage your audience.** No matter the type of speech you are giving, you must always make your audience feel as if you are speaking directly to them. Making eye contact is therefore vital to a successful ~~speeches~~ ^{speech}.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

A blogger is someone who runs a blog, using it as a platform to share their opinions on interesting topics for their target audience. Bloggers can write on lighthearted topics such as food or exercise, or they may choose to tackle more serious subjects such as climate change.

Bloggers who know how to promote themselves well can earn money with their blogs through a number of avenues. These include selling ad space on their blog, marketing digital products such as ebooks and charging membership fees for exclusive content.

DAY 5

1

LET'S MEDITATE

Meditation is a mental exercise that involves relaxation focus and awareness. During meditation, which is usually done in a seated position with your ^{eyes} ~~eye~~ closed, you think about something very carefully and deeply. There are many scientifically proven ^{benefits} ~~benefit~~ of meditation. These include reducing the likelihood of depression, ^{reducing} stress and relieving headaches.

Learning to meditate is a skill like any other it requires consistent practice. Before beginning, you should try to enter a state of calm by relaxing your ^{body} ~~bodies~~ and breath. During meditation, it is important to not feel bad about getting distracted ^{it} happens to everyone. After each practice, you should aim to write ^{notes} ~~note~~ in your journal.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Title of blog post: How to sightread

Sightreading is playing a piece as you read it off the sheet music for the first time. Sightreading can be a handy skill for pianists. If you can sightread, you can play new songs at once by simply playing as you read, rather than spending hours learning them. However, sightreading can be difficult to master. My best advice is to practise. Start with easy songs and work your way up. Before you know it, you will be a sightreading expert!

WEEK 3 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

MEGA-SHARK TEETH FOUND

Teacher and amateur scientist ^PPhilip Mullaly was walking on the beach at Jan Juc in ^VVictoria when he noticed a glint in the ^Ssand. Looking more closely, he saw a complete set of fossilised giant teeth. Each tooth was seven ^Ccentimetres long.

It turned out that the teeth belonged to a rare species of shark that lived in the oceans nearby twenty-five ^mmillion years ago.

This rare species of shark grew up to nine metres long, about twice the size of a great white shark. ^IIts diet included small ^Wwhales.

This set of teeth is one of only three complete sets in the world. ^MMr Mullaly donated the teeth to Museums Victoria.

DAY 2

- a Many fossils have been discovered along the Victorian coast.
- b Rare species of shark extinct
- c bite more powerful than a Tyrannosaurus rex
- d Extreme fear of sharks is called galeophobia.

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- b A rare species of shark recently became extinct.
- c It had a bite more powerful than a Tyrannosaurus rex.

DAY 3

BRI'S GREAT ESCAPE

Last Saturday, thirty-seven-year-old Bri Sutton ^{arrived} ~~will arrive~~ at her local beach in the early hours of the morning, intending to ^{go} ~~went~~ for her usual morning surf. Instead, she ^{found} ~~finds~~ herself face to face with a shark – and not just any shark, but a great white.

'I'd just ^{come} ~~coming~~ off my board when I saw it,' Bri recounted. 'My first reaction was to panic, but I somehow ^{managed} ~~will manage~~ to get the board between me and its massive jaws. I guess I was lucky – that seemed enough to scare it off.'

Bri claims that, despite being shaken, she plans to ^{continue} ~~continued~~ surfing at the beach.

The shark's whereabouts is unknown, and it could not be ^{reached} ~~reach~~ for comment.

DAY 4

- 1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Bri escapes from a great white.

- 2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Local shark attack

- 3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

A great white shark attacks a surfer at the local beach.

- 4 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Bri startled the shark with her surfboard.
b The formidable shark eyed Bri ravenously.

DAY 5

1

'JUST MISUNDERSTOOD' SAYS SHARK EXPERT

Renowned conservationist ^A Adam Bower ^{claims} ~~will claim~~ that sharks are ^m 'misunderstood' by many people. He was responding to calls from some members of the public to exterminate sharks to protect beach-goers.

Bower suggests that most species of shark are not naturally aggressive, and that ^p people are less concerned about protecting them due to the way they ^{look} ~~looking~~.

'I think a lot of it is because of misinformation,' Bower said. 'If people worked with sharks and knew them like ^I do, I think they'd see they're not so vicious. Their appearance does them no favours but they ^{are} ~~were~~ really quite lovely.'

Bower wants people to ^{take} ~~took~~ the conservation of sharks more seriously.

- 2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

MISSING BISCUITS MYSTERY

Tensions were high in the Murphy residence on Sunday night, when a recently purchased box of chocolate-chip biscuits was declared missing.

'It was Anna, I'm sure of it,' local thirteen-year-old Sophia said of her sibling. 'She always does stuff like this. She's so annoying!'

Responding to the accusation, Anna described Sophia's comments as 'uncalled for', before suggesting that Sophia had made the claim to distract others from the fact that she hadn't seemed as hungry as usual that evening. More to come.

WEEK 4 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

SCARED TO BE LONELY

A recent study has ~~find~~^{found} that people are more afraid of being friendless than of being attacked by a shark or a bear. According to the study, respondents have become so fearful of loneliness that they ~~spending~~^{spend} time with people they don't actually like, talk on the phone for hours to fill the silence and ~~left~~^{leave} their television on all day so that it seems as though other people ~~will be~~^{are} in the room with them.

Researchers ~~suggesting~~^{suggest} that fear of loneliness ~~stems~~^{stems} from people's desire to fill their lives with connections that make them happy. Connection to friends and family is known to be the number-one cause of happiness, and it is important that people take time to focus on ~~nurtured~~^{nurturing} these relationships.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The silver Lamborghini swerved recklessly into the oncoming traffic.
- b Greg furtively hid the glittering stone in his pocket.
- c Mara stormed to the police station to report the irritating incident.
- d Our gloomy Legal Studies teacher explained how innocent people can sometimes end up in jail.
- e The judge sentenced Karen to 300 hours of community service.

DAY 3

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANOURS

In regard to the study published in your ~~news paper~~^{newspaper} the other day on morality, I'd like to say that research and statistics are all very well, but real life is not so ~~clear cut~~^{clear-cut}. I have recent experience of ~~ever-increasing~~^{ever-increasing} crime rates. Last week, my ~~home work~~^{homework} went missing, presumed stolen. On Saturday, two-thirds of my sandwich just vanished when I turned my back for a second. And yesterday, I found one of my new ~~foot ball~~^{football} boots had been completely destroyed – vandalised by an ~~un-known~~^{unknown} attacker.

This '~~peer-reviewed~~^{peer-reviewed} study' is not much comfort when I am clearly being targeted by some sort of ~~quick thinking~~^{quick-thinking} criminal mastermind. I can only be ~~thank ful~~^{thankful} that at least I have my new puppy, Goliath, to provide me with some protection.

Angry Arnold, Altona

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Police officers see the crime as it is occurring.
- b Criminals question suspects and witnesses.
- c Victims decide how a criminal will be punished.
- d Witnesses are held in jail.
- e Judges commit crimes.
- f Lawyers suffer from the actions of the criminal.
- g Prisoners represent their clients in court.

DAY 5

1

NO SUCH THING AS A 'BAD GUY'?

Human nature, particularly whether people are naturally inclined to be good or bad, has been a topic of debate for a long time. ~~Did~~ we all secretly want to steal and cheat, but are stopped by the fear of punishment? Or would most of us do the right thing even if we thought ~~no-one~~ ^{no-one} could see us?

Well, the results ~~were~~ ^{are} in. People are fundamentally good. At least, that's what a recent study by Wynden University suggests. The study found that people are more likely to return a lost wallet if it ~~will contain~~ ^{contains} money.

This doesn't mean that people are ~~in-capable~~ ^{incapable} of immoral behaviour – far from it. But it does suggest that perhaps criminals are not 'bad', but instead basically ~~good people~~ ^{good people} who ~~making~~ ^{make} poor decisions.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Human nature is fundamentally good.

One reason I believe this is because most people do not commit crimes or hurt others, and people who do often feel guilty about it afterwards.

Evidence for this is the fact that most people have never broken the law or been sent to jail.

If humans are basically good, the best way to deal with people who break the law is to help them with a rehabilitation program, which can teach them to learn from their mistakes and contribute more productively to society.

WEEK 5 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

HAUNTED HOUSE GENERATOR

Everyone loves a good dinner party – nice music, good food and ~~great~~ ^{great} company, all in the comfort of your own home. But as the night drags on, you might start to ~~wonder~~ ^{wonder} ... when are your friends going to leave?

Haunted House Generator is the perfect solution to deal with those guests who just won't take a hint. The Leave-My-House spook pack comes assembled with our best-selling surround-sound system to broadcast the anguished cries of the living dead, along with holograms of ~~vengful~~ ^{vengful} ghosts. Need a little more? For the larger home or ~~mansion~~ ^{mansion}, upgrade to the Cursed Castle pack, with its selection of grotesque gargoyles and creepy death masks to ~~intimidate~~ ^{intimidate} your friends and restore peace to your home. ~~Maintain~~ ^{Maintain} your social life – on your terms!

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

A simple sentence contains a subject and a verb, and expresses one idea.
e.g. Elaine entered the haunted house.
<u>Juan played soccer.</u>
A compound sentence contains two or more linked main clauses, joined by a conjunction.
e.g. Elaine entered the haunted house because she was adventurous.
<u>Juan played soccer but he preferred basketball.</u>
A complex sentence consists of a main clause and a subordinate clause.
e.g. Holding herself steady, Elaine entered the haunted house.
<u>Ignoring his homework, Juan played soccer.</u>

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

UNISIM

Have you ever wanted to be someone else? Maybe even *something* else? Well, with UniSim by MythTech, you

~~Using brain modification technology, MythTech's unicorn simulator lets you experience the world exactly as can!~~ ~~MythTech's unicorn simulator uses brain modification technology. It lets you experience the world exactly~~

~~you would if you were a unicorn.~~

~~as you would if you were a unicorn.~~ The specially designed virtual-reality headset comes fully equipped with

~~After attaching the biopatches to your temple, adjust the simulation helmet until it's~~ ~~mind-altering biopatches. Simply attach the biopatches to your temple. Then adjust the simulation helmet until~~

~~sitting comfortably on your shoulders.~~

~~it's sitting comfortably on your shoulders.~~ Within seconds you will feel like a real unicorn!

~~Side effects include dizziness and loss of identity, as well as an increased appetite for hay.~~

* ~~Side effects include dizziness and loss of identity. They also include an increased appetite for hay.~~

DAY 4

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a My brother wants to try UniSim but he can't afford it.
- b Adrienne used UniSim yesterday and she felt really hungry for hay afterwards.
- c I'd never thought about being a unicorn but it sounds like fun.

② Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Even though UniSim seems really cool, I would be scared of being stuck as a unicorn.
- b While UniSim only lets you experience life as a unicorn, there are plans to expand the range to other creatures.

DAY 5

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

HAPPY HYPNOSIS

Do you ever lie in bed, trying to get some well-~~ermed~~^{earned} rest, when suddenly your brain starts powering at full

speed? ~~Are you sick of 'zombie-ing' your way through the day? Are you unable to fall asleep at night?~~
Are you sick of 'zombie-ing' your way through the day and then being unable to fall asleep at night?

Happy Hypnosis is here to help. An app developed by trained sleep psychologists, Happy Hypnosis contains hundreds of ~~hipnotic~~^{hypnotic} recordings. ~~These recordings transform the deeper neural networks of your brain. This will allow you to wake to an inner peace like you've never known before.~~
These recordings transform the deeper neural networks of your brain, allowing you to wake to an inner peace like you've never known before.

Sleep your way to a better tomorrow with Happy Hypnosis.

② Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Simple sentence: The Invisibility Cloak is incredibly useful.

Compound sentence: The Invisibility Cloak will be expensive, but the benefits make the cost worth it.

Complex sentence: Developed using the secrets of alchemy, the Invisibility Cloak can be used to sneak around without anybody seeing you.

WEEK 6 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ROBOPET

Any pet owner will know that there is nothing quite like the joy of a human-pet relationship. Is there anything better than a cuddle with your pet when you're feeling down?

But do you ever wonder about who's missing out?

We'd like to introduce you to RoboPet. RoboPet makes pets for your pets! It's the all-new robotic answer to staving off pet loneliness. Enrich your pet's life by getting them a pet of their own. Are your goldfish bored? Install a RoboFish for them to watch from their tank! Is curiosity killing your cats? Buy them hours of entertainment with a RoboCat!

DAY 2

- a Compound
- b Complex
- c Complex
- d Compound

DAY 3

TRANSIENT TEE

We at FashionMorph understand the importance of expressing yourself through clothing. We also understand that your interests will change over time and that the effort of keeping your clothing relevant can be wasteful, as well as costly.

That's why we're proud to launch Transient Tee! Got a favourite muscle tee with a humiliatingly outdated logo? Don't want to lose your comfy V-neck, but embarrassed by the TV-show graphic covering the front? Alter your T-shirt designs at whim with Transient Tee. All you need to do is sync our high-quality metamorphic T-shirt with the FashionMorph app. Then you can download whatever image, logo or pattern you like, straight onto the tee! Changed your mind? Clear it and start again!

Reflect your true self with Transient Tee. You'll never buy another T-shirt again!

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Regardless of the image, logo or pattern chosen, anyone who wears a Transient Tee will become instantly popular.
- b A Transient Tee will save you money in the long run because you won't have to keep buying new T-shirts.
- c With its low cost and huge variety of design options, there are many advantages to owning a Transient Tee.

DAY 5

1

GALACTIC TRADE

Here at Galactic Trade we offer a variety of undiscovered planets for sale.

Galactic planets are specifically chosen by our team of astronomical experts to ensure you'll be viewing a range of the highest-quality planets in the universe. There's no need for more endless sifting through barren, rocky planetoids and burnt-out stars. Filter your selection through our Galaxy-class search system and let us do the work! From expansive gas giants to lush terrestrial plains, we'll find the planet that best fits you.

Think quality, think Galactic. We can start you on your new journey today.

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Are you sick of rumours and gossip? Want to set the record straight? With HearRings, you can! HearRings are a new and innovative development in the jewellery industry and they're taking the fashion spyware market by storm. Combining fashion with function, HearRings create a recording of everything you hear, which you can later upload onto your computer. No more lies! Keep documented proof of all your conversations with HearRings.

WEEK 7 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

BREAKFAST

Broken ^{yolks} ~~yolk~~ fry slowly in the pan and
Raisin ^{toast} ~~toasts~~ pops up with burned edges and
Empty juice containers sit lonely in the fridge and
All of last night's ^{dishes} ~~dish~~ are crusty with food and
Kitchen ^{chairs} ~~chair~~ are squeaking across the floor but
Freshly brewed tea is being poured into mugs and
Adventurous ^{lorikeets} ~~lorikeet~~ are flying past the window and
Soft family chatter is filling the room and
Table-talk turns to the possibilities of the day ahead.

DAY 2

Beef ribs have been smothered in dry-rub spices,
Apples have been expertly sliced for the pork-belly dish,
Red cabbage is ready to be tossed in the tangy dressing,
Basil from the garden has been washed for the tomatoes.
Everyone in the house has been clamouring for food all day.
Carrying the trays of meat, I call out 'dinner will be ready soon!'
Under the lid, the grill looks perfect and primed,
Except that I can't get the charcoal to light.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

ICELANDIC SEA MONSTER

The captain so smug as he steered to the sun.	'Get in,' said the captain, showing us the skiff
The ^{frigid} cold air gnawed at my nose.	We'd be using to fight for our lives.
He told us the number of days – thirty-one –	They lowered us down, and we sat tall as if
Since the Hafgufa came out and rose.	We'd forgotten that no-one survives.
My cousin and I were tied fast to the mast,	Our boat moved away from the ^{ghastly} scary ship
With ^{harsh} thick ropes that chafed at our wrists.	A ^{wild} strong whirlpool started to spin.
We knew that our lives wouldn't last	Our hands held on tight with a ^{desperate} hard grip
If we saw the ^{vast} huge beast of the mist.	As we waited for death to begin.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Yuichi walked cautiously under the trees

His father not too far behind.

Pink blossoms danced about in the breeze

But his future was fresh in his mind

And his heart was churning with unease.

Would his father choose to be kind?

His father caught up; Yuichi's moment arose:

'There's something that I need to say.'

But his father just smiled and dusted his clothes.

'There's a letter you've hidden away,

And I know it's art school you chose.

But I want you to know it's okay.'

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

GLORY

You've always been scared to dance your way into the ~~spotlights~~ ^{spotlight},

but today is the day.

Today is the day to ignore those ~~silly rule~~ ^{ridiculous rules}.

Masked faces watch you,

Cool just keeps getting cooler.

But the best ~~gift~~ ^{gifts} don't always come wrapped.

It's your turn to discover the world is your runway.

Make a ~~valid~~ ^{meaningful} difference.

Behold the ~~awesome~~ ^{incredible} magic ... you've had it all along.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

When the nights are long and the chill

Inches its way through your house

Notice how different the world looks,

Thoughtful and melancholy with its

Endless rain, while it waits for the

Return of spring.

WEEK 8 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

MIDNIGHT SHADOW

What would you do for long-lasting love?

When Domenica ~~unenthusiastically~~ ^{gloomily} moves to the boring town of Charman Falls, all she wants to do is graduate from school and go back home. But when she meets the alluring Spencer Li, she suddenly realises that the small town is not quite as it seems ... and that acting ~~nicely~~ ^{kindheartedly} to everyone won't always make you happy.

Monica Chan's gripping debut novel presents a world of ~~bad~~ ^{treacherous} secrets and forgotten magic. Brimming with mystery and romance, the novel's ~~good~~ ^{excellent} prose and surprising twists will draw readers in and leave them hungry for more.

DAY 2

1

Negative	Neutral	Positive
<u>sarcastic</u>	<u>serious</u>	<u>cheerful</u>
<u>disgusted</u>	<u>reflective</u>	<u>pleased</u>
<u>arrogant</u>	<u>questioning</u>	<u>encouraging</u>

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Approving: I loved reading *The Poisoned Wattle* because it is such a fun and intriguing mystery.

Critical: *How to Watch an Infomercial* was so boring I couldn't finish it.

DAY 3

BOLD REIMAGINING OF AN OLD CLASSIC

When ^I first heard that the Lake ^T theatre Company was doing a production of Art Levin's infamous play ^R *Rosaline's Sorrow*, I was a little ^a apprehensive. My fears were eased, however, the moment I heard the first chords.

^W While the decision to change the original operatic songs into death-metal covers was surprising, I felt it helped to bring the ^p protagonist's anguish to life, and gave the play a certain modern quality. The ^s set and costume design were terrific, lending the play an air of authenticity.

My only complaint was that a couple of the ^a actors appeared to be not entirely familiar with their lines, but it is hard to be critical of such an ambitious work. I could not recommend this play more. Five stars!

WEEK 9 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

SUMMER

Crystal swung her ~~old-fashioned~~ ^{old-fashioned} fishing spear across the front porch and pointed it at Marco. 'Stick 'em up!'

If there was ever a time Marco resented his ~~wild sister~~ ^{wild sister}, it was now. They'd come to the beach house early to set up for the annual ~~weekend-long~~ ^{weekend-long} family trip – a decision he was quickly coming to regret.

'The fridge is empty,' he said, exasperated. 'The beds aren't made. All you've done since we got here is play with that fishing toy.'

Crystal brandished the spear.

'Hello?' A girl with bright blonde hair [,] stood at the fence, watching them with a smile. 'I'm Summer, your new neighbour.'

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- While playing hide and seek with my sister, I see a rat. I try to step on it, but stop when I hear my sister's voice coming from the rat.
- My friends and I are sitting at our desks, ready for class, when our teacher walks into the room as usual – except this time, when she stands in front of the whiteboard, her eyes are laser-red and her teeth are pointy and metallic.
- I'm on a school excursion to the bush. As I'm getting ready to board the bus to go home, my arch nemesis trips me and I fall over, grabbing his bag and knocking him down too. We start to fight, when suddenly we realise the bus has left.

DAY 3

FROM THE ASHES

Ioke was shaking. Though she was only halfway up the cliff, the climb ~~was~~ ^{had} exhausted her. The black rocks ~~felt~~ ^{felt} fragile. She expected to fall at any second.

Ioke had run across the island, following a swift red spot in the sky. Her grandmother had told her stories about magical creatures wandering to their island by mistake, but she had never ~~saw~~ ^{seen} one for herself.

'Ouch!' Ioke ~~will say~~ ^{said} as her leg scraped the rough volcanic stones. She mistakenly ~~looks~~ ^{looked} down, and her stomach dropped, but her curiosity drove her on, and she ~~keeps~~ ^{kept} reaching for the top. With great effort, she pulled herself up over the edge, and finally ~~finds~~ ^{found} the red creature: a beautiful, vibrant phoenix, waiting to die in its nest.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a What if Leilani discovered that her attic is home to a secret community of fairies?
- b What if a group of nearby lemonade sellers tried to sabotage Manuel's stand?
- c What if a student in detention saw the principal stealing money from one of the stalls?
- d What if Paulo was secretly planning a prank on Lydie but she realised this and said no to him?

DAY 5

1

AWAKENING

The sun was beating down hard. Mary ~~sits~~^{sat} cross-legged in her backyard, surrounded by weeds so overgrown that they could double as Amazonian tree ferns. Mary's mother had told her daughter that she ~~will~~^{would} receive no more allowance until she pulled out all of the weeds, which Mary found quite unfair. It would take her several ~~week-ends~~^{weekends} to clear out all these weeds.

Mary crawled through the jungle of weeds, ~~pulls~~^{pulling} them out one at a time. After a few minutes of hard work (and angry mumbling), she had to take a break. It was in this moment, among the bric-a-brac of potted plants and garden gnomes, that she discovered a golden lamp.

She picked it up and rubbed it gently. A whirring noise, ~~erupted~~^{erupted} filled the backyard as a ~~giant golden~~^{giant golden} genie ~~erupting~~^{erupted} from the lamp.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Lydie looked up. Paulo was approaching her from across the school quadrangle, looking as nervous as she'd ever seen him. His hands twitched restlessly at his sides, and sweat was beading on his upper lip.

'I was j-just wondering,' he stuttered, 'if you wanted to go to the dance this year? With me?'

The dance! Lydie had been planning for the end-of-year dance for months. There were some ... unfortunate behavioural records in the principal's office that could seriously jeopardise her plans to get into her dream university. The dance was the perfect cover to sneak into the office and destroy them. She looked at Paulo thoughtfully. The only question was whether he would help or hinder her.

WEEK 10 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ALL ABOARD

Leonor wakes to the sound of shouting. Panicking, she jumps out of bed and races outside the small Portuguese fishing village she has lived in since childhood is in chaos.

LEONOR: What happened, Mother?

ANA: Pirates came! We've lost everything.

In the distance, a pirate ship sails away across the vast ocean.

LEONOR: I'll go to Lisbon and get on a ship, then I'll find them and get it all back.

ANA: That's far too dangerous! You're only a child.

LEONOR: I'm fifteen. I'm old enough to help our family. Plus, it's time someone stood up to those foul pirates.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

	ALL ABOARD	YOUR STORY
Orientation	Pirates raid the village and steal everything belonging to Leonor's family. Leonor decides to go after them.	Manuel sets up a lemonade stall beneath an orange tree. A nearby stallholder notices.
Rising action	Leonor stows away on a ship. The captain discovers her but allows her to stay because they are already far out at sea.	The nearby stallholder gets annoyed about losing customers and steals Manuel's lemons.
Climax	Leonor spots the ship carrying the pirates who stole her family's possessions. The two crews clash in a fierce battle.	Manuel realises he has no more lemons to make lemonade.
Resolution	Leonor outsmarts the pirates and recovers her family's belongings. She wonders what other great adventures await her.	Manuel realises he can use the oranges from the orange tree, and starts selling orange juice instead. It's a hit!

DAY 3

I'M A CELEBRITY

Eric Knightling loved handwritten fan mail; it was much more sincere than the comments fans left for other celebrities on social media. Not that he received much of either, now that his show, *Curtain of Time*, had been cancelled.

So, when a glittery handmade card dropped through the slot in his front door, Eric was instantly excited. He ripped open the letter and read the message scrawled in gold and silver ink.

OMG! Hi, Eric! We can't believe we finally found you. We're your biggest fans! It would mean so much to us if you came to our sister's birthday party this Saturday.

Yours truly, Kay and Mia.

'Well,' he said to himself, 'it sounds like I'm going to a party.'

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

SCENARIO	RISING ACTION
Leilani discovers a secret community of fairies in her attic.	<u>The fairies are evil and try to banish Leilani to a different dimension where there are no mobile phones or social media.</u>
Manuel and his friend Igor have a competition to see who can earn the most money from selling lemonade.	<u>Manuel is winning, so Igor decides to put cordial in Manuel's lemonade mixture to make people stop buying his lemonade.</u>
Principal McPhee attends the school fair and announces that all students must perform a song for the audience.	<u>A group of students band together in protest, arguing that Principal McPhee should only ask students to perform if he is willing to perform himself.</u>
Paulo asks Lydie to the school dance but she has already said yes to someone else.	<u>Lydie says yes to Paulo anyway, because she likes Paulo more. She plans to tell her other date but can't bring herself to. She starts to panic as the day of the dance looms closer.</u>

DAY 5

1

THE GREAT WALL

Li Jun grunted as he lifted the oat-coloured bricks from the cart to the foot of the wall. He dropped the bricks with a thud onto the soft earth and stood back, admiring his handiwork. The project was really coming together. He was sure it would be a great wall one day.

As he placed the new bricks onto the growing wall, he could hear his fellow workers gossiping quietly under their breath, their voices carried by the wind. Li didn't like distractions; he was totally committed to the task Emperor Yong had assigned him.

Li Jun was so focused on his work that he did not hear the barbarian sneak up behind him.

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Manuel placed another plastic cup full of lemonade on the counter. 'Just two dollars, please,' he said.

His customer smiled, handed Manuel a coin and took a swig from the cup. 'That's the stuff,' she said. 'Young man, you certainly know how to make good lemonade!'

Manuel smiled. Day one as a lemonade seller had gone much better than he'd expected – customers really seemed to like his concoction.

A rustling sound from the bushes nearby caught his attention. Manuel's head snapped around and he saw a small, mousy-looking boy bolting away from the stand.

Manuel frowned. *What was that about?*

WEEK 11 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

SUMMER

After Summer left, Marco went to buy the ~~groceries~~^{groceries}. Crystal had gone off with her fishing spear, clearly not interested in helping.

It didn't take long ~~to~~^{to} reach the trail leading to town. Away from the main road, Marco could see ~~brite~~^{bright} blue flashes of ocean between the thin trees lining the trail. The ~~site~~^{sight} of the ocean always made him feel at ease.

Sometimes things at home could get so crazy, especially with Crystal being the way she was. But the ocean reminded Marco of days at the beach with his friends, or ~~swimming~~^{swimming} by himself in the calmness of the ~~gentel~~^{gentle} waves.

'Marco?' Summer stood unobtrusively by one of the trees, hair dripping as though she'd just come out of the water.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

NAME: Natalie

AGE: 16

HOME TOWN: Leeds, England

PERSONALITY TRAITS: intelligent, ambitious

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS: She once built laser eyes, as well as a robopet, for her twin sister.

DREAMS & FEARS: Her dreams include creating the ultimate robot, and her fears include people using her inventions for evil.

DAY 3

FROM THE ASHES

The smell of fish ~~were~~^{was} wafting down the dirt road as Ioke made her way home. Two dogs ran by her, and she could hear a rooster ~~crow~~^{crow} nearby. Ioke looked down at her hands and knees. They ~~was~~^{were} bleeding slightly from her climb. Someone would notice as soon as she walked in the door, and then the whole family would be asking questions, demanding answers. The tears of a phoenix ~~has~~^{have} healing powers, but would anyone believe her?

Ioke walked slowly up the front steps to her house. Through the open window, she could hear the clattering of pans in the kitchen, and her brother ~~were~~^{was} arguing with their mother. Maybe keeping the phoenix a secret was best for everyone.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Natalie programs robotic pigeons to fly around and search for the missing person from above.
- b She sends her robotic clone in her place because she doesn't like giving speeches and knows that no-one will be able to tell the difference.
- c She goes inside cautiously and looks for any spare parts she can use to build another robot.

DAY 5

1

AWAKENING

Mary couldn't believe her eyes. A real-life genie ^{was} ~~were~~ floating before her. His body was ^{translucent} ~~translucent~~, and he had silver-grey hair that sat atop his head like a ^{glittery} ~~glittery~~ mop.

'What are you?' Mary stuttered.

'Why, I ^{am} ~~are~~ a genie, of course,' replied the genie. 'I thought the lamp made that rather obvious. Anyway, I ^{am} ~~is~~ here to grant you any wish you desire.'

'I ^{do} ~~does~~ not need a genie or any wishes, thank you. My life is perfect as it is.'

'No-one's life is perfect,' the genie said ^{knowingly} ~~noingly~~. 'Be honest with me.'

Mary thought for a ^{while} ~~while~~. There was only one thing that she truly wanted. Something she had wanted her whole life, but never had: a best friend.

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Natalie lifted a hand and nudged the enormous, ancient doors, the rotten wood of the porch creaking threateningly beneath her feet. The doors swung open invitingly at her touch.

The mansion had clearly once been beautiful, but now everything was covered in a thick layer of dust and mould. Cobwebs hung thickly from the high ceilings, but it seemed safe enough to enter. Natalie let out a slow breath. A place like this, abandoned and untouched, could be a goldmine for materials she could use back at the lab, but she needed to be careful. It was just too convenient. There was only one person in the world who would set up something like this to trap her – and Natalie had no intention of meeting her sister anytime soon.

WEEK 12 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ALL ABOARD

Leonor breathes in the salty air as she soaks in the ~~vibrant~~, bustling ~~atmosphere~~ of one of Portugal's great cities.

LEONOR: I can't believe it! I've dreamed for so long of travelling to Lisbon, and now I'm finally here.

Determination etched on her face, Leonor makes her way to the port, which is full of ships.

LEONOR: I need to find a ship to help me track down those pirates. But it won't be ~~easy~~. ~~Successful~~ sea captains don't usually let strange kids aboard.

Leonor looks out to the sea, which sparkles like a ~~jewel~~. She spots the opportunity she's been looking for: a ship whose crew is ~~nowhere~~ ~~nowhere~~ in sight.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

STORY IDEA	POTENTIAL SETTING
Paula plans to steal jewels from the royal family of Spain and sell them to the highest bidder.	The ivory castle was spellbinding, its spires glimmering like shards of crystal in the moonlight. The rooms inside were equally mesmerising, but none more so than the jewel room, which glittered like the stars in the sky above.
Sergio goes snorkelling at the Great Barrier Reef, trying to discover a new species of coral.	The layers of brightly coloured coral waved gently as shoals of tiny fish darted back and forth. The sun cast dappled shadows beneath them, adding to the sense of constant movement. A turtle drifted past, serenely ignoring the vibrancy of the sea life around him.
Imelda rushes her brother to the hospital after he falls off his bicycle.	The emergency room was a brightly lit mess of orderly chaos. Exhausted-looking patients in varying states of ill health sat anxiously in neatly arranged plastic seats. Past the waiting area, Imelda could hear doctors and nurses speaking urgently over the steady hum of medical equipment.
Khanh is offered an internship at the most famous restaurant in Beijing and must prove his worth to the other chefs.	Rows of chefs were stirring pots or shaking woks over fires, while others hunched over benches, chopping at ingredients so quickly their hands were a blur. Waiters bustled in and out, carrying the most beautiful dishes Khanh had ever seen.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

I'M A CELEBRITY

Eric spent three hours selecting a ~~good~~ ~~good~~ outfit. He finally settled on his second-best blue blazer and the most expensive pair of ~~nice~~ ~~nice~~ jeans that he owned.

When he reached the address on the invitation, he expected to see a ~~big~~ ~~big~~ mansion. Or really, any type of mansion. Instead, he was on the lawn of a very ~~normal~~ ~~normal~~ house. There was a ~~hard~~ ~~hard~~ driveway and a faded yellow door, and Eric swore he could hear cows mooing in the distance.

Someone inside the ~~dull~~ ~~dull~~ house screamed, and suddenly a swarm of ~~loud~~ ~~loud~~ teenagers was coming through the yellow door. Eric struck his best pose, but when he looked at the crowd, no-one was smiling.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

SETTING	PLOT
A fancy boarding school in another country	<u>A young girl from rural Queensland is accepted into a prestigious boarding school in Cambridge, England. All the other students there mock her because she has a strange accent. She wins them over by playing the didgeridoo at the school talent show.</u>
A shopping centre after closing hours	<u>A boy falls asleep while waiting for his friends at the shopping centre. When he wakes, the shopping centre is closed. He sees a group of robbers sneaking around. Using materials from rubbish bins, he manages to entrap the robbers and stop them from leaving until security arrives the next morning.</u>
A family home in the countryside	<u>A girl staying alone in a country cottage hears strange, frightening noises at night. The next day, she makes a net booby trap and hangs it in a tree near her bedroom window. That night when she hears the noises, she looks out to see that she has captured the local real estate agent! He'd been trying to scare her so she'd convince her parents to sell the house.</u>
A marketplace on an alien planet	<u>Xula, a young Saturnian, has always wanted a telescope, but her family thinks astronomy is a waste of time. During a trip to the marketplace, Xula is caught trying to steal a telescope. Impressed with her knowledge of astronomy, the owner lets her pay for her crime by working at his stall, where she can use telescopes as much as she wants.</u>

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE GREAT WALL

The barbarian wrestled Li Jun to the ground. Li struggled, ~~flailing~~ ^{flailing} his arms wildly in an attempt to disrupt his ~~captor~~ ^{captor}. But it was futile.

Then he remembered something his ~~brainy~~ ^{wise} father had once told him: *there is much power in stillness.* He stayed completely still. The barbarian thought he had won the ~~battle~~ ^{battle} and loosened his grip. It was in that moment that Li pounced. He pushed his head back, throwing the ~~spooked~~ ^{startled} barbarian off him.

Li stood up and looked at the barbarian. 'You may have slain my father, but I won't let you barbarians harm any more of my people.'

With that ~~scary~~ ^{terrifying} warning ringing in his ears, the barbarian fled.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Character from one story: Romeo from *Romeo and Juliet*

Setting from another story: The Transylvanian castle in *Dracula*

'Juliet, oh my sweet Juliet,' Romeo moaned. 'How I miss you so. Our families will never let us be together, now that I am a vampire.'

Romeo stared morosely at his dinner in the elegant, if old-fashioned, dining hall. Ancient stone walls rose on either side of him, and the ceiling was so high that all he could see was shadows and cobwebs drifting above. In any other circumstances, he might have appreciated the architecture.

Dracula, sitting opposite him at the enormous dining table, looked at his friend. 'I'm sure she won't mind that you're a vampire,' he offered in his thick accent. 'Lots of girls like vampires these days.'

WEEK 13 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

SUMMER

✓ Hey, Summer! Marco walked over to her, feeling awkward.

✓ 'The water is so lovely, Summer said. ✓ Come for a swim?'

✓ 'Heading into town. I should ...' He hesitated. The water really did look inviting in the day's heat. 'Maybe a quick one, just to cool off. ✓

✓ She beamed, then rushed down towards the beach. Marco trailed behind. By the time he reached the sand, only her head was visible above the water. ✓

Marco kicked off his shoes and waded knee-deep into the ocean, sighing at the touch of the cool waves.

✓ Summer?'

She turned back and smiled, revealing a long row of sharply pointed teeth.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The second line best reflects Marco's character because it is closer to something that a young person would say.
- b The first line best reflects Summer's character because it is casual, whereas 'quite impeccable' is a bit formal and out of place in this situation.

DAY 3

FROM THE ASHES

'I thought I might find you out here.'

loke ^{looked} ~~will look~~ up from feeding the chickens. Her grandmother was hobbling out of the house towards her.

'You ^{were} ~~are~~ quiet during dinner,' she said.

loke nodded, throwing a handful of corn. 'Just tired, that's all.'

Her grandmother ^{came} ~~comes~~ closer before pulling a red feather out of her pocket. Ioke's eyes ^{widened} ~~will widen~~.

'This ^{fell} ~~falls~~ out of your hair when you came in,' she ^{said} ~~says~~ cheekily. 'They say that tears of a phoenix can heal anything, even your brother's blindness.'

'But Kaleo would never believe me,' said Ioke.

'Ioke, you'll never know unless you ^{ask} ~~asked~~ him.'

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Ioke: I need you to come somewhere with me tomorrow.

Kaleo: How come? Where are we going?

Ioke: I'll tell you when we get there. It's really important that you come.

Kaleo: Why? What's wrong? I'm not sure I want to go if you won't tell me what it's about.

Ioke: Please Kaleo, have I ever let you down before? Just trust me, it'll all make sense when we get there.

Kaleo: Okay, if it means that much to you, I'll come.

DAY 5

1

AWAKENING

Before Mary could stop herself, the words spurted out: 'I wish for a best friend.'

'Your wish ^{is} ~~was~~ my command,' the genie said with a wicked grin.

The ground jolted. Mary's breath grew shallow. *What's happening?* she thought. *Did I just make a terrible mistake?*

'BOY,' said a rasping voice from behind Mary, 'I sure ^{did} ~~do~~ not expect THAT!'

Mary looked around. ^A squat concrete gnome was standing at her feet. It had thick white eyebrows set over the heavy features of an old-man scowl!

'Hi, missy,' the gnome snarled. 'I'm your new best friend!'

Mary slumped to the ground, dropping the lamp beside her. This ^{was} ~~is~~ not what she had in mind when she had wished for a best friend. She looked at the genie, who ^{was} ~~will be~~ laughing maniacally.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

A: I'm sorry, Gerald. I have no choice but to trap you in the form of a gnome, destined to spend the rest of your days as a lawn ornament.

B: Please, Jasper, you can't! Why are you doing this to me? I thought we were friends. Ever since you became a genie, you've changed.

A: Don't make this harder than it is, Gerald. You know that I can't refuse your sister's wish. It's my duty as a genie.

B: But you can choose not to do this. You can decide to be something other than just a genie.

A: Truly, I wish it didn't have to be like this. I promise I'll turn you back if I ever get the chance – but for now, it's the only way. Goodbye, Gerald.

B: I'll never forgive you for this! Never!

WEEK 14 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ALL ABOARD

Leonor hides aboard a ship about to set sail. The captain ~~discover~~^{discovers} her and is furious.

CAPTAIN: Oi! What are you doing here?

LEONOR: I ~~is~~^{am} here to find the pirates who attacked my village and stole my family's possessions. Please let me stay onboard!

The captain sees how desperate Leonor is and ~~smile~~^{smiles} grudgingly.

CAPTAIN: Okay, you can stay. But only because we're already so far from shore. Just don't get in the way of my crew.

The next day, Leonor spots a familiar ship in the distance.

LEONOR: Captain, I ~~think~~^{think} those are the pirates who attacked my village!

CAPTAIN: I ~~knows~~^{know} them. They ~~causes~~^{cause} absolute havoc on these seas. Let's put an end to their terror once and for all!

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Leonor sat in silence as she watched Gregorio and Julio hoist the sails. These two burly men were the hardest-working crew members on the ship, and Leonor admired them greatly.

'How did you learn how to do all that?' asked Leonor.

'The captain taught us,' replied Julio. 'We had to master eight different styles of rope knots before he let us near the mast. So you can see why it's not so easy to learn!'

The other crew members scrambled about the ship, preparing to engage in battle with the pirates on the approaching vessel.

'Are you scared, little Leonor?' asked Gregorio as he climbed down the mast.

'I was scared,' said Leonor. 'But I'm not anymore. Now, I just can't wait to get revenge on the pirates who attacked my village.'

DAY 3

I'M A CELEBRITY

A girl in a yellow party dress stepped forward, studying Eric carefully.

'Who are you?'

'~~Im~~^I Eric Knightling,' he said confidently. 'And you are?'

'Oh no!' she said, turning to her sister. 'Mia, we sent the card to the wrong Eric!'

A girl in a sparkly green dress pushed through the crowd, ~~shiny tears~~^{shiny tears} in her eyes. 'You mean Eric Kinesy isn't coming?'

‘Eric Kinesy?’ he asked, standing embarrassed on the lawn. ‘You were trying to invite that ~~well-known~~ ^{well-known} actor from the weird yeti show?’

The girl in yellow came closer so that the others wouldn’t hear. ‘I’m really sorry, Mr Knightling, for making you come all this way. It was an ~~honest mistake~~ ^{honest mistake}. But you’re welcome to stay for the party if you want.’

DAY 4

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The group sat awkwardly in the lounge, trying not to look at the broken television.

‘What about hide and seek or pass the parcel?’ suggested Mia. ‘Or duck, duck, goose could be fun, maybe ...’

Jonathon wrinkled his nose. Mia didn’t have to look to know that most of the others would be doing the same.

‘What are we going to do?’ Mia whispered to Kay. ‘This party is turning into a disaster!’

Suddenly, Mia’s brother appeared and suggested they all play a board game.

‘Let’s try that. At this point, what do we have to lose?’ Mia said.

DAY 5

1

THE GREAT WALL

Li could ~~hear~~ ^{hear} applause all around him. Everyone who had seen the skirmish ~~was~~ ^{were} now checking to see if he was okay – not only his fellow workers, but also the general, Wang Wei.

‘Well done, Li,’ said Wang. The general’s ~~phoenix~~ ^{phoenix} pheasant-tail headdress, which he wore to distinguish himself from the peasants, rustled softly in the breeze.

‘Thank you, General. I simply followed one of my ~~father’s favourite~~ ^{father’s favourite} proverbs,’ Li replied shyly, fumbling with the cord of his pants.

‘You’ve served your emperor well,’ said Wang. ‘You will be rewarded for your loyalty and bravery. I will ~~bring~~ ^{bring} you to meet Emperor Yong.’

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

‘Well, well, well!’ Victoria said, ‘we meet again, sister.’

Natalie rolled out of the way as her twin obliterated another piece of furniture. Those stupid laser eyes. Natalie wished she’d never built them.

‘Victoria,’ Natalie gasped. ‘What a pleasant surprise.’ Natalie grabbed a broken chair leg and flung it her sister. Victoria ducked it easily, but Natalie used the moment of distraction to climb to her feet, backing towards the door.

‘Stop fooling around,’ Victoria snarled, eyes flashing red. ‘You know why I’m here. Now, tell me where you hid my robot!’

WEEK 15 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

SUMMER

Marco stumbled back, seeing Summer's pupils expand until they were deep pools of darkness.

She ~~rushes~~ ^{rushed} at him, cutting through the water like a torpedo. Marco turned to ~~swam~~ ^{swim} away, but Summer was much too fast.

Crystal ~~stands~~ ^{stood} at the edge of the water, her spear poised.

'Hey, Fish Face, take that!'

The water ~~will explode~~ ^{exploded} in an enormous splash. Summer let out a furious growl and ~~lunging~~ ^{lunged} forward. But Crystal grabbed Marco's flailing arms, hauling him out of the water.

'Seems like it was a good day to ~~practising~~ ^{practise} spearfishing after all,' Crystal said.

Marco and Crystal ran away, ~~left~~ ^{leaving} an infuriated Summer alone in the water.

DAY 2

① **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The climax was when Summer tried to attack Marco in the water but was stopped by Crystal throwing her spear.

② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

I think option b is the more interesting climax for the story because an alien abduction is a much more dangerous situation than simply having unattractive teeth.

DAY 3

FROM THE ASHES

The wind was a howling wolf, whipping at Ioke and Kaleo as they sat atop the cliff. The green island stretched out ~~beneaf~~ ^{beneath} them, a ~~butiful~~ ^{beautiful} image of their home.

'I can't ~~believe~~ ^{believe} we made it,' Kaleo said. 'Being up this high is ~~incredable~~ ^{incredible}.' They were sitting on soft grass, where a pile of ash smouldered in the middle of a nest.

Ioke stared harder into the nest and saw a small red bird raise its head from the ashes. The young phoenix sang to them, as sweet as the sunrise, and tears began falling from its face. Ioke held out her hand and felt the tears on her fingertips. She then placed them onto her brother's eyelids.

Kaleo turned to look at Ioke. And he really looked at her, his eyes full of unbridled ~~delite~~ ^{delight}. A river of tears flowed down his cheeks.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

RISING ACTION	CLIMAX
Ioke and Kaleo climb a treacherous cliff to find the mythical phoenix.	<u>They find the bird and use its tears to heal Kaleo's blindness.</u>
Leilani discovers evil fairies who try to banish her to a different dimension where there are no mobile phones or social media.	<u>Leilani introduces the fairies to the world of social media, and they become addicted. She uses their distraction to escape back to her human dimension.</u>
Manuel and his friend Igor begin playing dirty tricks on each other in order to sell more lemonade and win the competition.	<u>Igor tips Manuel's lemonade mixture onto the ground, but he doesn't get any extra customers, and now Manuel is upset. Igor realises that with Manuel's sales skills and Igor's lemonade mixture, they can build an even more successful business together.</u>
Lydie regrets agreeing to go to the school dance with Lebron because she really wants to go with Paulo. She contemplates what she should do.	<u>Lydie decides she needs to be honest and admits to Lebron that she really wants to go with Paulo. Lebron is understanding but upset that he no longer has a date. Paulo encourages a friend to ask Lebron out instead.</u>

DAY 5

1

AWAKENING

Mary ~~survaid~~ ^{surveyed} the mess before her. There was a gnome running around her backyard like a wild coyote, and a ~~mischievous~~ ^{mischievous} genie floating about cackling to himself like an evil witch. Mary had to clear up this mess quickly, but how?

Of course! Why hadn't she thought about that before? Genies always granted three wishes. That meant she ~~had~~ ^{had} another two wishes left!

'Mr Genie,' she yelled confidently, 'I wish to undo my first wish.'

The genie stopped laughing immediately and crossed his arms ~~angrily~~ ^{angrily}. He had no choice but to grant Mary her wish. Just like that, the gnome ~~drops~~ ^{dropped} like a stone.

'And for my last wish I want you to get rid of all these weeds!'

Again, the genie did as he was instructed. And with that final wish, he ~~vanishes~~ ^{vanished} back into the lamp. Mary bent down in ~~relief~~ ^{relief}. She ~~will have~~ ^{had} done it.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Customers were lining almost up to the other end of the street. Manuel was thrilled. He'd never expected his business to go so well! He emptied out the last of his lemonade into a cup and smiled at the next customer. 'Just a minute!'

Manuel reached beneath his table to the bag of lemons, then stopped short. *There was nothing there!*

'My lemons!' Manuel said, panicking. 'That boy took my lemons!'

The customers in front of him looked confused. Manuel was horrified. What could he do? He looked up, taking a deep breath. Then, out of the corner of his eye, he noticed the oranges on a branch hanging just above him. Suddenly, he felt calm. He had an idea.

WEEK 16 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

ALL ABOARD

The captain and his crew board the pirate ship, followed by Leonor. Swords dip like gulls as the two crews clash. *Leonor's heart hammers as she valiantly fights on.*
~~Leonor's heart hammers. She valiantly fights on.~~

LEONOR: How are we going to defeat all these pirates?

Suddenly, the answer appears like a lighthouse on a stormy night.
~~Suddenly, the answer appears. It is like a lighthouse on a stormy night.~~ Leonor steers the fight towards the edge of the ship. *She keeps her balance while the clumsier pirates slip overboard.*
~~She keeps her balance. The clumsier pirates slip overboard.~~

CAPTAIN: Leonor, you've saved the day!

After the battle, Leonor gazes out across the sea, spread out before her like a dark blanket.

I can't go home now because I am longing for new adventures.

LEONOR: ~~I can't go home now. I am longing for new adventures.~~

DAY 2

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Swords dip like gulls

spread out before her like a dark blanket

② Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

a I think the first option is stronger because it evokes a stronger image in my mind's eye.

b I prefer the first option because it requires some thought to understand and it's humorous, whereas the second option is more straightforward.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

I'M A CELEBRITY

Eric hesitated before bravely walking into the house. The party guests were sprawled out over the living room like ~~dead~~ *extravagant* slugs. The ~~big~~ birthday cake hadn't been touched, and Kay and Mia were trying to console their ~~sad~~ *miserable* sister.

Eric looked around for inspiration, and he noticed a box set of *Curtain of Time* on the shelf.

'Pardon me,' he said, startling the room. 'But have any of you actually seen my show?' The guests all shook their heads. Eric knew exactly what to do.

Seven episodes and three slices of ~~yummy~~ *delicious* cake later, the party guests and the sisters were gathered around Eric, cheering when he quoted his lines perfectly and gasping at the ~~strong~~ *compelling* dramatic scenes.

'This is amazing!' said Kay. 'I guess we did invite the right Eric after all!'

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a As tall as a giraffe.
- b As clever as a computer.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Max pulled his coat tightly around himself. Ice mountains surrounded him from every direction, their peaks jagged like broken glass. The cold was ~~as icy as a freezer and~~ so fierce even the slightest breeze felt sharp as a knife.

It had been three months since he'd begun searching for the mythical yeti, but it felt like years. Three months of camping like a hermit in the frozen valley. Most days, mist would rise from the snow, dense as a cloud ~~and white as cotton~~. But today the air was crystal clear, ~~fragrant as springtime~~ and full of potential.

DAY 5

1

THE GREAT WALL

Li breathed in sharply. He could hardly believe it. ~~He was in the Forbidden City. He was staring at the emperor of China.~~ He was in the Forbidden City, staring at the emperor of China. Emperor Yong was as ~~glossy~~ radiant as the sun, with hair as dark as the night sky. Li bowed graciously before him.

'The general has told me of your exploits, ~~shy~~ humble servant,' said the emperor. 'I wish to thank you for protecting our people and the wall. ~~You are to move to my palace. You can protect my life.~~ You are to move to my palace, where you can protect my life.

Li rose, his ~~nice~~ delighted smile beaming like a beacon out to sea. ~~He thought of his departed father. He would be so proud to see his son in this moment.~~ He thought of his departed father, who would be so proud to see his son in this moment.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The orange juice was a massive hit. Some customers had even lined up for seconds. Manuel felt as rich as a king. By the end of the day, he'd used up almost all the oranges he could reach.

As he closed up, a boy approached the stall. His face was pinched and he looked as timid as a mouse.

'I'm sorry for stealing your lemons,' the boy said nervously. 'My brother would only let me help with his lemonade stall if I did it.'

'That's all right,' Manuel said, eyeing the boy thoughtfully. 'You look like you'd be good at climbing trees. Why don't you come work with me instead?'

The boy's eyes shone as brightly as the coins that weighed down Manuel's pockets. Manuel smiled. He was getting the hang of this entrepreneurship thing.

WEEK 17 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE DANGER OF RELYING ON SUPERHEROES

Fellow unremarkables, we ~~has~~ ^{have} a problem. The explosive increase in superheroes in recent years has fundamentally changed our way of life, and – dare I say it – not for the better.

Before you come at me with your pitchforks and social media posts, hear me out. I love superheroes. They ~~has~~ ^{have} done wonderful things for our city, and I, like all unremarkables, ~~am~~ ^{am} grateful for the help they ~~gives~~ ^{give} us from the goodness of their own hearts. But although good ~~have~~ ^{has} come from superheroes, their impact ~~have~~ ^{has} not been altogether positive. I fear that an over-reliance on superheroes, instead of helping us learn to solve our own problems, will put us at more risk than ever before.

DAY 2

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> university should be free | <input type="checkbox"/> how pollination works |
| <input type="checkbox"/> someone cheats on a school test | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> banning animal testing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> whether graffiti is an artform | <input type="checkbox"/> why streaming is popular |

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The point of view expressed on the issue of relying on superheroes is that ordinary people should learn to do things for themselves and not always rely on those with supernatural powers.

3 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

If superheroes existed, I think that it would make us too dependent if we called on them to help with ordinary problems that only require ordinary solutions.

DAY 3

THE POWER OF ART IN THE CLASSROOM

In the context of education, many of us have previously ~~considering~~ ^{considered} art as insignificant – a mere hobby to break up the more serious study of subjects such as science or history. Despite the significant role of art in society, the visual arts have not been given nearly as much attention in schools as they deserve. Recent research ~~will suggest~~ ^{suggests} that skills such as drawing and painting can have significant positive effects on our lives, not only during our formative years but also in adulthood. They ~~taught~~ ^{teach} us how to communicate and can also ~~helped~~ ^{help} with understanding and retaining information.

So I believe it's time we ~~embracing~~ ^{embraced} art as an essential part of the national curriculum, ~~teach~~ ^{teaching} it with the same rigour and care given to other core subjects.

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Art should be given the same respect and attention in the classroom as other subjects.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

School issues	
School uniforms should be mandatory.	POV: agree/ <u>(disagree)</u>
Mobile phones should not be allowed at school.	POV: agree/ <u>(disagree)</u>
All students should learn a second language.	POV: <u>(agree)</u> /disagree

Environmental issues	
Plastic bags should be banned.	POV: <u>(agree)</u> /disagree
We should invest more in alternative fuels.	POV: <u>(agree)</u> /disagree
We should dispose of waste in the ocean.	POV: agree/ <u>(disagree)</u>

DAY 5

1

BANNING SMOKING FROM PUBLIC PLACES

We've known for a very long time now that smoking ^{is} ~~are~~ catastrophic to our health. Tobacco smoke ^{is} ~~will be~~ full of toxic chemicals that cause harm to the human body. It ^{is} ~~was~~ also highly addictive, meaning that once you start, it can be very difficult to stop.

Awareness of just how harmful smoking is ^{has} ~~have~~ grown immensely over the past few decades, and there have been great strides made in reducing the number of people who take up smoking. Yet the harm caused by smoking is deeply significant in our society and, according to the Cancer Council, it is still the leading preventable cause of death in Australia. More must be done to curb the negative effects of smoking. This is why I ^{believe} ~~believe~~ that smoking should be ^{banned} ~~banning~~ from all public places.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- Animal testing should be banned because it causes pain and suffering to the animals being experimented on.
- Graffiti should be considered an artform because it is a method of expression and artists should be free to make their thoughts and feelings public.
- Studying at university should be free because higher education leads to a more educated and productive workforce.

WEEK 18 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

WHY CARAVANNING IS THE BEST TYPE OF HOLIDAY

The increased affordability of travel and the rise of travel bloggers have transformed the way many of us think about

~~These days, a lot of people consider expensive luxury holidays to be the most desirable type of vacation. These days, expensive luxury holidays are considered the most desirable type of vacation. Glamorous Our peers demand glamorous pictures of famous landmarks and popular tourist destinations on our social media. pictures of famous landmarks and popular tourist destinations on social media are demanded by our peers.~~

But with all this travel mania, we are starting to forget the true purpose of holidaying. We take holidays to escape the monotony of daily life so that we can relax, enjoy ourselves and return refreshed. ~~Our houses don't need to be cleaned every day. We don't have to do the shopping weekly. need to be cleaned every day. The shopping doesn't have to be done weekly.~~ We don't need to clean our houses every day. We don't have to do the shopping weekly. The relaxing nature of caravanning is exactly what makes this one of the best forms of holidaying.

DAY 2

- ① I believe that driving tests should be mandatory every year after you turn sixty. point of view
Should driving tests be mandatory every year after you turn sixty? issue
Driving tests should be mandatory every year after you turn sixty because people's reflexes can begin to deteriorate from this age. contention
- ② The relaxing nature of caravanning is exactly what makes this one of the best forms of holidaying.

DAY 3

COLONISING MARS

Establishing a permanent colony of humans on Mars is not an option; [↓] it's a necessity because our planet cannot sustain our species forever. [↓] The sooner we realise this, the sooner we can set plans in motion to build a better life for future generations.

There are many reasons [↓] why humankind must look to outer space for its next home. [↑] Chief among these is the fact that continued life on Earth is not guaranteed. We must have a backup plan should our planet ever collapse. Furthermore, in the process of developing methods to colonise other planets, [↓] our species will make discoveries in science and technology that can improve life on Earth. [↑]

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

We must establish a colony of humans on Mars now, as a backup plan for humanity.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Contention: It should be mandatory to eat vegetables and fruit every day because they are a good source of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre.
- b Contention: The first lesson of every school day should be exercise because it invigorates you and gives you energy to learn better throughout the rest of the day.
- c Contention: Every student should go an exchange program in another country because it opens them up to new experiences and allows them to meet interesting people.

DAY 5

1

PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

These days, it seems as though every other species and their cousin are 'under threat'. The uncomfortable truth is that plants and animals are going extinct at an alarming rate. The reason for this is simple: ~~these creatures are being killed by humans.~~ humans are killing these creatures.

The impact of human activity such as environmental destruction has made the state of life on Earth incredibly fragile, and the extinction rate is higher than it's been for million's of years. Though it may not seem like it, life on this planet is facing an enormous crisis, and there has never been a more vital time to protect endangered species. ~~Action must be taken now.~~ We must take action now.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

School issues
School uniforms should be mandatory because they develop a student's sense of belonging and build school spirit.
<u>Mobile phones should be allowed at school because students might need them in case of emergencies.</u>
<u>All students should learn a second language because it will enable them to communicate more easily with other people across the world.</u>

Environmental issues
Plastic bags should be banned because they do not break down completely and end up harming the environment.
<u>We need to invest more in alternative fuels because they do not produce exhaust emissions that contribute to climate change.</u>
<u>We should not dispose of waste in the ocean because it can contain toxic substances that reduce the oxygen available to fish, causing them to die.</u>

WEEK 19 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE DANGER OF RELYING ON SUPERHEROES

In the age of superheroes, our ability to protect ourselves is paramount. Superheroes, much as we don't like to admit, are full of weaknesses that can be exploited by villains.

Think about Galactic Cat – a powerful hero who is terrified of water. Or what about Possum Man, whose tendency to play dead has led to some sticky situations. Sometimes they will fail, and we must still be able to defend ourselves when they do.

The evils threatening our world are often provoked by the superheroes themselves. Would the evil Captain Vortex have even known about our planet if he hadn't been following Tourist Woman? The destruction he caused is a direct result of the actions of a superhero.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Superheroes have many weaknesses that can be exploited by villains, which is why we should not rely on them so much.

2

- a People should stop driving cars because they contribute to pollution.
- Cars endanger cyclists' lives every day.
 - The exhaust from a car releases carbon dioxide, which contributes to global warming.
- b Textbooks are vital for learning and should not be replaced with tablets.
- Learning from a physical book is shown to help students retain information better than tablets.
 - Tablets are easier to carry around than physical textbooks.

DAY 3

THE POWER OF ART IN THE CLASSROOM

We must recognise the many benefits that art, as an educational tool, offers students. For example, numerous studies have found strong links between the act of drawing and a person's ability to recall information. As one study explains, the practice of drawing comprises several elements: memorising an image, using muscle memory to create the work, and forming meaning for the viewer.

Furthermore, art is a highly effective – and often underused – tool for communication. The education system favours written expression, but concept maps, diagrams and illustrations are all effective modes for expressing information.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Issue: Should homework be optional?

	FOR	AGAINST
Reason 1	Homework should be optional because it can cause some students anxiety and stress.	Homework shouldn't be optional because it is necessary to help students master key skills.
Reason 2	<u>Homework should be optional because too much homework deprives children of time to play.</u>	<u>Homework shouldn't be optional because it instils in students a strong work ethic.</u>

Issue: Is life better without computers?

	FOR	AGAINST
Reason 1	<u>Life is better without computers because people can enjoy being outside more.</u>	<u>Life is not better without computers because they deliver easy access to information.</u>
Reason 2	<u>Life is better without computers because people aren't reliant on a machine to help them all the time.</u>	<u>Life is not better without computers because access to the internet enables people to stay in touch more easily.</u>

DAY 5

1

BANNING SMOKING FROM PUBLIC PLACES

In ^{addition} ~~addition~~ to the well-known health disadvantages of smoking, there are also many social reasons to stop this addictive behaviour. For one, it's a very smelly habit. The stench of cigarette smoke ^{lingers} ~~lingers~~ on your clothes, as well as on your ^{breath} ~~breath~~. Everyone can tell if you're a smoker as soon as you walk into the room, and this may cause them to avoid you. Not only do many people not like to be around those who smoke because of the smell, they also do not want to be exposed to second-hand smoke, which can be very harmful to their health.

Banning smoking from public places ^{will} ~~will~~ encourage more people to reduce or completely stop smoking, ^{thereby} ~~thereby~~ avoiding the costs to their social life.

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

No matter what those sneering politicians might want you to think, graffiti is a vital form of art. Firstly, graffiti can make our cities a more beautiful and more vibrant place to live – in Melbourne, for example, people come from all around the world to visit our famous graffitied laneways. More importantly, graffiti allows artists to express their thoughts and perspectives. Because of this, graffiti can play a crucial role in democracy, making sure that everybody has a way of making their voices heard. This is why I believe that graffiti should be not only considered a valuable artform, but encouraged in public spaces.

WEEK 20 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

WHY CARAVANNING IS THE BEST TYPE OF HOLIDAY

Caravans may seem ~~an old~~ ^{a dated} form of travel, but they have many advantages over their flying counterparts. For starters, a road trip is far more comfortable than an aeroplane flight. In a caravan, you don't have to worry about airsick passengers, ~~clumsy~~ ^{awkward} bathroom line-ups, or ~~bad~~ ^{disobedient} children kicking the back of your seat.

A caravan holiday is also much cheaper than a plane ticket. Instead of spending years saving for one ~~quick~~ ^{measly} journey, all you'll need is a spare weekend and a few litres of petrol.

Finally, the environmental benefits of caravanning are undeniable. Aeroplanes require ~~giant~~ ^{enormous} amounts of fuel and, according to Forbes.com, are one of the ~~biggest~~ ^{most significant} contributors of carbon emissions in the world.

DAY 2

- a fact
b quote
c example
d statistic
- Aeroplanes require giant amounts of fuel and, according to Forbes.com, are one of the biggest contributors of carbon emissions in the world.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

This piece of evidence supports the reason that caravanning is the best type of holiday because caravans are more environmentally friendly than aeroplanes. It does this by quoting a well-known source that highlights the environmental cost of flying.

DAY 3

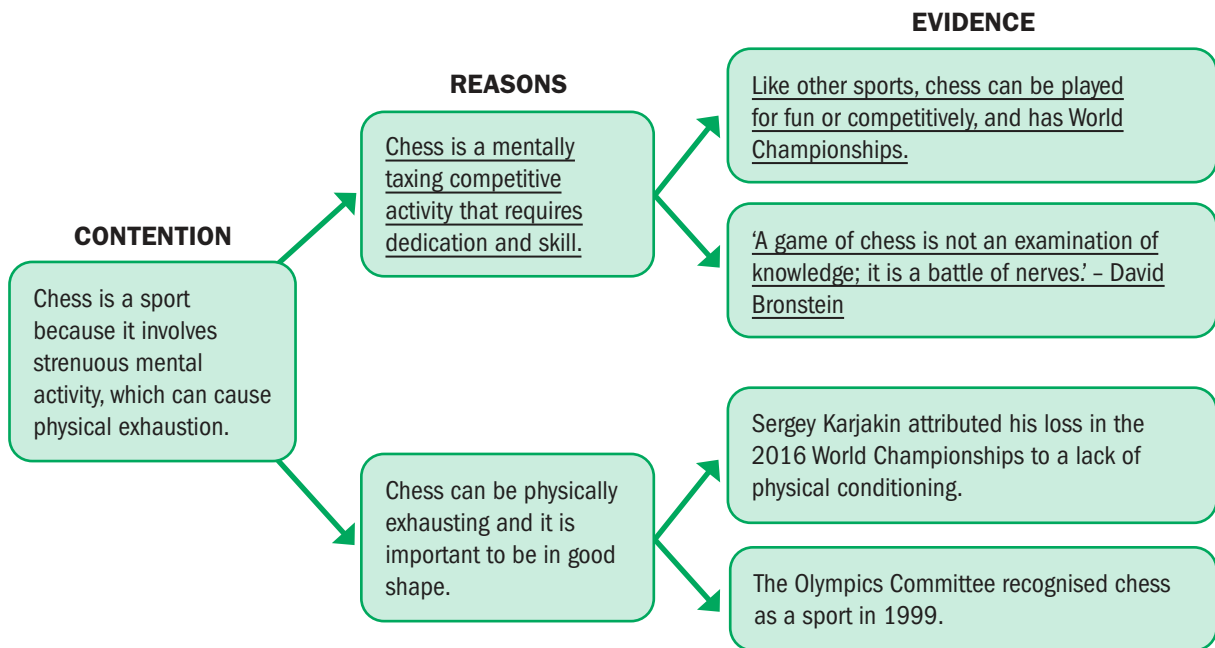
COLONISING MARS

History shows us that surviving as a species on this infinitesimal rock we call home is difficult and by no means guaranteed. We only need to look as far back as the age of dinosaurs to see this. ~~Earth was roamed by dinosaurs for over 165 million years. And yet, these fearsome creatures were completely wiped out by a colossal asteroid.~~ ^{Dinosaurs roamed the Earth for over 165 million years. And yet, a colossal asteroid completely wiped out these fearsome creatures.}

That is why we need to become a multi-planet species. Life is volatile, and the only guarantees are the ones we make for ourselves. ~~In time, Mars will be viewed by future generations as a second home.~~ ^{In time, future generations will view Mars as a second home.}

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:



DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

~~Too many species are being made endangered or extinct by us.~~ We are endangering too many species. In 2019, ABC News reported that the number of species that became extinct in the twentieth century would have taken between 800 and 10 000 years to become extinct without the influence of human activity. That's a ~~large~~ ^{considerable} difference.

Statistics like these are why many ~~loved~~ ^{revered} scientists believe that we are currently living through what is called the Holocene extinction; that is, a mass extinction driven by humans in which species are dying out at a much faster rate than is natural. ~~To put things in perspective, the last mass extinction occurred when the dinosaurs were obliterated by an asteroid collision.~~ ^{To put things in perspective, the last mass extinction occurred when an asteroid collision obliterated the dinosaurs.}

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Studying at university should be free for everyone. According to one source, a humanities degree will cost up to around \$43 000 in Australia within the next few years, saddling young students with debt before they've even begun their career. Such high costs mean that students from poorer backgrounds might not consider attending university. In 2019, the ABC reported that people with university degrees are more likely to be employed than those without, and they tend to earn more too. Because of this, expensive degrees will increase the gap between the rich and the poor. As Greens senator Sarah Hanson-Young says, free education is 'our best bet against inequality'.

WEEK 21 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE DANGER OF RELYING ON SUPERHEROES

Even worse than the fallibility of superheroes, or the potential dangers they bring, is the threat they pose to our attitudes as a society. Unremarkable, our very independence is at stake. ^{.W} We must change our behaviour now!

With so much superpowered help available, I've been seeing a concerning shift in people's behaviour over the past few years. ^{.S} So many times, I see civilians choosing to simply wait for help to come to them instead of solving their own problems. We cannot rely on the kindness of a superhero every time a cat gets stuck in a tree. ^{.W} We need ladders, not charitable, sometimes obnoxious crusaders who can fly.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

	Example 1 – Life is not better without computers.	Example 2 – We should not dispose of waste in the ocean.
Anecdote – a short, personal story	Yesterday my computer broke down. I couldn't do my homework, chat with friends or stream any films. It was like I was living in the Dark Ages.	As I was walking by the beach the other day, I saw a poor little fish caught in plastic waste. It was going to die because of our actions.
Appeal to fear – makes the audience feel afraid	More and more jobs are centred around technology. Without computers, students like us will fall behind and struggle to get a job after school.	If we do not stop disposing of waste in the ocean immediately, countless species of sea life will become extinct.
Rhetorical question – a question that does not require an answer	Can you imagine living in a world where you can't look up information instantly? Or be able to order items online at the touch of a button?	Is it worth destroying natural habitats just because we are too lazy to dispose of our waste correctly? Is it too hard to just do the right thing?

DAY 3

THE POWER OF ART IN THE CLASSROOM

While art makes an important contribution to education, it also retains value long after ^{students} ~~student~~ leave school. Most of us, after school or university, never use our skills in differentiating fractions or writing timed ^{essays} ~~essay~~. But the ability to use drawing and painting as ^{tools} ~~tool~~ for both learning and communication – as well as emotional and interpersonal expression – remains relevant. Visual art offers alternative ways of viewing, organising, understanding and presenting ^{information} ~~informations~~, encouraging us to embrace – rather than suppress – individual expression. And yet, how many adults and young adults are so stifled by 'academic' curricula that they refuse to ever pick up a ^{paintbrush} ~~paintbrushes~~ once they finish their schooling?

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

	Example 1 – Children should not have to sit exams.	Example 2 – Mobile phones should be allowed in schools.
Appeal to a sense of justice – based on people’s idea of fairness	It is unfair to make young people sit exams. Exams not only induce stress and anxiety, but they also disadvantage more creative and tactile learners.	<u>In this day and age, every student has the right to keep their mobile devices with them. It is unjust to deprive citizens just because they are at school.</u>
Inclusive language – using pronouns such as ‘we’ and ‘us’	We must all act to stop the injustice of standardised testing. It is up to all of us to make our educators see the error of their ways.	<u>We all know how important it is to feel safe and connected, and that is what mobile devices give us. Let’s ensure that we retain this basic right.</u>
Repetition – using a word or phrase several times	Does any child deserve to face the pressures of exams? Does any child deserve to feel scared of failure?	<u>Mobile phones are important for security. They are important for us to stay connected to others. And they are as important as any other learning tool in school.</u>

DAY 5

1

BANNING SMOKING FROM PUBLIC PLACES

Smoking isn’t just bad for your health – it’s terrible for the environment, too. Have you ever taken a stroll through a park, only to find the ground coated with squashed-out cigarette ~~butts~~ ^{butts? W} with cigarette butts the most common litter item in our country, this is far from an unusual experience. Apart from their ugly sight and smell, cigarette butts are dangerous. ^T ~~the~~ toxic chemicals in abandoned cigarettes can go on to directly damage the ~~environment~~ ^{environment} ~~environments~~.

Keeping smoking confined to private ~~space~~ ^{spaces} can help reduce the amount of environmental damage caused by cigarettes. [!] ~~it~~ can also reduce the horrid sight of grey smoke floating up into our clear, clean sky.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

All students should go on exchange to another country because it gives them experiences they might not otherwise encounter. Firstly, it means they get to live away from home. Who doesn’t want to get the chance to live away from home and meet new and interesting people? [rhetorical question] Secondly, it teaches them to be more responsible because they have to survive without the daily support of their parents or families. In this day and age, it is so important for us to be able to stand on our own two feet and navigate the scary world around us. [appeal to fear] Thirdly, if they go to a country that speaks a different language from their native tongue, they will pick up that language through their daily interactions with fellow students and other people in the community. It is so important that we, as global citizens of this Earth, learn to communicate with one another and learn from each other. [inclusive language]

WEEK 22 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

WHY CARAVANNING IS THE BEST TYPE OF HOLIDAY

Caravans ~~were~~ ^{are} all well and good, you may say, but where can they actually take you? Well, the answer to that ~~is~~ ^{is} – anywhere! We in Australia ~~will have~~ ^{have} the good fortune to live on a continent of our own, with a huge swathe of land just ~~wait~~ ^{waiting} to be explored. You'd be surprised at the number of self-proclaimed globe-trotting Aussies who have never even ~~bothered~~ ^{bothered} to visit their neighbouring state!

What's more, as a domestic traveller you ~~were~~ ^{will be} contributing to small, local communities rather than ~~help~~ ^{helping} out huge multinational tourist companies. With our unique wildlife and environmental marvels, why would you go anywhere else?

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

With our unique wildlife and environmental marvels, why would you go anywhere else?

This rhetorical question positions the audience to view their country as full of wonder that deserves to be explored before other destinations.

2

It is very wrong that people are being punished for protesting. No matter the issue, every citizen has a right to express their opinion.

Can we really afford to have big overseas corporations come in and set up shop in our small community? What will happen to our local businesses, to our jobs, to our way of life?

I had to take my elderly mother to the hospital today. We had to wait for hours; it was so crowded. This just shows how much our health sector needs help.

appeal to fear

anecdote

appeal to a sense of justice

DAY 3

COLONISING MARS

~~We can use the lessons learned from space exploration in many ways.~~
~~The lessons learned from space exploration can be used by us in many ways.~~ Take for example NASA's prized Hubble Space Telescope. Engineers had to design a computer algorithm to extract information from the blurry images taken by the telescope. They shared this algorithm with a doctor who applied it to the X-ray images he was taking to detect breast cancer. ~~This doctor discovered that the algorithm did a better job of detecting early stages of breast cancer than the method used at the time.~~
~~The discovery that the algorithm did a better job of detecting early stages of breast cancer than the method used at the time was made by this doctor.~~
~~Potential life-changing discoveries that we can apply to other facets of human life are limitless.~~
~~Potential life-changing discoveries that can be applied by us to other facets of human life are limitless.~~

DAY 4

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Explanation: I think option b is more effective in persuading the audience because it uses a range of persuasive techniques. These include an anecdote, to show how video games can teach skills, as well as a rhetorical question that highlights the benefits of video games.

DAY 5

1

PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

The horrific consequences of pollution, habitat destruction and, of course, climate change are swept under the rug time and time again. What do our actions ^{say} ~~saying~~ about our values as a species?

We need to end these shortcomings of human action now. ~~A huge impact on the health of the environment can be made by the loss of just one species.~~ ^{The loss of just one species can have a huge impact on the health of the environment.} As the Endangered Species Coalition ~~will put~~ ^{puts} it, 'without healthy forests, grasslands, rivers, oceans and other ecosystems, we will not have clean air, water, or land'. ~~The plants and animals that inhabit these areas must stop being endangered by us.~~ ^{We must stop endangering the plants and animals that inhabit these areas.}

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Don't you find it ridiculous how much of our time we spend locked up in classrooms when there is so much of the world to be seen? While education is obviously very important, it is not something that should consume our lives. That's why I believe school days need to be made shorter. This would give us more time to focus on other activities and passions. We could go outside and play sports, or learn an instrument, or spend more time with our families. All of these activities help us to be well-rounded individuals. Additionally, less time at school means we can have more rest, which is important for our health. According to WebMD, children between the ages of twelve to eighteen need at least eight hours of sleep each night.

WEEK 23 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE DANGER OF RELYING ON SUPERHEROES

While it's true that our planet has never been under so much protection it has also never been under greater threat. Now is not the time to allow ourselves to be at the mercy of anyone with powers.

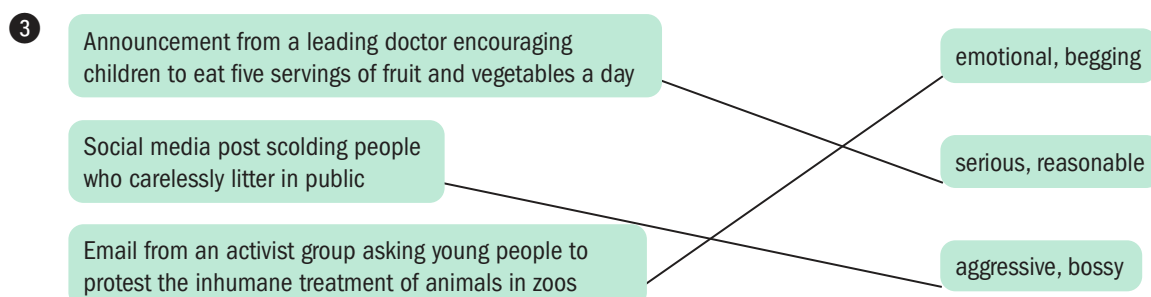
Unremarkables, we are not helpless! We may not be able to fly or crush our enemies with our minds, but we can be just as courageous and heroic as any 'Captain this' or 'Commander that'. And we must be vigilant. We can no longer sit idly by and wait to be rescued. It's time we put our efforts into aiding superheroes in their fight against evil, for the good of the world and the dignity of us as a people.

DAY 2

1 people without superpowers / Unremarkables

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The writer wants ordinary people ('Unremarkables') to recognise that they are able to do things for themselves and that they don't need to wait for those with superpowers to come and save them. I think this purpose is achieved through the use of inclusive language and a pleading tone.



DAY 3

THE POWER OF ART IN THE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Jaspers, fellow classmates, let's imagine a world where art is given the same level of respect as science, English and mathematics. A world in which students are encouraged to visualise as well as verbalise their learning, and are equipped with the skills to do so. A world in which visual learners are not left behind in text-heavy subjects, and where adults in all fields are able and free to convey their ideas in ways beyond the limitations of the written word.

Art is a tool to be harnessed for the purposes of teaching, expression and communication. It should not be confined to the elitist world of galleries and museums. It deserves a vibrant, active role in all areas of our society and at all stages of life, and this begins in the classroom.

DAY 4

1 passionate

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The passionate tone helps the writer to depict art as an essential part of the learning experience, with benefits that continue after schooling. Readers are therefore positioned to share this positive and lively feeling towards art in classrooms.

3 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

- a You need to be **pushy** assertive when you are looking for a job.
- b Mr Miller is a **weird** unique teacher.
- c My sister likes to save her money; she is really **cheap** economical.
- d Albus is a very **naughty** spirited student.

DAY 5

1

BANNING SMOKING FROM PUBLIC PLACES

⁰ver the year^s, we have made great leapsⁱn reducing the popularity of smoking, but more can still be done – and should be done. The way forward is clear. ^All public area^s must become smoke-free to protect us^r from the harmful effects of tobacco smoke, to protect the environment from toxic chemicals in discarded cigarettes and to discourage others from taking up this dangerous habit.

Most people would agree that the fewer people who take up smoking, the better. If you agree, ^Implore you to pressure your government to ban smoking from all public areas and join me in my fight to create a healthier, smoke-free ^Society.

2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

Issue	Is it ethical to keep birds locked in cages?
Main contention	<u>It is unethical to keep birds locked in cages because it is cruel to lock them up and take them away from their families.</u>
Purpose	<u>to make the audience see that locking up birds is cruel and not an act of love or care</u>
Audience	<u>animal lovers</u>
Tone	<u>pleading, emotional</u>
Reason 1	<u>Life in captivity is cruel, as it can often lead to malnutrition, loneliness and stress. This is particularly difficult for birds, who are inclined to stay close to other members of their species.</u>
Reason 1 evidence	<u>University of Pennsylvania zoologist Dr James Serpell explains how the frustration of being held in captivity leads caged birds to perform abnormal behaviours, such as pecking out all their feathers.</u>
Reason 2	<u>Taking animals from their natural habitats endangers individual animals and jeopardises entire populations and ecosystems.</u>
Reason 2 evidence	<u>The population of the South American hyacinth macaw has dropped significantly over the last ten years as a result of smugglers capturing the birds for collectors.</u>

WEEK 24 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

WHY CARAVANNING IS THE BEST TYPE OF HOLIDAY

, as we know, ^{But before}
Holidays[✓] is one of the greatest joys of the modern world. ^{Before} we head off to the next destination, we must stop and consider three things: ^{firstly,} we must consider our past, a time when holidaying meant a relaxing escape rather than a race to tick tourism hotspots off a bucket list; ^{secondly,} we must consider our present and learn to appreciate the beautiful land at our doorstep, while supporting local communities; ^{thirdly,} we must consider our future and refuse to participate in the environmental destruction caused by air travel. ^{In conclusion, caravan} Caravan holidays truly are the best type of holiday, and they are more crucial now than ever before.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

'we must consider'

The effect of this repeated phrase is to reinforce the many reasons why caravan holidays are the best kind of holiday.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

'our past', 'our present', 'our future'

The effect of this inclusive language serves to remind the reader of the impact that our holiday choices can have on our community and on the environment.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Big Brother is watching us! The government can see everything we do through the use of CCTV footage. Are you comfortable having the government watch your every move?

DAY 3

COLONISING MARS

Fellow earthlings[✓], we have often regarded space colonisation as a distant dream, but it is time to stop dreaming and make other planetary settlement[✓] a reality for future generations.[✓] Famed astrophysicist Stephen Hawking said it best: 'If the human race is to continue for another million years, we will have to boldly go where no-one has gone before.'[✓]

Make no mistake – this endeavour will take time and considerable investment of resources. If we begin a plan to establish a colony on Mars, we won't see the fruits of our labour[✓] for at least a hundred years. But is that not what we must do to secure the future of our species[✓]?

DAY 4

- ① But is that not what we must do to secure the future of our species?

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The effect of this rhetorical device is to position the audience to view colonising Mars as the only way to preserve the human race.

- ② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

I find option a more compelling because of the assertive tone and the use of inclusive language and repetition.

DAY 5

- ① **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

It is no secret that the health of our planet is deteriorating. The effects of human activity on the natural world, ^{However, there} include contamination and destruction, and we are at a tipping point. ^{There} are several ways we can help make up for our predecessors' actions. ^{Firstly, we} ^{Secondly, we} ~~We~~ need to look after all life forms on this planet. ~~We~~ need to put more effort into conserving endangered species. And lastly, we need to end the mistreatment of the environment that causes their endangerment in the first place.

Repairing the damage may not seem possible. ^{But if} ~~If~~ we had the power to cause it, ^{surely} we also have the power to fix it, and we owe it to ourselves, our children and the planet to try. [;]

- ② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Issue: playing violent sports Intended audience: students, parents and educators

I firmly believe that children below the age of twelve should not be allowed to participate in violent contact sports such as ice hockey, rugby and gridiron. Firstly, these games are outright dangerous. One American study from 2013 found that children playing gridiron were hit in the head hundreds of times in a single season. Repeated head injuries can be incredibly damaging, especially for young children, and can cause concussion and even brain damage. Secondly, there's absolutely no reason why children need to play violent sports when they can just as easily play limited-contact sports such as basketball or touch rugby. Children should be allowed to grow up safe from violence, and that includes violence in sports.

WEEK 25 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ALL ABOUT VOLCANOES

Did you know that there are more ~~then~~ ^{than} twenty volcanoes erupting around the world at this very moment? There are around 1500 active volcanoes on Earth, and many more ~~dormant~~ ^{dormant} and extinct ones (those that haven't erupted in over 10 000 years).

In order to know how volcanoes erupt, it helps to understand how they form. The Earth is made up of hundreds of ~~tectonic~~ ^{tectonic} plates that form the top layer of the planet's crust. These plates can move around and ~~collide~~ ^{collide}, which causes some of the melted rock below to rise up and make a volcano.

Although volcanoes may seem frightening, volcanic eruptions from long ago formed many islands, beautiful ~~mountains~~ ^{mountains} and ~~pristin~~ ^{pristine} lakes that we appreciate today.

DAY 2

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How a solar eclipse works | <input type="checkbox"/> A story about a vampire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should voting be compulsory? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How laws are passed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An analysis of <i>Frozen 2</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Boxing should be illegal |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explaining dreams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A history of the Olympic Games |

- ② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Informative writing gives readers factual information, with the aim of informing or educating them about a particular topic. Persuasive writing, on the other hand, is written to convince a reader to agree with the writer's point of view on a topic.

DAY 3

THE ORIGINS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC

The Chinese zodiac ~~are~~ ^{is} a popular astrology system in China consisting of a cycle of twelve animals: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Each animal ~~correspond~~ ^{corresponds} with a particular year on the Chinese lunar calendar, and every twelve years the cycle ~~start~~ ^{starts} again, beginning with the Rat.

The animal representing the year that a person is born ~~are~~ ^{is} thought to determine certain aspects of their personality, according to the characteristics associated with the animal. For example, someone born in the year of the Rat might be thought to be quick-witted and clever, while someone born in the year of the Ox might be thought to be stubborn and loyal.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

NATURE	HISTORY	SOCIETY
The lives of ants	The formation of the United Nations	The evolution of teenage slang
How bees pollinate flowers	<u>The origin of detective stories</u>	<u>How to host a dinner party</u>
<u>How carnivorous plants eat</u>	<u>How the pyramids were built</u>	<u>Different types of handshakes</u>
TECHNOLOGY	EDUCATION	SCIENCE
How to create a TikTok video	The first university in the world	Design of miniature robots based on insects
<u>The evolution of memes</u>	<u>The different amounts of homework around the world</u>	<u>How black holes are formed</u>
<u>The most Googled terms</u>	<u>The evolution of online learning</u>	<u>What the Large Hadron Collider is used for</u>

DAY 5

1

THE RISE OF REALITY TV

The Voice. MasterChef. Bachelor. Bachelor. The Masked Singer. Next Top Model. The list goes on and on. These types of shows ^{dominate} ~~dominates~~ airwaves and are the topic of conversation in many households across the country. But were reality TV series always as popular as they are now?

While unscripted series following real-life people and celebrities ^{have} ~~has~~ existed for many decades, it wasn't until the early 2000s that the genre really exploded. Now we can't turn on our televisions without seeing contestants blabbing to a camera as they share their ^{innermost} ~~innemost~~ thoughts and deepest, darkest secrets with the whole world.

The ^{meteoric} ~~metoric~~ rise of reality TV ^{has} ~~have~~ had a profound impact on our society, shifting our collective interest from current events to the exploits of the Kardashian clan and farmers looking for wives.

2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

Topic 1: All about dwarf planets

Question 1: Why did Pluto get reassigned as a dwarf planet?

Question 2: How is a dwarf planet different from a regular planet?

Question 3: How many dwarf planets are there in our solar system?

Topic 2: How carnivorous plants eat

Question 1: How do carnivorous plants trap their food?

Question 2: What do carnivorous plants eat?

Question 3: Why are some plants carnivorous, while others are not?

WEEK 26 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE LARGEST APE THAT EVER LIVED

Gigantopithecus was a type of ape that lived in the forests of Southeast Asia for millions of years.

~~*Gigantopithecus* was a type of ape. It lived in the forests of Southeast Asia for millions of years. It became extinct around 100 000 years ago during what is known as the Pleistocene epoch. As the name suggests, *Gigantopithecus* was massive – it was almost twice as tall as the average adult human and is the largest primate to have ever walked the Earth.~~

Luckily for any ancient humans that might have been around at the time, the enormous ape is thought to have been a herbivore. ~~It would only have eaten plants. These include bamboo and fruit.~~
It would only have eaten plants, including bamboo and fruit.

DAY 2

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| <input type="checkbox"/> guessing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asking an expert |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> searching on the internet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> reading books |

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Answer 1: Different types of carnivorous plants trap their food in different ways. One way is having sticky leaves so that the prey gets stuck.

Answer 2: Carnivorous plants eat lots of different things, including insects, spiders and even larger animals such as mice and frogs.

Answer 3: Most plants get their nutrients from the soil. However, to survive in places where this is not possible, some plants evolved to trap and digest animals instead.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE ORIGINS OF THE MĀORI LANGUAGE

Kia ora! If you've ever heard this greeting before, you have most likely been to ~~fine~~ scenic New Zealand. But what language does it come from? *Kia ora* is a way to say hello in Māori, a language also known as 'te reo'. Māori is the language spoken by the Māori people, the indigenous population of New Zealand. However, if you travelled north to the Cook Islands, you would hear a slightly ~~different~~ diverse greeting: *kia orana*. And if you travelled further north still, all the way to ~~pretty~~ stunning Tahiti, you would hear the Tahitian greeting *la orana* (pronounced yo-rah-nah).

These eastern Polynesian languages have a ~~rich~~ flavourful history and, although they have evolved over time, they continue to be important to the identity of those who speak them.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Topic	Fact 1	Fact 2	Fact 3
The history of Valentine's Day	<u>St Valentine performed secret marriages in defiance of Roman Emperor Claudius II's orders. He was executed on 14 February 269 for his disobedience.</u>	<u>The oldest record of a valentine was a poem that Charles, Duke of Orléans, wrote to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415.</u>	<u>In the late Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to see who their valentine would be.</u>
The role of cats throughout history	<u>Ancient Egyptians believed that cats were magical, and they worshipped a feline goddess named Bastet.</u>	<u>In Japan, cats were entrusted with guarding Buddhist scriptures transported from China.</u>	<u>Cats were taken on ships around the world because they were good for catching vermin.</u>

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Once just an idea in science fiction stories, 'artificial intelligence', or AI, has come to attract ^{serious} ~~important~~ attention over the years. ^{Since it was first classified as a science in 1955, it has grown rapidly as a field of study.} ~~It was first classified as a science in 1955. It has grown rapidly as a field of study since then.~~

But what exactly is AI? This can be very subjective – ask three experts and you're likely to get four different answers. Broadly speaking, AI refers to an idea proposed by the ^{brilliant} ~~smart~~ mathematician Alan Turing in 1950: can machines think? ^{The goal of AI is to create machines that are able to perceive, process and learn, in a similar way to people.} ~~The goal of AI is to create machines that are able to perceive, process and learn. This is similar way people.~~

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Civilisation	Facts
Ancient Greece	Fact 1: <u>In ancient Greece, a unibrow was considered a sign of intelligence and great beauty in women.</u> Fact 2: <u>The ancient Greeks worshipped powerful gods known as the Olympians.</u>
Ancient Egypt	Fact 1: <u>Ancient Egyptians, who weren't afraid to protest for better working conditions, organised one of the first recorded strikes in history.</u> Fact 2: <u>Ancient Egyptians mummified the dead bodies of those who were considered important because they believed it would help them to reach the afterlife.</u>
Maya	Fact 1: <u>Mayans played a game that involved hitting a ball through a hoop. It was similar to basketball, except that you couldn't use your hands and feet to score points.</u> Fact 2: <u>Chocolate was very important to Mayans, and they even used cocoa beans as a form of currency.</u>

WEEK 27 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ALL ABOUT VOLCANOES

Volcanoes can be found on every continent and come in many different shapes and sizes. ~~They are found~~ ^{Many of us find} ~~them interesting~~ ^{interesting by many of us.} The melted rock inside a volcano is called magma, and when it leaves the volcano it's called lava. Though it is very hot and dangerous, the lava eventually cools down and turns back into rock. ~~Layers on a volcano are formed by this rock.~~ ^{This rock forms the layers on a volcano.}

Volcanic eruptions can create calderas, which look like empty lakes on the top of a mountain. ~~Famous calderas in Yellowstone National Park, United States, and Santorini, Greece, are visited by tourists every year.~~ ^{Every year, tourists visit famous calderas in Yellowstone National Park, United States, and Santorini, Greece.}

DAY 2

Chronological	Sequential	Cause and effect
<u>A history of women's right to vote</u>	<u>How electricity works</u>	<u>Why oil spills happen</u>
<u>How Google began</u>	<u>How laws are created</u>	<u>Effects of a vegan diet</u>
Answers may vary. Possible answers include:		
<u>A history of life on Earth</u>	<u>How to write a song</u>	<u>Effects of social media use</u>

DAY 3

THE ORIGINS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC

The Chinese zodiac ~~will have~~ ^{has} a very long history in China. There are many myths and stories that try to explain the origins of the zodiac. One of the most famous tells the story of a great race between the animals, ~~organising~~ ^{organised} by an ancient god called the Jade Emperor. The order in which the animals won the race ~~becomes~~ ^{became} their position in the twelve-year cycle.

Although the exact beginnings of the Chinese zodiac ~~will not be~~ ^{were not} recorded, many historians believe that the animal symbols were first used by Chinese people during the Han dynasty (206 BC to 220 AD). Some people believe that the lunar calendar, which can be ~~traced~~ ^{traced} back to the fourteenth century BC, ~~paves~~ ^{paved} the way for the sequence of the zodiac animals.

DAY 4

① **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The chronological approach is used in the passage above. I think this approach supports the purpose of the topic because it is a history, so it makes sense to provide the information in the order in which things happened.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Topic: How black holes are formed

Organisational approach: sequential

Explanation: Black holes form when giant stars die. First these stars run out of hydrogen. Then they explode, collapse and turn into black holes. A sequential approach would be the best way to describe this because it allows you to provide step-by-step information about the process of black hole formation.

DAY 5

1

THE RISE OF REALITY TV

Arguably, the culture of 'look at me' television ~~begins~~ ^{began} with *Survivor* and *Big Brother*. ~~Premiere~~ ^{Premiering} in 2000 in the

United States, the two series were essentially game shows; however, they also doubled as experiments in human responses and interactions. ~~These series were watched by millions of viewers. The drama of the emotional breakdowns of contestants and choosing who to cheer for was what attracted such big audiences.~~ ^{Millions of viewers watched these series. Big audiences were attracted by the drama of the emotional breakdowns of contestants and choosing who to cheer for.} This appeal

is never more evident than in series like *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*. These ~~will~~ ^{will} have many symbols of romance, such as candles and roses. ~~But what leaves viewers wanting more are the weekly eliminations showing close-ups of brokenhearted contestants.~~ ^{the weekly eliminations, showing close-ups of broken-hearted contestants, leave viewers wanting more.}

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

THE EVOLUTION OF MEMES

The viral images and jokes that we know as 'memes' might seem to be basic elements of social media and online communication, but they evolved incredibly quickly to take the form so familiar to us today. One of the first ever viral memes was the 'Hamster Dance' meme, which was a GIF of dancing cartoon hamsters that appeared in the late 1990s. In the 2000s, memes became more mainstream and often included different captions over images of characters such as 'Grumpy Cat' and 'Philosophical Velociraptor'. Memes today take many different shapes and continue to evolve in fun and unpredictable ways.

WEEK 28 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE LARGEST APE THAT EVER LIVED

According to ^Sscience writer ^CColin Barras, *Gigantopithecus* was officially discovered in 1935, when a ^GGerman anthropologist named ^RRalph von Koenigswald found an enormous fossilised tooth in a pharmacy in Hong Kong. It was being sold as a 'dragon tooth', a common name for fossils used in traditional ^CChinese medicine.

For such an enormous creature, you'd think there would be plenty of fossilised bones left to discover. However, since von Koenigswald identified that first tooth, scientists have only found a few thousand teeth and some jawbone fragments, mostly from caves in southern China. ^{A B}As ^BBarras writes, porcupines might be to blame. ^PPorcupines chew on bones for calcium, and it is likely that they 'ate most of the evidence for the world's biggest ape'.

DAY 2

- ① Topic: Common uses of hypnosis

Purpose: To educate people about the benefits of hypnosis

- Hypnosis can be used to make people do embarrassing things. Hypnosis can help people trace the source of and overcome their fears.

- ② **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

Topic: The evolution of teenage slang

Purpose: To show how teenage slang has changed over time

Fact 1: Teenage slang today is influenced by social media.

Fact 2: Teenage slang changes with every generation.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE ORIGINS OF THE MĀORI LANGUAGE

The Māori language is rich and varied. In the same way that Australian English differs from American English, Māori has slight variations depending on location. ^{For example, the} Cook Islands are made up of fifteen islands spread over a large area. Some islands are very difficult to reach, so the people on these different islands started using different pronunciations, and sometimes completely different words. ^{Furthermore, when} ^{When} the Māori people settled in New Zealand, their language changed again.

The various dialects of Māori were originally spoken languages, which means there was no way to write them down. ^{Instead, the} Māori people used traditional songs, dances, carvings and weavings to pass on messages.

DAY 4

1 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Topic: The role of dreams **Purpose:** To explain the various functions of dreaming

Dreams are hallucinations that occur during certain stages of sleep. ~~Some people argue that you cannot dream while you are snoring.~~ Though scientists don't entirely agree on the purpose of dreams, there are several widely held beliefs. The main theory is that dreams help us to confront emotional traumas in our life. ~~Interestingly, people who are born blind still have dreams, even though they do not see visuals in their dreams.~~ Another popular theory is that dreams help us to sort through complicated thoughts and feelings.

2 **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The first crossed-out sentence gives a 'fact' that isn't supported by evidence. The second crossed-out sentence gives an interesting piece of information but it doesn't relate to the topic and purpose of the text. Neither sentence tells the reader anything more about the functions of dreaming.

DAY 5

1 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

~~O~~ne implementation of AI you might be familiar with is the development of computer programs to master various games. A famous example is Deep Blue, a supercomputer that beat former chess world champion ~~G~~arry Kasparov in 1997. ~~T~~he program AlphaZero managed to master activities such as chess, after being given nothing but the rules, in just under four hours. ~~I~~t was tested against other AI programs and won convincingly. Many people couldn't master noughts-and-crosses in that time!

~~T~~here are plans to incorporate AI into gameplay to an even greater extent. ~~T~~his would enable games to change and respond to player feedback.

2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

Topic: The origin of detective stories

Purpose of the piece: To describe how detective fiction evolved to become the popular genre we know today

Sentence introducing the topic: Stories about fictional detectives, from Nancy Drew to Sherlock Holmes, have been incredibly popular for over a hundred years.

Interesting fact 1: 'The Murders in the Rue Morgue', a short story by Edgar Allan Poe published in 1841, is considered to be the first detective story.

Interesting fact 2: Agatha Christie is one of the best-selling novelists of all time, and has been described as 'the queen of crime'.

Concluding statement: Although our lives have changed immensely since the nineteenth century, mystery and crime stories continue to captivate us in much the same ways.

WEEK 29 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

ALL ABOUT VOLCANOES

How a volcano erupts depends on its shape, size and type of magma. Imagine opening a bottle of soft drink and pouring some into a glass; the liquid would flow out of the bottle easily and, hopefully, not make a mess. Now, imagine that you shook that bottle before you opened it; gas would build up and cause the liquid to explode out, spraying everywhere.

The same thing happens in a volcano. If the magma inside is runny, there is less gas in it that needs to escape, and the lava will flow out slowly. If the magma is thick and full of gas, there can be an explosive eruption, sending ash and magma high into the air.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Topic	Fact	Additional description
History of the US flag	The current flag of the United States was designed by a high-school student in 1958.	<u>Bob Heft received a B for his History project. After President Dwight D Eisenhower chose Heft's design, the B was upgraded to an A.</u>
Interesting national animals	The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.	<u>In Scotland, unicorns have been associated with dominance and bravery, and were once believed to be the strongest of all animals.</u>
Zombie ants	The <i>Ophiocordyceps unilateralis</i> fungus infects a foraging ant and slowly alters its behaviour.	<u>Once the fungus takes over the ant's body, it forces the ant to attach itself to a leaf. Then, growths on the ant's head rupture and release fungal spores that fall to the ground to infect more ants.</u>

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE ORIGINS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC

The true origin of the Chinese zodiac is much more difficult to ascertain. According to one online museum, there are legends that suggest the Chinese calendar was created by Emperor Huangdi in 2637 BC. ~~The zodiac animals were thought to have become attached to the calendar much later, although the exact date is unknown. The zodiac animals were thought to have become attached to the calendar much later. The exact date is unknown.~~ The zodiac animals

The earliest artefacts featuring the animals emerged during the Warring States period in ancient China (475–221 BC). Exactly where and how these zodiac animals were first created is still contested among scholars. ~~Over time, the zodiac spread from China across Asia, and now many different Asian countries have their own version of the twelve zodiac animals. Over time, the zodiac spread from China across Asia. Many different Asian countries have their own version of the twelve zodiac animals.~~ Over time, the zodiac spread from China across Asia, and now many different Asian countries have their own version of the twelve zodiac animals.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

HISTORY OF AMUSEMENT PARKS

1903	New York's Luna Park was founded in 1903 and served as a stand-in for world travel. Patrons could take a tour of mock versions of countries such as India, Japan and Ireland.	→	This park was destroyed by fire in 1944, but the idea was successful and there are now many Luna Parks around the world. Melbourne's was the first in Australia (1912).
1895	The first permanent enclosed amusement park was opened in Coney Island, Brooklyn, USA, in 1895.	→	This was Sea Lion Park, created by an aquatic daredevil known as Captain Paul Boyton.
1800s	The invention of mechanical rides in the late 1800s led to amusement parks as we know them. But, before that, pleasure gardens and world fairs had a similar purpose.	→	One example is London's Bartholomew Fair, which lasted for hundreds of years and featured tightrope walkers and puppet shows.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE RISE OF REALITY TV

Those who don't religiously follow the lives of reality TV contestants often wonder what the appeal of the genre is. ~~There are people who don't religiously follow the lives of reality TV contestants. These people often wonder what~~

~~the appeal of the genre is.~~ 'What is so fascinating about the lives of complete strangers and celebrities?' they

ask? 'How can people delight in the tears and triumphs of people they don't personally know?' they muse.

Reality TV series remain very popular today because they tap into our desire to see ordinary people on the screen.

~~Reality TV series remain very popular today. They tap into our desire to see ordinary people on the screen.~~

Media psychiatrist and reality television consultant Dr Carole Lieberman explains, 'We live vicariously through the experiences of the reality TV stars from the safety of our own homes.'

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Topic sentence/interesting fact: Whales, along with other sea mammals like dolphins, evolved from a four-legged, wolf-like animal that lived on land around 50 million years ago.

Explanation/added detail: This animal is known as *Pakicetus*, and it lived in Pakistan and India near water. Scientists believe that *Pakicetus*' descendants gradually travelled further and further into watery habitats for food, and adapted to aquatic environments. Over millions of years, they evolved into the whales we know today.

Summary sentence: The whale is one of the most fascinating examples of evolution and shows just how significant changes can be over time.

WEEK 30 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE LARGEST APE THAT EVER LIVED

So, what happened to *Gigantopithecus*? While the giant ape might have seemed indestructible, some scientists ~~believe~~ ^{believes} that its enormous size may have ultimately been its downfall – fossils indicate it stood as high as three metres and weighed up to 500 kilograms. Aaron Clauset, a computer scientist at the University of Boulder, explains that ‘being bigger ... brings long-term risk’.

As *National Geographic* ~~reports~~ ^{report}, larger animals ~~require~~ ^{requires} greater amounts of food. They also usually ~~have~~ ^{has} fewer offspring than smaller animals. This turned out to be a fatal combination for *Gigantopithecus* when a sudden change in climate was caused by an ice age. Unlike smaller apes – such as its closest living relative, the orangutan – *Gigantopithecus* simply couldn’t adapt quickly enough to survive its new environment.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

fossils indicate it stood as high as three metres and weighed up to 500 kilograms

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Specifying the height and weight of *Gigantopithecus* allows readers to visualise how big it was, which is relevant because its size was one of the main reasons it became extinct.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Most scientists think that *Gigantopithecus* walked on all fours like gorillas do, rather than standing upright on two legs. This is because the animal was so large and heavy, it might not have been able to support its weight on just two legs.

DAY 3

THE ORIGINS OF THE MĀORI LANGUAGE

The Māori language was affected when English settlers arrived in New Zealand in 1769. On ~~board~~ ^{board} James Cook’s ship was a Tahitian high ~~chief~~ ^{chief} who was able to translate between Cook and the Māori people, since the Polynesian languages were similar to Māori. But as the English people learned the local language and started to ~~write~~ ^{write} it down, so that they could document sales and ownership, several English words were integrated into the Māori language. Though it was ~~threatened~~ ^{threatened} and nearly disappeared over time, *te reo* was listed as an ~~official~~ ^{official} New Zealand language in 1987, and many ~~restoration~~ ^{restoration} projects are aimed at preserving it.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a While there are currently no active volcanoes on the moon, recent NASA findings suggest that there may have been flow from active volcanoes around 100 million years ago.
- b Yes – Olympic records show that the longest recorded horse jump at the Olympics was 6.10 metres, while the longest human jump was 8.95 metres.
- c Bees can fly higher than 9000 metres above sea level, according to *National Geographic*. That's higher than Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.
- d Peanuts are not a nut, but a legume. According to *Macquarie Dictionary*, nuts are fruit encased in a shell but peanuts are seeds inside a pod that grows underground.

DAY 5

1

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A ~~prominent~~ ^{prominent} example of the influence AI could potentially have on our lives ~~are~~ ^{is} self-driving cars. The day in which all cars are self-driving may not be as far away as you might think. The basis of all of this development ~~has~~ ^{has} been the advances in artificial intelligence. The systems driving cars have to be 'trained' to ~~perceive~~ ^{perceive} and react to all sorts of information – think about the ~~sheer~~ ^{sheer} number of factors that could affect a car ride. Estimates are that a self-driving vehicle in 2020 could contain as much as 300 million lines of code, and be expected to process stimuli at a ridiculous speed. But just imagine being able to relax and watch your favourite TV show while the car you're in ~~do~~ ^{does} all the work for you!

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

THE EMERGENCE OF STREAMING SERVICES

In the past, people could only watch a limited selection of movies and shows on television, and only when these were scheduled by the broadcasters. The introduction of streaming services in the 2000s has changed that drastically, and now, according to *The Artifice* magazine, 'streaming is replacing the beloved TV in the average household'.

One of the earliest streaming services was YouTube, which launched in 2005. In 2007, the DVD rental company Netflix started offering streaming services to its subscribers. In 2013, Netflix began making original content rather than just distributing other companies' productions. Today, streaming services are very popular, and research by Roy Morgan has found that over 14.5 million Australians use a paid subscription service to watch television.

WEEK 31 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

ALL ABOUT VOLCANOES

While there are thousands of volcanoes around the world, some are more famous than others. Mount Vesuvius, a stratovolcano in Italy, ~~will be~~ ^{is} known for its explosive eruption in 79 AD, which ~~destroys~~ ^{destroyed} several Roman cities, including Pompeii. The cities ~~are~~ ^{were} preserved by being buried in the rock and ash thrown from the volcano, and volcanologists have been able to learn about how people ~~live~~ ^{lived} back then by studying the remains.

A famous shield volcano, called Kilauea, can be found in Hawaii. This volcano continuously ~~erupting~~ ^{erupted} from 1983 to 2018 – that’s thirty-five years! During this time, new craters and parts of the volcano ~~will form~~ ^{formed} from the slow-spreading lava.

DAY 2

① **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Mount Vesuvius erupted, which caused the destruction of several Roman cities.

② **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

- a BENEE became popular on TikTok, which led to her songs being played on the radio.
- b The manuscript will be published by Hachette because it won an award.
- c The Simpsons makes millions of dollars; as a result, the voice actors are millionaires.

DAY 3

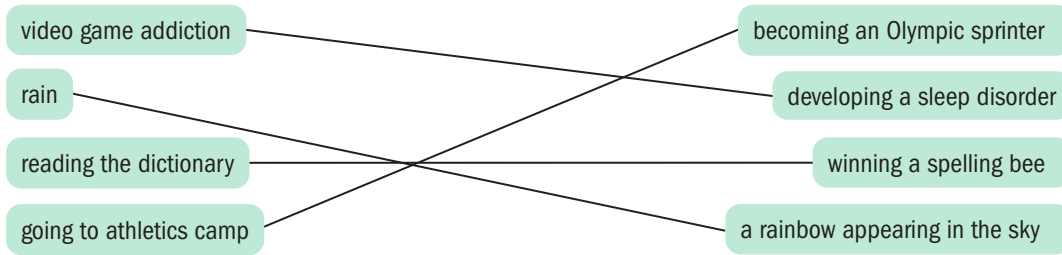
THE ORIGINS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC

Though we may never know the origins of the Chinese zodiac for sure, the cultural impact that it has had across the globe is impossible to ignore. Many Chinese people consider the influence of the Chinese zodiac when making major life decisions; for instance, in the year of the Dragon, which is associated with good fortune, there is often a spike in birth rates across China as parents hope for children with good fortunes. Similarly, Chinese investors often consider the zodiac when making financial decisions.

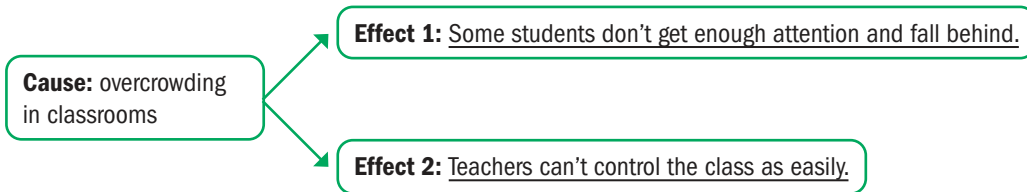
As ~~well-known~~ ^{well-known} Taiwanese author ShaoLan Hsueh explains, whether or not you believe in the Chinese zodiac, ‘the collective decisions made by 1.3 billion people’ cause fluctuations in important areas of life, such as economics and healthcare, and ultimately have enormous impacts across the whole world.

DAY 4

1



2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:



DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE RISE OF REALITY TV

The influence of reality TV has only continued to grow in the last decade; while it was once simply a source of entertainment for the masses, it is now a tool to obtain power and celebrity. Socialites such as Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie ^{used} ~~use~~ reality TV in the early 2000s to help bolster their celebrity status, but it was *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* that showed how powerful reality TV could be. The Kardashian ^{created} ~~will create~~ family ^{will create} a business empire worth billions of dollars and were able to extend their influence as far as the White ^{House}, with Kim Kardashian meeting President Trump to discuss justice-system reform.

Trump himself ^{gained} ~~gains~~ attention through his reality TV series *The Apprentice*, and his celebrity status ^{played} ~~will play~~ a role in him becoming ^{President} of the United States.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Topic: Video game addiction and developing a sleep disorder

Addiction to playing video games can damage a person's health, and particularly affects their sleeping habits. For example, someone addicted to video games often stays awake all night to continue gaming. While the short-term effects of this may simply be tiredness, it could eventually lead to a sleep disorder. This can be very dangerous to a person's health, because getting enough sleep each night is vital. Sleep enables the body to repair itself and to be fit and ready for another day.

WEEK 32 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

THE LARGEST APE THAT EVER LIVED

Although palaeontologists (~~scientist~~ ^{scientists} who study ~~fossil~~ ^{fossils}) have managed to discover quite a lot about *Gigantopithecus* just from fossilised ~~tooth~~ ^{teeth} and jawbones, there is much we may never know about the mysterious creature.

Still, *Gigantopithecus* has undoubtedly made its mark and lives on in our imaginations. ~~Human~~ ^{Humans} have long been fascinated by giant beasts. Huge ape-like ~~creature~~ ^{creatures} can be found in mythology and folklore all across the world, including the Himalayan yeti, the North American sasquatch and the yowies found in Indigenous Australian legends. More recently, popular media has begun portraying *Gigantopithecus* ~~character~~ ^{characters} directly, including Gutt from the *Ice Age* franchise and King Louie in Disney's 2016 remake of *The Jungle Book*.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Subject	Similarities	Differences
Editorials vs news articles	<u>Both discuss issues that interest a general audience.</u>	<u>An editorial presents someone's opinion, whereas a news article reports facts in an objective manner.</u>
Mars vs Earth	<u>Both are terrestrial planets in our solar system.</u>	<u>Mars is covered in dust, whereas most of the Earth's surface is covered in water.</u>
Alligator vs crocodile	<u>Both are reptilian carnivores.</u>	<u>Alligators live in freshwater habitats, but crocodiles can live in both freshwater and saltwater habitats.</u>
Photograph vs autobiography	<u>Both can provide information about a person.</u>	<u>Anything/anyone can be the subject of a photograph, whereas autobiographies are about the author.</u>
Australia vs Brazil	<u>Both countries have roughly the same land area.</u>	<u>Australia's population is about 25 million people, while Brazil has a population of around 210 million.</u>

DAY 3

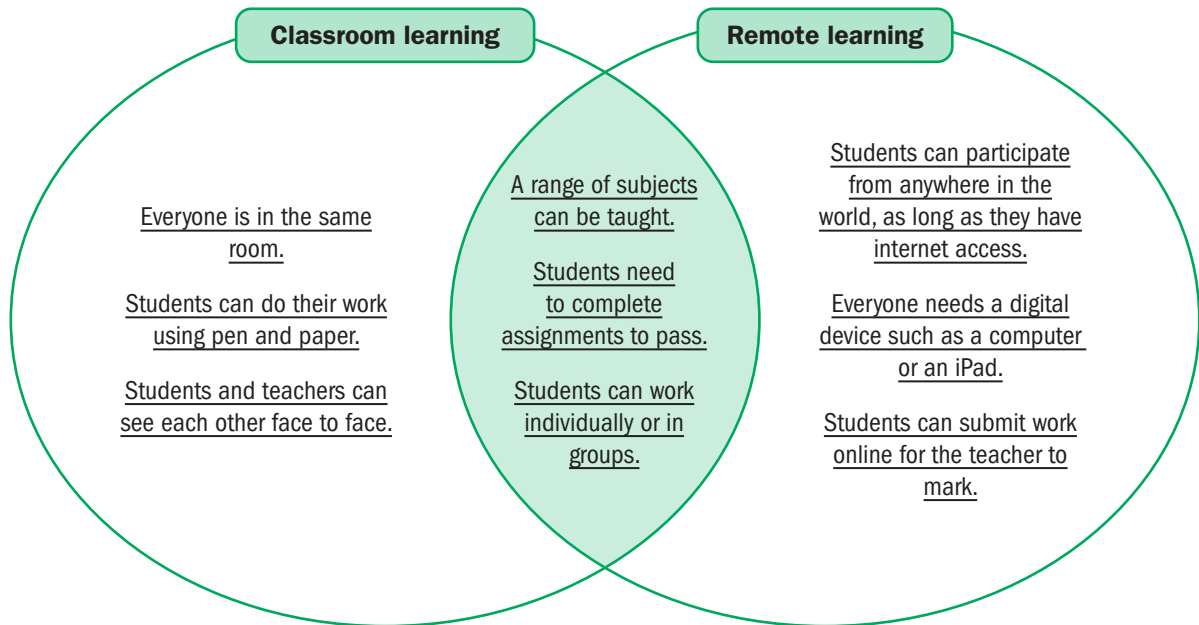
THE ORIGINS OF THE MĀORI LANGUAGE

There are some major differences between the eastern Polynesian languages. Take, for example, the language spoken on Pukapuka, one of the most remote islands in the Cook Islands. ~~Pukapukan is an official language of this island, but most Māori speakers cannot make sense of it.~~ ^{Pukapukan is an official language of this island, but most Māori speakers cannot make sense of it.}

~~Another difference is the dialect of Māori that is spoken on Palmerston Island. It is mixed with English in a strong Gloucestershire accent.~~ ^{Another difference is the dialect of Māori that is spoken on Palmerston Island, which is mixed with English in a strong Gloucestershire accent.}

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:



DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The future of AI, the way it will develop and its ongoing role in society are all a mystery. ~~It will have a significant impact on many areas of our day-to-day lives, from transport to healthcare to education.~~ ~~It is certain to have a significant impact on many areas of our day-to-day lives, from transport to healthcare to education. This is certain.~~

A ~~topic~~ ^{topic} of discussion, however, and frequently the central conflict of a lot of science fiction, is our relationship with it. ~~Will we control AI? Will AI control us?~~ ^{Will we control AI, or will AI control us?} Opinions are divided, even among the ~~expert~~ ^{experts}. Some imagine a future where our lives are effectively run by AI. Others predict that it'll be like many other technological innovations, and may improve or even revolutionise our lives, but it won't replace the human element. Whatever the impact, it's sure to be big.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Subject 1: Television series

Subject 2: Movies

Television and movies are both popular forms of entertainment. Both can tell stories in a range of genres, but important differences between them can affect how stories are told. Television series are made up of many episodes that can be quite short – some series have episodes as short as ten minutes – and can run across several seasons. Movies, on the other hand, run for longer in one sitting (usually between ninety minutes and two hours), but tell a complete story. However, as some television episodes can be quite long, and some movies can have many sequels, the line between the two can sometimes be blurred.

WEEK 33 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

CANCEL SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS

Dear Ms Jenkins,

I am writing to request that school photo days be ~~cancelled~~ ^{cancelled}. Firstly, the way everyone worries about their ~~appearance~~ ^{appearance} makes photo day as stressful as exam week! ~~Renowned~~ ^{Renowned} psychologist Nella Woods suggests that focusing too much on appearance is harmful to teenagers' mental health.

Secondly, school photos are outdated. Once, they might have been useful to document a special time in one's life. But, ~~Principal~~ ^{Principal}, it is 2021! A Deloitte survey showed that 91% of Australians use smartphones to document their lives.

Finally, ~~devoting~~ ^{devoting} a whole day to photos is, frankly, a waste of ~~valuable~~ ^{valuable} learning time. A recent Western University study showed that only about 60% of school time is spent learning. I don't think we should lose more to a pointless tradition.

Harriet Jones, Year 8

DAY 2

① Harriet argues that school photo days should be cancelled.

② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

She argues that school photo days are stressful, outdated and a waste of learning time. I think her most important reason is that they take up learning time, because this is the main purpose of school.

③ **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Yes, I think Principal Jenkins will be convinced because Harriet offers three strong reasons and uses evidence to back them up.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

CANCEL SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS: AN ANALYSIS

In her letter, Year 8 student Harriet urges Principal Jenkins to cancel school photo days. She presents three reasons why they should be ~~cancelled~~ ^{cancelled, and cancelled}. She lists them in order from least to most important.

Harriet's first reason is based on student wellbeing. She argues photo days are ~~'stressful'~~ ^{'stressful' because everyone is}. ~~Next, she~~ ^{Next, she} gives a practical reason, stating that school photos are redundant nowadays as most students have smartphones. ~~Finally, she~~ ^{Finally, she} concludes with her most important reason – that photo days are 'a waste of valuable learning time' – leaving the reader with a strong last impression.

By presenting three clear, separate reasons based on different concerns, ordered from least to most important, the letter is likely to make Principal Jenkins feel that Harriet's argument is strong and thoughtful.

DAY 4

① 'Stressful'

'a waste of valuable learning time'

② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

By pointing out that we live in modern times ('But, Principal, it is 2021!') Harriet emphasises that school photo days are outdated.

③ 'leaving the reader with a strong last impression'

'likely to make Principal Jenkins feel'

④ **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Harriet's argument that the stress of photo days could be 'harmful to teenagers' mental health' might make the principal feel concerned for students' welfare.

DAY 5

① **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

CANCEL SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS: AN ANALYSIS

Harriet uses evidence from ^{different} ~~different~~ sources to support each of the reasons why she believes school photo days should be cancelled. First, she references 'renowned psychologist Nella Woods' as evidence for her claim that school photo days are stressful. This reference to a well-known expert adds authority to Harriet's letter.

^{Harriet then} ~~Harriet~~ quotes statistics as evidence for her remaining reasons. These indicate that her arguments are based on objective data. They are ^{therefore} likely to be reliable. This is reinforced by the fact that her sources are trusted institutions.

This use of evidence in Harriet's letter bolsters her ^{argument} ~~argument~~, and positions Principal Jenkins to trust that her views are not just guided by her individual opinion, but are informed by research.

② **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

Harriet argues that school photo days should be cancelled.

The main reason she gives for her belief is that learning time is already short so more should not be lost for school photos.

The evidence she gives to support this reason is a Western University study stating that only '60% of school time is spent learning'.

The principal is likely to feel that Harriet's letter is convincing because Harriet has done her research to support her reasons.

WEEK 34 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

NO MORE BABYSITTING

I've just spent

After yet another exhausting week of enforcing bedtimes, helping with homework and preparing meals for kids who aren't mine, I began to wonder – do any of you other first-borns feel taken for granted when it comes to babysitting younger siblings?

I have my own responsibilities to worry about, and I'm sure you do too, so why should we waste our precious time chasing after our little brothers or sisters for nothing in return? You know what they call it when your time is not your own? A job!

Sorry Mum and Dad, but I won't be exploited anymore and starting from today, I'll be refusing all babysitting duties unless I'm fairly paid for my work.

Rohit

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word/Phrase	Emotion
exhausting	sympathy
waste our precious time	resentful
A job!	outraged

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- In a mostly frustrated tone, Rohit argues that his parents are treating him unfairly.
- Two words or phrases that help create this tone are 'taken for granted' and 'exploited'.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

NO MORE BABYSITTING: AN ANALYSIS

In his speech, Rohit argues that he shouldn't have to babysit younger siblings for nothing. Beginning with 'After yet another exhausting week' which emphasises that it happens repeatedly and has a negative effect on him.

He stresses the work involved by listing his tasks – 'enforcing bedtimes, helping with homework and preparing meals' – and referring to his other 'responsibilities'. His exasperated tone is shown in expressions such as 'taken for granted' and 'waste our precious time'.

Stating He states that he does these tasks 'for kids who aren't mine', indicating that such chores should not be the responsibility of anyone except the child's parents.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The rhetorical question seeks to make the audience feel as exploited as the speaker. This is reinforced by the direct address and the strong language of 'taken for granted'.
- b By reminding the audience that they have their own concerns to deal with, Rohit aims to make them feel as though their time is valuable and shouldn't be spent on unpaid work.
- c Rohit uses inclusive language ('we') to suggest that he and his audience share the same experiences. This is likely to make the audience empathise with his reasoning.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

NO MORE BABYSITTING: AN ANALYSIS

Rohit uses emotive language to position the audience to feel sympathy for him for being so overworked and unappreciated. ^FFor example, the word 'exploitation' has associations with illegal and immoral behaviour, making it seem that his parents are behaving very unreasonably. ^{The word 'fairly' creates} ~~Rohit uses the word 'fairly' to create~~ a contrast with how he would like to be treated.

^{Additionally, inclusive language, such as 'we', helps the} ~~Rohit uses inclusive language too, such as 'we', helping his~~ ^{Rohit's} audience to share his frustration and sense of unfairness. Rohit uses a sarcastic tone when he says, 'You know what they call it when your time is not your own? A job!' to position the audience to agree that his current situation is ridiculous and unfair.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word/phrase 1: exhausting

Rohit's use of the word 'exhausting', along with the list of tasks he needs to complete as a babysitter, emphasises how hard he works and is aimed at making his audience feel compassion for him.

Word/phrase 2: chasing after

The phrase 'chasing after' adds to the impression that Rohit is being kept very busy and is rushing around. This positions his audience to believe that babysitting puts unfair demands on his time and energy.

Word/phrase 3: taken for granted

This phrase, with its connotations of thoughtlessness, encourages the audience to feel sympathy for Rohit's situation, positioning them to believe his parents do not appreciate his efforts and that their expectations are unreasonable.

WEEK 35 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS SHOULD BE LEGALISED

Australia, let's face it: we have an abysmal track record when it comes to cycling. Last year's National Cycling Participation Survey found that only 14% of the population rode bikes in the previous week. For years cycling rates have been on the decline.

As a die-hard cyclist, I think it's an enormous shame that we are neglecting one of the cheapest, healthiest and most environmentally friendly forms of transport available – but I'm also aware that our busy roads (and irritable drivers) are far from bike friendly. This is why I propose that cycling on footpaths should be legalised right across the country. It's beyond time to make cycling safer for all Australians.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The writer believes that many Australians don't cycle because roads are not safe to do so, and aims to persuade readers that footpath cycling should be legalised.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The writer says Australians should cycle because it is cheap, healthy and environmentally friendly. As our roads are not safe for bike riding, we should be allowed to cycle on the footpath.

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

abysmal track record

enormous shame

neglecting

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The phrase 'abysmal track record' to describe Australians' cycling habits uses a sporting term ('track record') to make readers feel that our lack of cycling is a failure and needs to change.

DAY 3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS SHOULD BE LEGALISED: AN ANALYSIS

In this opinion piece on cycling, the writer argues ~~that cycling on footpaths should be legal.~~ ^{that, for health, safety and environmental reasons, cycling on footpaths should be legal.} This is for health, safety and environmental reasons. They use a firm tone, shown in expressions such as ~~'let's face it' and 'it's beyond time'.~~ ^{'let's face it' and 'it's beyond time'.} ~~It's also shown in the expression 'it's beyond time'.~~ The writer also uses concrete evidence in the form of statistics, which can be seen in the reference to '14% of the population' having ridden bikes in the last week, as well the suggestion that 'cycling rates have been on the decline'. Using figures suggests that the writer is informed about the issue. ^{adding} ~~This adds~~ credibility to their argument. The confident tone, together with the use of statistics, suggests that the writer is making an argument supported by logical reasoning.

DAY 4

- ① In this opinion piece on cycling, the writer argues that cycling on footpaths should be legal. This is for health, safety and environmental reasons.

This topic sentence is not supported by the rest of the paragraph, which focuses more on the writer's tone and their use of statistics rather than the arguments about 'health, safety and environmental concerns'.

- ② **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

- a The writer aims to make the reader feel that Australia is doing a poor job of managing cycling by indicating that the cycling rates in the country have been declining for years.
- b They aim to make cycling on footpaths seem sensible by contrasting it with the dangerous image of busy roads with irritable drivers.
- c The writer aims to seem reasonable by offering a potential solution for the risks of cycling on roads with motorists.

DAY 5

- ① **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS SHOULD BE LEGALISED: AN ANALYSIS

The writer frequently uses emotive language; for example they refer to the situation as 'abysmal' and an 'enormous shame'. These terms position the reader to feel worried about the situation and situation. They also imply the issue is important and worth caring about. The phrase 'die-hard cyclist' makes the writer seem passionate and knowledgable, suggesting knowledgable. This suggests their opinion is worth listening to.

The writer combines emotive language with inclusive language such as 'our busy roads' and 'we have'. This positions the reader to feel that they and the writer are on the same side, and so they should share the writer's concerns. When used together with the emotive language, this suggests to the reader that if they agree with the writer they will be on the right side of the issue.

- ② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The writer aims to make the reader feel that Australia is doing a poor job managing cycling by indicating that people are riding bikes less and less. Emotive phrases such as 'an abysmal track record' and the use of a statistic to demonstrate cycling has 'been on the decline' suggest that Australians are cycling far less than they should be. The writer's acknowledgement that our 'busy roads (and irritable drivers)' are not 'bike friendly' indicates that the biggest impediment to cycling is road safety, positioning the audience to agree with the contention that, to solve this crisis and encourage bicycle use, riding on footpaths should be legalised.

WEEK 36 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

SUNLITE

SunLite ~~has been~~ ^{is} the zero-waste sun lamp you've ~~were~~ ^{been} waiting for! Unlike regular solar-powered lamps, SunLite ~~stores~~ ^{radiates} light directly from the sun. No more nasty, artificial electricity – SunLite ~~radiating~~ ^{radiates} genuine sunshine only. ~~Light~~ ^{Lighted} up your home the natural way with SunLite!

DAY 2

❶ **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

A SunLite is environmentally friendly and natural because it radiates sunshine rather than electricity.

❷ **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The SunLite is shown in an outdoor setting, emphasising the fact that it is a natural product.

❸ **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Visual element	Benefit of SunLite
plants	<u>environmentally friendly</u>
coins	cost-effective
sunshine	<u>radiates sunshine</u>

DAY 3

SUNLITE ADVERTISEMENT: AN ANALYSIS

This advertisement uses both written text and an image to present the new solar-powered product 'SunLite' as environmentally friendly, unique and affordable.

The text describes the lamp as 'natural' and 'zero-waste', indicating that SunLite is environmentally friendly. This is reinforced by the image's depiction of a light bulb in a forest environment, [,] emphasising the link to nature. The advertisers also aim to portray SunLite as unique. The phrase 'Unlike regular ~~solar-powered~~ ^{solar-powered} lamps' highlights that SunLite is different from competitor products because it uses 'genuine sunshine only'. Finally, the placement of a small pile of coins next to the light bulb indicates that the product is ~~cost-effective~~ ^{cost-effective ;}, this appeals to the audience's desire for value for money.

DAY 4

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a **yellow:** sunlight, happiness, good weather
- b **green:** plants, growth, fresh
- c **brown:** earth, warmth, nature

② 'This is reinforced by the image's depiction of a light bulb in a forest environment, emphasising the link to nature'

'the placement of a small pile of coins next to the light bulb indicates that the product is cost-effective'

③ Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The light bulb is partially buried in the soil as though it has grown from the earth, reinforcing the text's focus of SunLite as a 'natural' product.

DAY 5

①

SUNLITE ADVERTISEMENT: AN ANALYSIS

The advertisers make use of visual elements to further ~~emphasised~~ ^{emphasise} SunLite's connection to nature. In the image, the light bulb is placed to the left of two seedlings, as though it has sprouted from the soil. The use of lighting also highlights this connection; ~~the bright sunlight~~ ^{bright sunlight} in the background ~~mirrored~~ ^{mirrors} the glow ~~with in~~ ^{within} the light bulb, visually demonstrating SunLite's solar-powered functioning.

These visual elements work in conjunction with the advertisement's language choices. Words with positive connotations such as 'genuine' and 'natural' are positioned in opposition to descriptors such as 'nasty' and 'artificial'. Through this contrast between 'natural' and 'artificial', the advertisers aim to ~~presented~~ ^{present} SunLite as the best, most authentic choice in the market for solar-powered lights.

② Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

The purpose of the ad is to persuade the audience to purchase a SunLite. Use of language such as 'genuine sunshine' and 'natural way' aims to evoke a sense of peace in the reader. This is reinforced by the image, which shows a light bulb in a natural setting. One persuasive feature of the image is the small pile of coins. This is persuasive because it indicates to the audience that SunLite is cheap. The image and the written text work together to position the viewer to believe that SunLite is authentic and affordable.

WEEK 37 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

FAIRYTALES: AN ANALYSIS

'Fairytales depict stereotypical ideas about women.' Do you agree?

The portrayal of female ^{characters} ~~character~~ in fairytales has evolved over many ^{centuries} ~~century~~. Classic ^{fairytales} ~~fairytales~~ such as *Cinderella* (1697) and *Snow White* (1812) depict their heroines as weak, passive characters. *Cinderella* only finds happiness by marrying Prince Charming, while *Snow White* needs a prince to save her. These ^{scenarios} ~~scenario~~ support an outdated idea that ^{women} ~~woman~~ are not strong enough on their own. However, in more modern fairytales ^{adaptations} ~~adaptation~~, female characters are drawn as strong and independent. For example, ^{sisters} ~~sister~~ Elsa and Anna from the Disney film *Frozen* (2014) are portrayed as complex characters who thrive without romantic interests. So, while classic fairytales depict women as weak and dependent on men, more modern versions focus on their strengths.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a 'The Little Mermaid' highlights the importance of having a voice. Discuss.
'Being able to speak and communicate is a very important message in The Little Mermaid.' Discuss.
- b 'Snow White' demonstrates the dangerous consequences of jealousy. Discuss.
'Envy is shown to have damaging effects in Snow White.' Discuss.
- c In *Jack and the Beanstalk*, is Jack's decision to climb the beanstalk selfish?
In Jack and the Beanstalk, does Jack decide to climb the beanstalk because he is only looking out for himself?

DAY 3

HARRY POTTER ANALYSIS

'The characters in Harry Potter are used to represent good and evil.' Discuss.

JK ^R ~~R~~ Rowling's *Harry Potter and the ^P ~~P~~ philosopher's Stone* is about the struggle between good and evil. The characters in the book are used to show these two opposing sides. The good side is represented by Harry and his friends. Their goodness is shown by their strong friendship, their kindness to others and their fight against the forces of darkness. Evil is represented by Voldemort, Draco and the ^D ~~d~~ursleys. They are depicted as evil through the way they spread hatred, greed and fear. Voldemort is the most purely evil, with no positive qualities. ^H ~~H~~e acts only to fulfil his own selfish needs and spreads terror throughout the wizarding community. His battle with Harry is depicted as the ^u ~~u~~ltimate ^b ~~b~~attle between good and evil in the novel.

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The topic is asking whether Hermione, rather than Harry, is the hero. I disagree. Although Hermione definitely helps Harry, it is Harry himself who has to fight Voldemort.
- b The topic is asking whether Harry was strengthened (i.e. made more resilient) by being brought up by the Dursleys. I disagree because the text does not indicate that his difficult upbringing helped him. I would argue that Harry draws on his friendships to find strength.
- c The topic is asking whether Hogwarts teachers do enough to protect their students from the threats at the school. I agree that they do not do enough because the students are frequently exposed to dangers and often need to rescue themselves.

DAY 5

1

STRANGER THINGS ANALYSIS

'Stranger Things highlights the power of friendship.' Discuss.

Friendship plays a major **role** in the Duffer Brothers' 2016 television series *Stranger **T**hings*. The **event** in the first season show how friendship helps the characters to overcome obstacles and gives them a sense of belonging. When **W**ill goes missing, his friends Mike, Dustin and Lucas do everything in their power to find him. It is only through teamwork that they are able to defeat the supernatural **b**east guarding their friend and rescue him. The character of Eleven, on the other hand, has lived her whole life in a **laboratory** and has never experienced friendship. The friendships that she develops with Mike, Dustin and Lucas make her feel less lonely and give her life new **purpose**.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a While the tears of a phoenix are magical and able to heal people, *From the Ashes* suggests that Ioke's love for her brother is stronger.
- b Through the deceitful and dangerous eponymous character, *Summer* warns readers not to trust first impressions.
- c *All Aboard* shows that the ability to perform heroic acts is not limited to adults.

WEEK 38 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

FAIRYTALES: AN ANALYSIS

Cinderella and Snow White are shown to be passive characters. Cinderella is ~~opressed~~ ^{oppressed} by her stepmother and stepsisters, forced to do all the housework. But instead of seeking to escape, all she wants is to go to a ball. Significantly, she is saved not by anything that she does, but by her ~~beuty~~ ^{beauty}, which leads to her marrying Prince Charming. This is ~~similar~~ ^{similar} to Snow White, who needs male characters to save her from the Evil Queen. The huntsman chooses not to kill her, the seven ~~dwarves~~ ^{dwarves} take her in and the prince saves her from a death-like sleep with a kiss. In both stories, it is the brave and ~~hansome~~ ^{handsome} prince who saves the day, rather than the female characters the stories are named after.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Text: *The Hunger Games*

Topic: 'Katniss rebels against the Capitol in a number of ways.' Discuss.

Contention: In *The Hunger Games*, Katniss rebels against the authoritarian government, the Capitol, by showing compassion to her competitors and challenging expected ideas of behaviour.

Reason 1 supporting the contention: Katniss' acts of compassion towards others in the arena oppose the nature of the Hunger Games, which seek to foster division between the districts.

Reason 2 supporting the contention: Katniss does not simply stand by and do as she is told. She is willing to break the rules if they don't align with her beliefs.

DAY 3

HARRY POTTER ANALYSIS

The kindness and love shown by Harry and his friends demonstrate their goodness. ~~his~~ ^T includes the way they treat each other. Ron (encouraged by his mother) sits beside Harry on the Hogwarts Express because he doesn't know anyone else. ~~Harry~~ ^H, meanwhile, buys all the treats from the cart to share with Ron when he realises he doesn't have any money. Harry shows this same compassion to Professor Quirrell, whom Harry believes is being threatened by Professor Snape: 'Whenever Harry passed Quirrell these days he gave him an encouraging sort of smile.' Unknowingly, Harry is being nice to someone who is secretly evil. ~~he~~ ^H can't help it though; being good is in his nature. He doesn't ever even consider the idea of committing bad deeds, saying, 'I'm never going over to the Dark Side!'

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a
1. A phoenix's tears can only heal physical ailments, not bring happiness like love can.
 2. The love of his sister gives Kaleo the strength to climb a mountain, despite his blindness.
- b
1. Summer appears to be a friendly neighbourhood girl, yet can turn into a dangerous sea monster.
 2. Crystal's careless nature makes her seem unhelpful, yet her heroic actions prove that she is anything but.
- c
1. Leonor indicates that age is relevant, as she believes she can pursue the pirates because she is 'old enough'.
 2. Despite being only fifteen, Leonor is able to commit acts of heroism (such as tracking down the pirates and fighting them in battle).

DAY 5

1

STRANGER THINGS ANALYSIS

The characters in *Stranger Things* are confronted with seemingly ~~impossible~~^{impossible} challenges, but their strong bonds as friends help them to succeed. ⁰One of the opening scenes of the series, showing Mike, Dustin, Lucas and Will engaged in an intense game of Dungeons & Dragons, highlights the joy of friendship. But when Will goes missing, the power of friendship is put to the test. Mike, Dustin and Lucas never give up hope of finding their friend ^{.W} when they find Will in a dangerous ~~alternate~~^{alternate} dimension called the Upside Down, they discover a beastly Demogorgon blocks their path. Together, and with the help of their new friend Eleven, they manage to defeat the beast and rescue Will.

2 **Answers may vary. Possible answers include:**

The topic is asking whether Katniss rebels against the Capitol in different ways in *The Hunger Games*.

I ~~agree~~^{disagree} with the statement in the topic because in the book, Katniss demonstrates several different acts of rebellion against the Capitol.

One reason I ~~agree~~^{disagree} with the statement in the topic is because Katniss acts compassionately towards other contestants, which undermines the purpose of the Games.

Another reason I ~~agree~~^{disagree} with the statement in the topic is because Katniss challenges expected ideas of how a tribute should behave by refusing to kill Peeta at the end of the Games.

WEEK 39 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

FAIRYTALES: AN ANALYSIS

The Disney film *Frozen* ^{portrays} ~~portray~~ female characters who are very different from Cinderella and Snow White. It is a tale of two sisters (one of whom turns everything she touches into ice) and ^{explores} ~~explores~~ the idea of female power. Elsa and Anna are both strong, independent women who do not obsess over finding a man. Elsa is concerned with being a good queen and learning to control her powers while Anna only ^{wants} ~~want~~ to help her sister. In contrast to the romantic love at the centre of classic fairytales, *Frozen* ^{focuses} ~~focus~~ on sisterly love. Anna sacrifices herself to save Elsa, an act that ^{releases} ~~release~~ their kingdom from an eternal winter. It is their bond as sisters that saves the day.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The Disney film *Frozen* portrays female characters who are very different from Cinderella and Snow White. The passage describes how the two main female characters in a fairytale remake contrast with depictions of women in older fairytales.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Text and reason	Quote and explanation
<i>From the Ashes</i> – <u>The love of his sister gives Kaleo the strength to climb a mountain, despite his blindness.</u>	<u>'I can't believe we made it.' This quote from Kaleo shows that he never thought he would be able to climb the mountain, and that he was able to do so because of Ioke.</u>
<i>Summer</i> – <u>Summer appears to be a friendly neighbourhood girl, yet can turn into a dangerous sea monster.</u>	<u>'She turned back and smiled, revealing a long row of sharply pointed teeth.' This quote describes the first time Summer reveals her monstrous nature – and because Marco trusted her initial appearance, he's in real danger.</u>
<i>All Aboard</i> – <u>Despite being only fifteen, Leonor is able to commit acts of heroism (such as tracking down the pirates and fighting them in battle).</u>	<u>'I'm fifteen. I'm old enough to help.' This quote from Leonor indicates that age is still important when it comes to taking action. If she weren't 'old enough', helping wouldn't have been an option.</u>

DAY 3

HARRY POTTER ANALYSIS

✓ The villains in the novel are identified by the way they treat others. The Dursleys are extremely mean to Harry, giving him no love or affection. They lock him in a cupboard under the stairs, let Dudley bully him and leave him all alone at a busy railway station. The bad characters that Harry encounters at Hogwarts are even worse. Draco Malfoy is a snobby Slytherin boy who threatens Harry on the Hogwarts Express and jinxes Neville without provocation. He is also cruel in the way he speaks to others, telling Neville 'If brains were gold, you'd be poorer than Weasley, ✓ and that's saying something.' ✓ As bad as Malfoy is, he doesn't compare to Voldemort, who is so evil that he murders innocent people for power. ✓

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

'If brains were gold, you'd be poorer than Weasley, and that's saying something.'

This quote gives an example from the text showing how cruel Draco Malfoy is to others for no apparent reason other than to be mean.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

They lock him in a cupboard under the stairs, let Dudley bully him and leave him all alone at a busy railway station.

This plot point supports the argument that characters are portrayed as villains by being shown to treat others badly.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The Head of Slytherin, Professor Snape, also treats students very badly. He unfairly targets students from other houses, and takes joy from frightening them.

DAY 5

1

STRANGER THINGS ANALYSIS

Through the character of Eleven, *Stranger Things* ^{shows} ~~show~~ how friendship can create meaning in our lives. The idea of friendship is foreign to Eleven until she meets Mike, Dustin and Lucas and is accepted into their friendship circle. When she ^{admits} ~~admit~~ to opening the gate to the Upside Down, instead of rejecting her, Mike ^{reassures} ~~reassure~~ her, saying 'you're not the monster ... you saved me'. He, Dustin and Eleven embrace as the camera pans out on the three of them huddled together, highlighting their close bonds. ^{gives} ~~give~~ The joy of friendship ^{gives} ~~give~~ Eleven a new purpose in life: to use her powers to protect those she cares about. ^{gives} ~~give~~ At the end of the season, she sacrifices herself to destroy the Demogorgon and save her friends.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The Capitol is threatened by Katniss' acts of compassion because they indicate that she is not under the Capitol's control. She is aware of this – for example, she decorates Rue's dead body, both to honour Rue and to 'show the Capitol that ... there is a part of every tribute they can't own': that is, feelings such as compassion and kindness. Katniss demonstrates this again when she refuses to kill Peeta in the arena and instead threatens to eat a poisoned berry. By 'showing [the Capitol] up' to save Peeta's life, Katniss puts herself in the most 'dangerous place' she's ever been: at the mercy of the Capitol's wrath.

WEEK 40 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

FAIRYTALES: AN ANALYSIS

Fairytales have evolved over time to present more accurate representations of women. Classic fairytales such as *Cinderella* and *Snow White* showed female characters whose main positive attribute was their beauty. Their personalities were not explored in any meaningful way, and they were shown to be powerless without their princes. As time has passed, fairytales have started to show female characters who are braver and more intelligent, and who can achieve things without help from a man. This is highlighted in the characters of Elsa and Anna from *Frozen*. These sisters have distinctive attributes and find support in each other and their friends. They represent strong and complex women countering stereotypical ideas seen in classic fairytales.

DAY 2

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Explanation: I think the Day 1 passage is a stronger conclusion because it sums up the main argument of the essay. In contrast, the second option does not sum up the argument and the evidence used, but introduces new arguments about Ariel and male characters. It also uses a very casual tone, which is not appropriate for an analytical essay.

DAY 3

HARRY POTTER ANALYSIS

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone uses characters to highlight the differences between good and evil. The good characters are marked by their caring actions. Harry and his friends in Gryffindor extend kindness to everyone they encounter, even those who don't deserve it. ~~There is a contrast. The~~ In contrast, the evil characters are marked by their cruel actions. They take pleasure in hurting other people and seeing them suffer. Characters on each side cannot understand those on the other side. Harry uses all his strength to avoid becoming evil. ~~Voldemort~~ evil, while Voldemort 'didn't realise that love ... leaves its own mark'.

DAY 4

① *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* uses characters to highlight the differences between good and evil.

② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

The conclusion is similar to the introduction because it uses the same examples and restates the main argument. However, the conclusion is more concise because it focuses on summarising rather than explaining the main argument.

③ **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

In his final battle with Voldemort, Harry ultimately triumphs because goodness – here, represented by 'love' – is shown to be more powerful than evil.

DAY 5

①

STRANGER THINGS ANALYSIS

The characters in *Stranger Things* show how powerful friendship can be. The close bonds of friendship are what drive Mike, Dustin and Lucas to look for ~~Will~~. ^{Will, even when the} ~~The~~ adults around them give up hope. Their willingness to accept Eleven into their group also helps [✓] them along their journey. Working together, they are able to overcome the threat of the ~~Demogorgon~~. ^{Demogorgon and save} ~~They save~~ their friend from the Upside Down. In the process of helping the others save [↑] Will Eleven discovers a new reason for being. She now understands the importance of human connection and has found happiness in friendship.

② **Answers may vary. A possible answer is:**

Katniss rebels against the Capitol through acts of mutiny and compassion. Her kindness to other contestants in the arena opposes the purpose of the Games, and is consequently a form of rebellion. When Katniss acts compassionately, such as when she decorates Rue's body, she demonstrates that she retains a 'part ... they can't own'. This act also shows that the districts are more connected than the Capitol would like its citizens to believe. Katniss further rebels against the Capitol by refusing to simply do as she is told. She will not turn against Peeta, instead suggesting that they both eat poisoned berries to show the Capitol that it cannot win when people stand together in solidarity.