

WEEK 1 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a procrastinating, punish
- b fooled, are
- c make, know
- d won, plays
- e performed, supported
- f confirm, spoke

2

Mabel: Hi Ross! Do you think that pets should be allowed in schools?

Ross: Mabel, I very much believe that pets should be allowed in schools.

Mabel: Whys that?

Ross: There are many reasons. The first is that they help students to develop empathy and responsibility. The second is that they provide companionship. And the third is that they help to reduce stress.

Mabel: Those are all very good reasons, Ross. But I'm not convinced.

Ross: Why do you say that?

Mabel: I just don't think a classroom is a suitable place for pets. Classroom pets are often confined to small cages. They are also highly vulnerable to illness and neglect. And, if that wasn't enough, they can also endanger students who suffer from allergies and asthma.

Ross: I hadn't thought about that. You make some excellent points. I wonder if we can get an expert to talk to our class about it?

1

basketball

hairstyle

keyboard

windsurf

battlefield

newspaper

thunderstorm

toothpaste

worldwide

playfield

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

The keyboard clacked under my fingers as I surveyed our online playfield; a thunderstorm was coming for our opponent!

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

'Mum, can we go? It's so dusty in here.'

I tug at Mum's sleeve, but she ignores me as usual. She makes her way through the maze of desks, chairs and lamps stacked on top of one another, dragging me along because I won't let go.

'Kieran! Mummy's very busy right now. Have a wander and see if you can find a nice armchair to go beside your bed, or a nice ornament to sit on your desk.'

And after a not-so-gentle shove, I find myself standing alone in an antique store outside town while Mum zigs and zags within view.

Having little choice, I decide to at least have a look through. I search around and inside every item in the store, hoping to find something special to put in my bedroom.

Finally, I see the most magnificent mirror, a gold and bronze-lined piece that I can't look away from. I go up to its shiny, clear surface and peek into it, expecting to see myself as I always appear when I stare into the bathroom mirror at home. But when I look into the reflective surface, I see nothing at all.

DAY 3

1

I can immediately tell that something's not right. A mother always knows. I sit bolt upright, dread overpowering my ~~drowsiness~~ ^{drowsiness}.

~~fumble~~ ^{fumble}

I ~~fumble~~ around the dark tent, but I already know I won't find what I'm looking for.

~~muggy~~ ^{muggy}

A ~~muggy~~ summer breeze hits me as soon as I step out of the tent and into an even deeper layer of darkness.

'Jessie? You there?' My voice comes out as a whisper, the opposite of what I'm trying to achieve.

My eyes begin to adjust to the darkness, but all I can make out are ~~unfamiliar~~ ^{unfamiliar} shapes and ~~gnarled~~ ^{gnarled} tree trunks that take the form of claws.

~~shriek~~ ^{shriek}

A piercing ~~shriek~~ shatters the silence of the night. My heart stops beating in that moment, and I run in the direction of the noise, my mind on autopilot.

I crash through tree branches, their knife-like tendrils drawing blood. I can smell the metallic ~~scent~~ ^{scent}, but I feel no pain. All I feel is the overwhelming need to be with Jessie.

2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The townspeople were happy until the vampires arrived.
- b The students were ready for the school year to be over, but the teachers wanted to continue teaching.
- c Tiana just moved here from Kenya as it was hard to find work there.
- d I booked the resort for my client because it offers shiatsu massages.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Dear local councillors,

Libraries are at the heart of our local community. They are ^{vital} ~~good~~ spaces for children and parents. They are ^{educational} ~~learning~~ institutions, providing students with the ^{resources} ~~things~~ they need to learn. And they provide helpful materials to ^{diverse} ~~varied~~ populations, from non-English speakers to LGBTQIA+ youth.

It is ^{outrageous} ~~outlandish~~, then, that there have been discussions about closing one of our council's largest libraries. Libraries are ^{integral} ~~basic~~ to the lives of millions of Australians. According to the 2019-20 Australia Public Libraries Statistical Report, public library services were accessed by more than 9 million registered library members from 2019 to 2020 – that's 36.3% of Australia's population.

We ^{encourage} ~~ask~~ the local council to recognise the importance of libraries and ensure the continued existence of one our community's most ^{important} ~~agreeable~~ institutions.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The writer feels that libraries are an asset to their community as they provide resources for people of all ages and backgrounds and are used for a wide range of reasons. The writer believes that libraries contribute to communities both educationally and socially.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The letter opens by outlining the overall importance of libraries. The writer follows this by expressing outrage at the idea of one closing, which they stress will be a loss to their community. They back this up with evidence in the form of statistics and finish by clearly stating their demand. This structure conveys the importance and value of libraries in general before bringing the focus to the local community and specific request.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Interns should be paid for their work as they are contributing their time and labour to a workplace, and it is only fair that they should be compensated, like their colleagues.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would write a letter to the local trade union to show solidarity with their cause, or to a corporation that I felt was treating its interns unfairly.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would include an anecdote of my own (or somebody close to me who has experienced an unpaid internship). I would also include statistics as evidence for the amount interns should be paid and how the lack of payment is affecting their ability to support themselves.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would use a firm tone, which would clearly outline my points without becoming overly emotional. I would do this because people can be labelled 'hysterical' when they use too much emotive language, making it easy for others to undermine their points. By remaining firm and calm, I will be able to outline why interns deserve to be paid, while still keeping the attention of the reader.

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I will use metaphor and simile to make my language easy to engage with, for example 'work like a dog' instead of 'work really hard'. I think this will help the audience understand my perspective, and make my points clear while still being interesting to read.

WEEK 2 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The temperature was forecast to be 10 degrees, so Alice made sure she wore a ~~thin~~^{thick} jumper.
- b The gum tree sapling grew to a ~~microscopic~~^{massive} size and covered the backyard.
- c Brian's ~~dreary~~^{charming} painting covered the wall and drew every eye in the room.
- d For their upcoming school formal, the students had chosen many ~~garish~~^{beautiful} outfits, for which they received a lot of compliments.
- e ~~Frail~~^{Strong} Billy was the coach's first pick for ruckman.
- f Grandpa's ~~stale~~^{moist} cake was perfect for dessert.

2

- a The thieves **stole** the *Mona Lisa* from the Louvre.
- b Millie's passion for playing the drums cannot **be overstated**; she **is always practising**.
- c Grant **had been training for years**, and his efforts **were finally rewarded** when he **achieved** his lifelong dream of **swimming** across the English Channel.
- d The night before her birthday, Ginny **tried** her best **to get to sleep** while her parents **wrapped** her presents.
- e Every autumn the tree **dropped its bright yellow leaves**, **covering** the entire yard.
- f The *Titanic* **was said to be unsinkable**; however, this reputation may **have been exaggerated**.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

She had been reading all afternoon, and she planned to read more again tomorrow.

DAY 2

1

- a Over the weekend, Simone hiked up the mountain to watch the sun rise, while her friends slept in and missed it.
- b I walked to the local cafe to get a coffee and got caught in the rain without an umbrella.
- c For his mother's 50th birthday, Bradley baked her favourite chocolate mud cake, which she ate all by herself.
- d Instead of studying for the test the next day, the student spent the night watching Netflix.
- e The local football team played badly and lost the match against their rivals.

2

Subject **Object** **Verb**

- a The standstill traffic had made the Pope sleepy, so he had to energise himself before his big speech.
- b Napoleon marauded his way through France.
- c The cat came into the room and discovered a feast on the table.
- d The disaster was shown on television, so everyone saw the building collapse.

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

- a I visit the planetarium every weekend because I am interested in space.
- b Until you start practising, you won't know what to do at the concert.
- c Shruthi understood the movie better after she read the book.
- d I went to the doctor's to find out whether my illness was serious or not.
- e While a storm rolls across the bay, swimming is not allowed at the beach.

1

'Sorry honey I'm not going to get there in time to pick you up' Mum says on the other end of the phone as I reach the lockers after the final bell.

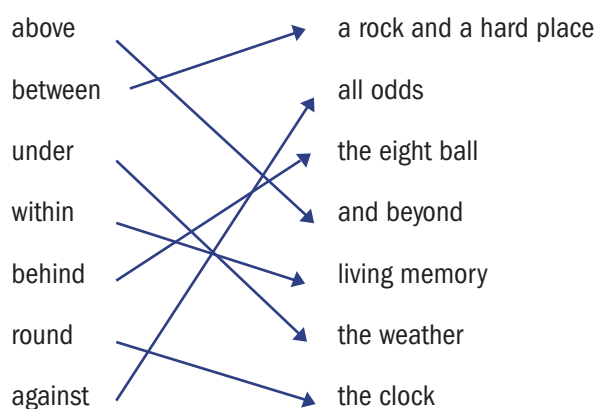
No problems, I can catch the bus. I'll see you at home.' I sigh as I hang up.

Getting the bus home is a pain and always makes me late for training. Coach hates this and has decided being late means extra laps. I already did 15 laps of the school oval this morning during sport so I am not looking forward to this.

Our locker rooms are a rush of people at the end of the day so by the time I get to the bus stop, the line is already several people deep and the grey clouds overhead are making things much darker than normal! Finding a spot at the back, I put my earbuds in, switching on the podcast I am currently catching up on.

Tucking my phone away I look up to see the bus drive straight past the stop. Our collective groan is drowned out by an ominous rumble of thunder as the clouds open.

2



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

- a The magician flew above me.
- b Between swimming practice and homework, I had no time for myself.
- c Under the surface, the water was colder.
- d Within the caverns of mountain there lived a dragon.
- e We've been stuck behind this car for hours in this awful traffic.
- f There were 'wet paint' signs all round the school.
- g It was just us against the whole world.

DAY 4

1

To the editor,

I ~~were~~ ^{was} ~~apaled~~ ^{appalled} last week to read the opinion article calling for the removal of recycling bins. We already produce so much waste that goes to landfill (about 76 ~~million~~ ^{million} tonnes of it over the last ~~couple~~ ^{couple} of years! ~~!/?~~), and the writer thinks we should add to that.

So many benefits to recycling ~~was~~ ^{were} ignored because the writer thinks we have too many bins. Did you know that ~~recycling~~ ^{recycling} can help save enough water to fill 4500 ~~swimming pools~~ ^{Olympic-sized swimming pools?} Or that recycling one tonne of paper saves 13 trees? ~~There were~~ ^{are} so many ~~absolutely~~ ^{absolutely} brilliant things that come ~~from~~ ^{from} recycling.

Imagine what could happen if we all put a little more time and ~~effor~~ ^{effort} in to make sure all of our rubbish is going where it needs to go. Australia would stay a clean, beautiful place for years to come.

Sincerely,

Frustrated

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

The writer's main contention is that recycling is important and that recycling bins should not be removed. The first piece of evidence for this is the writer's use of statistics and evidence to back up their claim. The second piece of evidence is the emotional language that expresses their fervent opinion.

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

I think that the audience – being the editor and readers of the local newspaper – would find this very persuasive. The writer has outlined their thoughts clearly at the start, backed up their opinion with facts, and finished by outlining the communal benefits of taking their advice: Australia staying clean and beautiful.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is given below:

To the editor,

I am writing to urge you to add art classes to the compulsory curriculum of secondary schools. As an artist myself, I can't begin to list the many ways in which a creative outlet has been of benefit in my life. A small sprout of passion that I discovered at a young age has now flourished into a full career, but I do not have my high school to thank for that. Throughout my teen years my creativity was stifled by that institution, and I was forced into subjects that I found difficult and passionless, due to other people's notions of what was useful. While I appreciate that the core subjects are important, I feel that art needs to be added to that list for the following reasons.

The most common reasons people give for saying that artistic subjects shouldn't be compulsory is that they are not practical and the skills they develop do not have a wide application. Personally, I don't believe that high school students need to be thinking about their money-making abilities, but even so, I don't think those reasons are valid. Many artistic forms can lend themselves to work and business opportunities later in life. In this modern age, what business doesn't hire creators and designers of some kind?

Also, the arts have been proven to have therapeutic benefits, with people using their creativity to process and express their emotions. I feel that students in the turbulent teen years would benefit hugely from being taught healthy mechanisms for self-expression, which can greatly help mental health.

I'm not suggesting that the current core subjects are not important to every child's education, but, given the points outlined above, there is no reason for art classes not to become compulsory. I believe that by introducing art alongside the other core subjects, we will ultimately have a generation of well-rounded, intelligent and inspiring children. What more could we ask for?

Sincerely,

Creative and correct

WEEK 3 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a The old house creaked with every gust of wind as though it was exhaling its final breaths.
creaked
- b His heart pounded in his chest as he crept nervously through the dark alley.
nervously
- c The setting sun's rays reached up from the horizon, casting a warm glow over the deserted beach.
deserted
- d The sound of a train whistle echoed through the tunnel, signalling its arrival.
whistle
- e There was nothing to lose so she took a deep breath and jumped into the river.
lose

2

The magician produced a bouquet of roses from his hat.	<i>simple</i>
Anna gritted her teeth with determination as she assessed the steep climb that lay before her.	<i>compound</i>
Although the room had been full of laughter, it fell into a tense silence when Mikhal opened the door.	<i>complex</i>
It was an unusually hot day, but I packed my warm clothes just in case.	<i>compound</i>
He frantically searched every single alley in the city.	<i>simple</i>
It rained for seven days straight so the street ran like a river.	<i>compound</i>

DAY 2

1

Personal	Possessive	Demonstrative	Reflexive
I × 9 me them her	my × 6	one	myself herself

2

The air in Danika's room was brisk. Breathing it in made her nose cold, rudely waking her up from dreams of far away, sunny places. Her fingertips were stiff as Danika shuffled clumsily out of bed and pulled the blinds open. Fractals of ice framed the windowpanes, and her breath fogged up the glass. She quickly dragged the blanket from her bed and wrapped it snugly around her shivering body.

Ugh, she thought bitterly to herself, I wish I lived anywhere else but here.

She could hear the rest of the house stirring excitedly, and the boisterous voices of her two younger brothers echoed up to her room. 'Jack, check out the snow! Race you outside for a snowball fight!'

Rather than join in their distasteful enthusiasm for sub-zero temperatures, Danika unwillingly stepped into her slippers and made her way slowly downstairs for a soothing cup of hot chocolate. The only upside to the arctic snap was that school would most definitely be cancelled, and she had a whole day of reading and drawing blissfully awaiting her.

DAY 3

1

Past	Present	Future
I <u>ran</u> to school.	I <u>run</u> to school.	I <u>will run</u> to school.
It <u>was</u> sunny.	It <u>is</u> sunny.	It <u>will be</u> sunny.
Sophie <u>ate</u> her breakfast.	Sophie <u>eats</u> her breakfast.	Sophie <u>will eat</u> her breakfast.
Dan <u>spoke</u> at assembly.	Dan <u>speaks</u> at assembly.	Dan <u>will speak</u> at assembly.

2

giving off or bouncing back light	luminous
utterly distasteful, offensive or unacceptable	repugnant
showing colours that seem to change when seen from different angles, like an opal	iridescent
referring to a time in the past that was idyllically blissful and peaceful	halcyon
very detailed or complex	intricate
in the form of a cloud, hazy; something that is not clearly defined	nebulous
extremely delicate, light and fleeting, in a way that seems not to be anchored in this world	ethereal

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

- a We thought of the halcyon days of La Belle Époque in Paris.
- b The crab I saw on the beach had an iridescent shell.
- c My mum did my hair in intricate braids before the concert.

1

Nadia had never felt so alone in her life, she was far from her home country, her family and friends and everything that was familiar to her.

As she stepped off the plane and onto the blistering tarmac, Nadia felt a mixture of excitement and trepidation. She had heard so much about Australia, her father had told her many stories of how they could live there and be safe. It all sounded wonderful, but it was also hard to believe that such a place existed. She knew that starting a new life here, with nothing, wouldn't be easy.

Nadia was met at the airport by a caseworker from the refugee settlement agency. The woman's name was Monique, and she greeted Nadia with a warm smile, putting some of her nerves at ease.

'Welcome to Australia,' Monique said, holding out her hand towards Nadia and her father. 'I'm here to help you get settled and answer any questions you might have.'

Nadia nodded and looked up at her father, he squeezed her hand tightly, reminding her that they would face the unknown together.

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

Nadia seems to have recently immigrated with her father, and it is implied that she is coming from a place where they were questioning their safety and livelihood – most likely they are refugees. Saying they have arrived 'with nothing' gives the impression that they had to leave quickly, or alternatively, they had few possessions to start their journey with.

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

Nadia seems excited at the prospect of starting a new life in Australia, while still nervous about how difficult it will be to begin anew. She is very attached to her father and is quietly confident that they will be able to make the adjustment together. I have never been in this situation personally, but I am sure that I would find it very intimidating and would rely on my family to see me through the difficult period of being in a new place.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

If you didn't know what you were looking for, you wouldn't see it. A small dirt path led directly into dark green pines, the branches hanging so low that they constantly brushed your coat as you pushed past them. Each sharp, dark leaf was coated in dew from the night that stuck to your clothes and seemed to say, 'stay back'. But the well-worn path surged forwards, a lighter brown on the muddy, leaf-strewn carpet. Only this far into the forest did you realise that you couldn't hear any birds or wildlife – only the trees, whose message you perhaps should have listened to.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

For this work I focused on sight, touch and hearing and what greater meaning could be found in each of those senses. I explored what the character would be seeing and feeling, and the emotional impact this would have on them. This can be seen in my use of phrases such as 'sharp, dark leaf ... stuck to your clothes' and 'the branches hanging so low they constantly brushed your coat'. I also tried to think about what happens when these senses aren't picking up anything, as not being able to hear wildlife in a forest has greater implications.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

- a** Personification: The twigs clung to the back of your jacket, spindly fingers clutching at your clothes.
- b** Metaphor: You continued your funeral march through the forest, a procession that you never wanted to be part of.

WEEK 4 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

I was filled with determination as the plane ascended higher and higher through the clouds before levelling out in the endless blue sky. This was the perfect elevation for jumping out and parachuting to the ground below. I'd always felt an extreme fear of heights, and my friends had finally convinced me to tackle my phobia head-on. What could be more 'head-on' than strapping a random person to my back, swallowing the dread that welled up in the back of my throat and falling headlong towards the rock-hard ground below?

3

- a tiptoed
- b stroked
- c whispered

4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

marched, slapped, yelled

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

The sun sets behind the majestic mountains, casting a brilliant orange glow over the landscape.	mystic, dusty, pink
The cosy cabin was nestled in a peaceful clearing in the dense forest.	snug, tranquil, dark
A stormy sea, tumultuous and fierce, tossed the ship in its waves.	dark, wild, ferocious
The eccentric artist's studio was cluttered with numerous quirky pieces of work.	unconventional, crowded, bizarre
A delicious aroma of sizzling, buttery steak filled the air, making our mouths water.	tasty, hot, fatty
The ancient ruins were hauntingly beautiful, with intricate carvings lining the walls.	crumbling, elegant, complex
Soothing music created a serene atmosphere in the luxurious spa.	tranquil, calm, expensive

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include

- a We have to take shelter before the impending hurricane tears through the city.
- b Jarrah scanned the horizon for movement, but all he saw were dunes and dense bushes.
- c The soaring mountain before me casts a shadow over my heart.

3

G'day Dave, how's it going? asked Laura.

Oh, not too bad, just trying to keep cool, replied Dave. How about you?

It's a bit of a scorcher today, but I can't complain. Did you hear about the bushfires?

Of course, it's been all over the news. All those poor people who've lost their homes.

Heartbreaking, Laura agreed, but it's amazing to see how the community has come together to help.

That's the Aussie spirit for you, said Dave, always willing to lend a hand.

DAY 3

1

- a Aashna and Jamie went for a stroll along the river.
- b An unexpected thud was heard during the night.
- c After we've eaten lunch, we can go to the park.
- d Before you leave, can you do me a favour?
- e Peanut butter with raspberry jam is a strange combination.
- f I always hoped for warm weather, despite it being the middle of winter.

2

The sweet nectar scent of wattle ~~greeted~~ ^{greeted} me as we finally arrived at our holiday destination – an old miner's cottage in country Tasmania. It was the Easter holidays, and the mornings frosted the grass with ~~miniscule~~ ^{miniscule} white ~~icicles~~ ^{icicles}, but they soon ~~disappeared~~ ^{disappeared} under the creamy autumn sunlight.

We'd been coming here for years, and it was my ~~absolute~~ ^{absolute} favourite place in the world. I breathed in deeply, ~~closing~~ ^{closing} my eyes as ~~memories~~ ^{memories} from my childhood ~~rose~~ ^{rose} to the forefront of my mind.

I felt ~~peace~~ ^{peace} here, watching the sun ~~rise~~ ^{rise} each morning over the mountains, ~~revealing~~ ^{revealing} the untouched ~~beauty~~ ^{beauty} of the landscape.

3

- a favourite
- b centre
- c plagiarise
- d aluminium
- e travelled
- f dialogue

DAY 4

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- ① Alex never wants to rock the boat. She would give anything to just be normal, whatever that means. Others ~~blend~~ ^{blend} in, are accepted, or are even just ignored. Standing out at high school ~~attract~~ ^{attracts} the wrong kind of attention. Alex always does whatever she can to remain as invisible as possible, even though it means having no friends and hiding her true self.

Today Alex ~~approach~~ ^{approaches} class with a sense of dread deep in her gut. She ~~are~~ ^{is} a few minutes late, and the class ~~are~~ ^{is} already sorted into groups. Jasmine, Anh and Steph ~~is~~ ^{are} already pointing and staring, so Alex lowers her head and ~~pull~~ ^{pulls} her hair forward to hide her face. Unfortunately, the teacher, Mr Gorman, ~~direct~~ ^{directs} her to join Jasmine's group before she can find somewhere by herself at the back of the room.

'Good morning class,' he ~~begin~~ ^{begins}. 'The groups you are in now will be the people you ~~is~~ ^{are} working with on your upcoming assessment – an oral presentation about the history of the school as well as where you see it moving into the future!'

Collective groans ~~rise~~ ^{rise} from the class, but the pit of dread in Alex's stomach now opens into a pit of despair. How will she get through the next few weeks?

- ② Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

It seems as if Alex sees something in herself that makes her different from her classmates, and she assumes that her classmates will not be understanding of these differences.

- ③ Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

This piece suggests that, while it may be more comfortable to 'fit in', this ultimately results in the sacrifice of some part of yourself. Through the use of negative language, this piece is subtly encouraging Alex to step outside of herself and live with a greater sense of self and freedom.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

It was a short track, but it felt like I had been walking for hours. I pushed past yet another grove of pine trees, the dew from the previous ones still sticking to my puffer coat. The branches groaned and snapped as I walked, twigs snagging in my hair. The forest itself seemed to be hindering my movements. Mud stuck to my boots, and occasionally I would have to lean on a tree to force my foot out of the ground with an almighty squelch. My breath puffed its way out of my lungs, adding to the mist that swirled around me. I had unknowingly turned in a circle again, but I had found a small clearing with a floor that was a mattress of dry, broken pine needles. I brushed more of those dark, spindly leaves from my person and stepped into the clearing. The mist seemed lighter in here, as if the trees had made way for something.

In the centre of the clearing, a small sapling grew. Its needles were long and bright green, and while it was small in stature, it held the perfect glow of new life. After so long looking at the old trees, to me this perfect little sapling seemed to hold light and hope for that forest. No creatures stirred, the birds were quiet, and the forest was silent. I couldn't resist: leaning forward, I touched the baby tree's fronds. Their sharpness surprised me: I didn't know pine needles could pierce the skin. Lo and behold, a small droplet of blood appeared on my outstretched finger.

My back stiffened, my eyes widened, and my bones locked into place. My skin began to dry out, cracking in places and deepening in colour. I stumbled backwards from the sapling, reeling in horror as my legs lengthened and arms stretched out before me. My feet burst from their muddied boots and sunk low into the ground; my hair became dark green and spiny. Before I could make a noise, my body sealed its state at the edge of the clearing. Another old pine tree joining an ancient wood. I suddenly understood why the forest had been trying to hold me back.

WEEK 5 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a Xian is eating dinner.
- b Hamish shouldn't drink milk.
- c They are taking the fast boat to Aitutaki.
- d The plate is piled high with udon noodles.
- e It was a pleasure to listen to the beautiful piano music.
- f While initially annoyed, they eventually forgave us.
- g Despite being unnecessarily complicated, the video game was fun to play.

2

- a Tom did not think his play was very good, yet his parents enjoyed it.
- b We missed the first train, so we had to catch the next one.
- c Fatima is bad at History but excellent at Mathematics.
- d Despite being cold, Lin did not put on a jumper or turn on the heater.
- e Suni practised his fast bowling because he wanted to play cricket well.
- f Mila loves to paint and does it frequently.
- g Connor does not enjoy singing, nor does he like practising the piano.

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a because: The podcast episode was over an hour long because the host kept laughing.
- b and: Candles can be messy and dangerous.
- c nor: She has neither messaged nor called since she arrived.
- d but: They did their best, but were pipped at the post on a technicality.
- e or: You can do your homework now or miss out on the movie later.
- f yet: Bobby tried ice-skating multiple times yet couldn't figure it out.
- g so: The book ended on a huge cliffhanger, so Jaime went to the library for the next in the series.

DAY 2

1

	Subject pronoun	Possessive pronoun	Reflexive pronoun
First-person singular	I	<i>mine</i>	<i>myself</i>
Second-person singular	you	yours	yourself
Third-person singular	he	his	himself
Third-person singular	she	hers	herself
Third-person singular	they	theirs	themselves
First-person plural	we	ours	ourselves
Second-person plural	you	yours	yourselves
Third-person plural	they	theirs	themselves

2

Arya Patel's *Unnatural Deeds* is an expertly crafted novel that will quickly become one of your favourite reads.

Writing about the competitive world of architectural design, Patel has thoroughly researched her subject matter, making this novel an immersive and authentic reading experience.

Protagonists Deepa and Sally are fully formed characters who experience both triumph and heartbreak; therefore, as readers, we are completely invested in their successes.

While the novel does deal with aspects of love, this is fundamentally not a romance novel. Firstly, Patel conveys the challenges of prejudice; secondly, she portrays the possibilities of self-expression provided by an artfully designed building.

Patel's novel was named *Morton Magazine's* 2020 'Book of the Summer' and is frequently recommended on BookTok.

DAY 3

1

- a Recent studies show more people are buying dogs; ^{moreover} ~~conversely~~, they indicate that pet ownership across suburban households has increased.
- b Blue houses in Australia have become increasingly popular; ^{conversely} ~~moreover~~, red houses are now considered less fashionable.
- c Fewer men are purchasing apples; ^{therefore} ~~notably~~ a new marketing campaign will be designed for supermarkets.
- d Important repairs on the town's bridge must be completed; ^{however} ~~therefore~~, funds will not be available until July.
- e First we will consider the environmental impact; ^{subsequently} ~~however~~, we will review the economic issues.
- f Many authors have written about universal themes, ^{notably} ~~subsequently~~ William Shakespeare, whose plays have endured for 400 years.

2

- a I broke my phone screen, so I urgently need to get it repaired.
- b They were bored at the AFL match, yet they didn't want to leave.
- c I really like ice cream, but not in the cold weather.
- d They don't want their patrons to be silent, nor do they want them to be too loud.
- e I'm not here to collect the notes for myself, but for my friend.
- f We want an engaging story, therefore we will take more time to edit the manuscript.
- g Firstly we want people to come to the fundraiser to raise awareness, secondly we want them to support the cause financially.
- h I don't want to go to Riya's party because I won't know anyone there, complained Jess.
- i Has anyone seen my blue-tongued lizard I think it escaped?

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include

Flash Theatre's ~~nicely~~ ^{superbly} built set for *Macbeth*, with many hidden nooks, heightens the atmosphere of fear, providing the perfect space for the play's dramatic action.

~~Well~~ ^{Perfectly} cast in the titular role, Evan McClaren ~~adequately~~ ^{skilfully} captures the tragic hero's descent from noble soldier to deranged tyrant. The obvious chemistry between his Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, played by Soo Jin Yoon, accentuates the tragedy of the couple's fundamental flaws.

Unfortunately, the moody lighting was too dim, making it difficult to see the actors on stage; consequently, the humorous Porter scene was ~~very~~ ^{quite} dark.

Both McClaren's and Yoon's final act performances were noteworthy; moreover, the violin that played ~~nicely~~ ^{beautifully} from the edges of the battlefield ~~well~~ ^{wonderfully} conveyed the danger 'vaulting ambition' poses when it inspires 'unnatural deeds.'

Flash Theatre's *Macbeth* plays all month.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The reviewer thought the production worth viewing because the actors are well-cast, the music is beautiful and the set is the 'perfect space' for the play.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The adverbs I selected make the review stronger because they are more descriptive and emotive. For example, 'superbly' conveys that the set is both excellent for the context and impressively built, while 'skilfully' tells the reader that the actor is both skilled and able to apply his skills. These words help persuade readers to see the play by enabling them to visualise it more easily.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Text name: *The Hunger Games*

Creator: Francis Lawrence and Garry Ross based on Suzanne Collins' books

Text type: Movie

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The audience needs to know the plot of the movie, the characters and the actors playing them, key themes of the movie, and how well these things work together to tell the story.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would structure my review to give a brief outline of the plot while also introducing both the characters and the actors. Following this, I would discuss the movie's themes while analysing the quality of the movie. This structure gives the audience background knowledge to draw on while reading the analysis, allowing them to grasp the gist of the movie and my opinion.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

A conversational tone would be most appropriate for a written review because it is inviting and easy to read, allowing the audience to focus on the message and thoughts in the review itself.

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Language techniques that written reviews and persuasive texts have in common are emotive and informative language, use of facts and evidence, appeals to the audience, and even rhetorical questions when appropriate.

WEEK 6 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a Shakespeare's *Macbeth* contains **imagery**.
b The lesson came to an **end**.
c The student made a **dress**.
d The soccer team ordered a **meal**.
e On Tuesday there was a **crash**.
f The dance team executed a **performance**.
- perfect
healthy
horrific
abrupt
glamorous
evocative
-

2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a evocative: The cramped interiors were evocative of another time.
b abrupt: We had to rush out the door when there was an abrupt change in weather.
c glamorous: The influencer's glamorous life was shown to be a lie.
d healthy: My doctor says exercising every day is part of a healthy lifestyle.
e horrific: Scenes from the horrific thriller caused Bobby to have nightmares.
f perfect: The show's finale was the perfect ending.

3

- a The most famous building in the world is the Eiffel Tower.
b The largest planet in the Solar System is Jupiter.
c My youngest brother is very talented at netball.
d On the top shelf was the prestigious trophy they won for rugby.

4

- a The band (plays/play) incredible music; our entire troupe (was/were) transfixed.
b Either Jessie or James (is/are) speaking at the international confederation of antagonists today.
c Debate continues to rage over whether players from the football club – which denied their involvement – (was/were) implicated in the scandal.
d A towel, bathers and the ability to tolerate sand getting everywhere (are/is) all you need to enjoy a trip to the beach.

DAY 2

1

	Simple	Continuous
Past	kicked	<i>was kicking</i>
Present	kick	<i>am kicking</i>
Future	will kick	<i>will be kicking</i>
Past	joined	<i>was joining</i>
Present	join	<i>am joining</i>
Future	will join	<i>will be joining</i>
Past	chose	<i>was chooseing</i>
Present	choose	<i>am choosing</i>
Future	will choose	<i>will be choosing</i>

2

Rachel Perkins' screen version of Craig Silvey's *Jasper Jones* has been carefully ^{adapted} ~~adapting~~ to the screen. Key moments of the original text have been ^{modified} ~~modifying~~ due to the novel's first-person narrative perspective; however, fans of the book will ^{find} ~~found~~ the core story still intact.

Viewers ^{will enjoy} ~~will enjoyed~~ the compelling acting when the film is released next Thursday, and Angourie Rice's performance as the determined Eliza Wishart will likely ^{charm} ~~charmed~~ audiences.

Those unfamiliar with the novel will ^{appreciate} ~~appreciating~~ the gripping whodunnit, and the film's pacing is perfect over the 105-minute run time. Perkins' heightened attention to racism in the 1960s will ^{challenge} ~~challenging~~ some audiences, but it is also an important reminder of the harmful effects of prejudice on a community.

Four and a half stars.

1

- a Neither Gazi nor Marx will go to the conference next Monday; we will have to send our apologies.
- b Neither Sasha nor Pavlina have large feet, so the shoes will be too big.
- c You can have either pasta or pad thai; we have the ingredients for both.
- d I will either call you or send you a message to confirm later this week.
- e I watch neither cricket nor football because I don't like sport.
- f There is either a rain jacket or an umbrella in the cupboard; just open it and see.
- g We have neither instruments nor performers, so we'll need to cancel the show.

2

- a **Nouns:** Venus is the hottest planet in the Solar System and the second planet from the Sun.
- b **Verbs:** Together they ate their pho and walked to the bus, enjoying the last of the sunshine.
- c **Adjectives:** The elegant ballerinas executed perfect pirouettes, entertaining the excited crowd.
- d **Adverbs:** Running quickly, they just caught the bus and took their seats awkwardly inside the moving vehicle.
- e **Prepositions:** Rhea takes the trophy off the shelf above the fireplace and puts it on the special stand next to the door.
- f **Pronouns:** They walk hand in hand to get their favourite donuts, and they share them with each other.
- g **Conjunctions:** I printed my English assignment because the internet was down, and I didn't want to get a late penalty.
- h **Interjections:** Congratulations! You were the star of the show.

1

P-Tech's Tiger keyboard, released last week, was either rushed or cheaply produced.

Predicted to have been on the market by spring, the product has been plagued by delays. P-Tech's accessories are normally reliable and intuitive; however, this keyboard is complicated, illogical and profoundly uncomfortable to use.

Despite all their previous models having bluetooth connectivity, the Tiger is wired, which makes portability problematic. For a company that has earned a reputation for listening to its customers, this latest offering seems to ignore all the features consumers have loved about P-Tech's keyboards in the past.

For those considering an upgrade, we would advise skipping the Tiger and waiting for P-Tech's Christmas line instead. With a \$430.00 price tag, the Tiger is overpriced and underdeveloped.

2

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The reviewer feels disappointed by the technology company P-Tech but hopeful about the future. They like other P-Tech products, saying they are 'reliable and intuitive'; however, they don't like the Tiger keyboard, going so far as to advise 'skipping the Tiger and waiting for P-Tech's Christmas line'.

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

problematic – conveys disappointment

overpriced – conveys irritation

illogical – conveys frustration

1 & 2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Highlight key: adjectives; adverbs; connecting words/phrases

The film *The Book Thief* is a marvellous adaptation of the book by Markus Zusak, focusing on plucky Liesel Meminger who lives with her foster parents, Hans and Rosa Hubermann, during the Nazi era.

Narrated by Death, depicted as a sombre but curious figure, the film follows Liesel as her love for words leads her to begin stealing books while also dealing with hiding a Jew, Max Vandenburg, in the family basement. Furthermore, the film compellingly showcases how everyday people coped with life during war and under the Nazi regime, grappling daily with death, fear and what is right and wrong.

Sweeping views of the countryside and scenes set in the cobbled streets of the town give a sense of the life experienced by the characters, while also creating visual beauty. Additionally, the soaring music of the soundtrack powerfully reflects the themes and emotions of every scene, reinforcing the emotional impact of the plot.

Although it clocks in at over two hours of running time – with not a moment wasted – it would have been good to see more interactions between Liesel and the Mayor's wife, Ilsa Hermann. A fond relationship is shown between the two, based on a love of books, but the ending would have been that much sweeter if their relationship had been developed further.

History and book lovers will definitely enjoy this movie, but with its engaging visuals, music and themes, any viewer is likely to walk away with something.

Four stars out of five.

WEEK 7 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a Grace collapsed in a fit of laughter when the comedian delivered their punchline.
- b AFL players devote thousands of hours to training in order to hone their craft.
- c Lucas will adjudicate his friends' conflict because he is impartial.
- d The council is deliberating about whether the new road should bisect the town centre.
- e Elias was desperately endeavouring to study for his test while the noisy builders renovated his house.
- f The neighbour's dog is testing my patience; it refuses to stop barking no matter how late it is.

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

- a At the age of 13, Vanessa **amazingly** swam the English Channel.
- b The opera singer sang **beautifully** on stage and received **extraordinarily** high praise for the performance.
- c The airline **deliberately** delays its flights, but **occasionally** they run on time.
- d **Recently**, Taylor Swift released her new album, which **immediately** skyrocketed to number one on the music charts.
- e Mohamed **always** rides his bike to school because he **really** likes the exercise.
- f **Soon**, the new film *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* will be released.

DAY 2

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

- a A word or group of words placed before nouns to express their relation to other words or their function in the sentence.
- b *above*, at, between, from, in, near, of, on, towards, under, with
- c The *Spirit of Tasmania* leaves at midday from Geelong.
Frankie was stuck between her two brothers as they fought over the phone.
Heading towards the beach umbrella with their esky, the two friends were looking forward to their day.

② & ③

The **character** (noun) of Max Vandenburg in the historical **fiction** novel *The Book Thief* is a symbol of human **resilience**, as he fights against Nazi-**occupied** Germany and the anti-**Semitic** attitudes within his country. **Germany** (proper noun) at this time was a dangerous **environment** for a **Jewish** (adjective) person like Max. This hostility forces Max to hide in the **basement** **of** (preposition) the Hubermann family. His only source of strength when in hiding is imagining himself fighting the tyrant Hitler in a boxing ring. This daydream allows Max to **regain** (verb) some of his power and dignity, which have been **forcibly** (adverb) removed from him. It **allows** him to keep the fight alive **in** (preposition) an environment that is completely **dehumanised**, therefore making Max the **embodiment** of the human capacity to survive.

DAY 3

1

danger: *dangerous*

adventure: adventurous

comfort: comfortable

fashion: fashionable

anger: angry

beauty: beautiful

pain: painful

nature: natural

guilt: guilty

romance: romantic

2

Answers may vary. Possible answers is:

Although friendship break-ups are **natural**, they are **painful** events and can leave us feeling **angry**.

3

- a It's never too late to change paths in life.
- b Gabrielle's sister doesn't like to eat meat anymore.
- c *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* is a 2010 film starring Nicolas Cage, which didn't receive great reviews when it was released.
- d The brothers ran late for school because their dad's car had broken down.
- e The snake enclosure was temporarily off limits because it needed maintenance after the snake's escape attempt.
- f Erin wrapped her new niece's present in pink wrapping paper, which sparked protests among the family members.
- g Gill's father's brother's cousin's dog's very proud of its bone that it's chewing.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Harry Potter Studios in London are a Must See!

As a massive *Harry Potter* fan, the one thing that I couldn't miss out on when visiting London was taking the trip to Leavesden to see the *Warner Bros. Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter* exhibition. The tour contains authentic stage sets, props, costumes and amazing animatronics **utilised in the production of the *Harry Potter* films. It did not disappoint**; it was a dream come true.

I walked through the Great Hall **with its antiquated grandeur**, marvelling at the rows of long tables set out exactly as seen in the films. **As I peered upwards to the ceiling**, the floating candles hovered above and emanated a warm glow. Whilst sitting at the long tables, **I could imagine being glowered upon** by Severus Snape, or nervously waiting for the sorting hat to select my all-important House.

The walk through Diagon Alley, **with its cluster of shops all dedicated to the fascinating world of witchcraft and wizardry**, like the joke shop owned by Fred and George Weasley, was just as exciting! I witnessed the wonders of Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, coming face to face with mischievous prank items like extendable ears, love potions, dungbombs and fanged frisbees, to name a few. *How could you not want to visit this place?*

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The author enjoyed visiting the *Harry Potter* exhibition because, as a *Harry Potter* fan, they were thrilled to see the costumes and props used by the actors and to visit the sets, which abled them to imagine themselves in scenes from the movie.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would like to visit Iceland because, from the pictures I have seen, it looks incredibly picturesque, with many natural features that we don't have here in Australia. Also, I am interested in the country's culture and history and would like to experience it for myself.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

To create a travel blog, the aspects I would focus on would mostly be the natural scenery, including well-known places like the black sand beach and the Blue Lagoon hot springs. I would also visit Reykjavík, the icebergs and glaciers of Jökulsárlón, the national parks, and other major towns to learn about the history.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Specific language I could use includes:

adjectives: picturesque, mythical, dramatic

adverbs: simultaneously, mysteriously

metaphor: the land of ice and fire

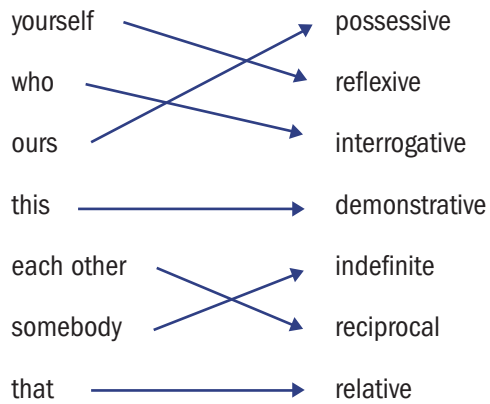
4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The **mythical** description of Iceland as **the land of ice and fire** absolutely tells you what you are in for when travelling there. The **dramatic** landscape is unlike anything else I've seen – vast plateaus cut with fjords, mountains **mysteriously** shrouded in fog, and ice fields. The major cities, small by our standards, are **simultaneously** cosy and interesting, and it was wonderful to experience a new culture. Iceland is a **picturesque** place that has something for everyone, and so everyone should add it to their bucket list.

WEEK 8 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1



2

Root word	Suffix
blame	blameless
regret	regretful
state	statement
free	freedom
wild	wildness

3

Prefix	Root word
unpleasant	pleasant
disrespect	respect
nonstop	stop
unhappy	happy
malcontent	content

DAY 2

1

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
computer	sing	beautiful	swiftly
dog	carry	eager	menacingly
bridge	convey	adventurous	hungrily
teacher	establish	ambitious	quickly
house	bring	calm	noisily

2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a sad: unhappy, regretful, miserable
- b happy: joyful, delighted, cheerful
- c shows: displays, presents, expositions
- d wants: desires, longing, needs
- e nicely: pleasantly, enjoyably, politely

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Holly was **delighted** to get the lead role in the school play.
- b The institution's research report **presents** essential information about climate change.
- c Retail workers often speak **politely**, even when customers are rude.

DAY 3

1

- a The production of plastic is growing exponentially, but it's not too late to think of a solution to this problem.
- b The Voice to Parliament in Australia was an important national discussion because it advocates for the constitutional rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- c I neither speak French nor understand it.
- d Pablo the pug jumped over the fence and broke his leg.
- e It is more important than ever to consider the role that artificial intelligence can play in our personal or professional lives.

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

- a This coming summer is set to be a huge fire season, but there are things we can do about it now.
- b BookTok is seeing book sales across the globe increase because it is encouraging people to read.
- c I want neither cake nor cookies.
- d The podcast was over two hours long, and I had better things to do than listen to it.
- e Trina had trained daily to be ready for either the swimming or running legs of the race.

3

- a Even though Ivy-Rose always arrives at school on time, she usually walks very slowly to her classes, making her late.
- b The dog ran excitedly towards a pond in the park and swiftly dived in.
- c Last year was the worst year of the global pandemic compared to other years.
- d The driving instructor asked the student to drive carefully towards the stop sign.
- e My grandmother lives close to me, so I always try to visit her after work.
- f Keshet always tunes his guitar daily in order to teach his students correctly.

DAY 4

1

Riding a camel on Broome Beach at sunset is an unforgettable and unmissable experience when visiting this small town located on Western Australia's beautiful Kimberley coast. The guide leads you along the golden sands whilst the golden sun dips into the ocean, forming a stunning backdrop to the intrepid expedition.

The camels step into line, following each other one by one. Their long legs take big strides, and you find yourself swaying gently from side to side on a never-ending journey to the distant horizon in front of you.

Occasionally, the camels let out deep growls to each other, as if they are conversing about the load they carry. Perhaps they are complaining that the tourists are too burdensome to carry all this way.

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

Camel riding is described as unforgettable due to the sight of the beach's 'golden sand' as the sun sets and the experience of swaying side to side on the camel's back as the camels growl.

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

From this phrase, readers can infer the camels are orderly and travel in groups. There is a leader, while the rest of the camels are happy to follow. It also implies that the camels are well behaved and know what they need to do.

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

The author has a positive attitude to riding camels and finds the experience extremely enjoyable. Thanks to the beautiful views and the calming swaying of the camels, the author believes riding a camel on the beach is something that should be experienced when in Broome.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Picture this: you step off the bus into drizzling rain. Ahead of you, beyond the carpark, steep stone steps block the view you know awaits. Hurrying forward and making your way through the crowds, you soon find yourself at the lookout. Stepping forward to see over the barrier, you take in the magnificent scene. Even on a rainy day, the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Ireland, are a show stopper.

I have wanted to see these cliffs ever since I first came across a photo of them when I was little. So when I set off for Ireland, I knew it had to be on my list. To get to the cliffs, I took a day tour from Galway (another place that needs to be on your bucket list!). Stopping at many towns along the way and for a proper Irish stew pub lunch, we got to the cliffs in mid afternoon.

Besides being able to walk along the cliffs, you can explore the visitor centre featuring a gift shop, restaurant and cafe, and an exhibition detailing the geology of the area, human history and the wildlife that call the area home.

Although I had high expectations, the Cliffs of Moher more than lived up to them. If you're looking for breathtaking scenery unlike anything you are likely to see here in Australia, the Cliffs of Moher is a destination for you.

WEEK 9 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a Today at the shops I bought apples, pears, strawberries and kiwifruit so that I could make a fruit salad.
- b Did you take the dog for a walk this morning? asked my dad.
- c In 2022, the Australian cartoon *Bluey* was streamed for more than 20 billion minutes on Disney+.
- d The Great Wall of China in Beijing, the capital of China, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.
- e There are five places I would like to visit next year for a holiday: Vietnam, Thailand, Vanuatu, Fiji and Israel.
- f In April 2023, people living in Exmouth, Western Australia, were witness to a solar eclipse which was a rare and spectacular event.

2

Concrete	Proper	Collective	Abstract
computer	Leaning Tower of Pisa	fleet	faith
beach	the Mona Lisa	swarm	forgiveness
mountain	Washington DC	colony	honesty
restaurant	Lake Victoria	flock	happiness
pencil	David Jones	shoal	freedom
frog			humour

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer include:

I start my quick walk to work on this crisp spring morning and leave behind my studio apartment. It's one of those days here where you step outside and the air is fresh so I zip up my hot coat and push my numb hands a little further down into my pockets.

I take my usual shortcut through the park, and I listen to the quiet pit-pat of my shoes on the dewy grass. As I pass the centre of the park, I glance at its main attraction: the boring foundation of a monument, statue-less. The only remnant of the past is its smashed plaque, with faded words unable to be pieced back together. I've always longed to know whose statue once stood large and obvious here.

Replacements: hot – cosy; usual – habitual; obvious – prominent

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers are:

- a** Josh ate a peanut butter sandwich for lunch, but he was still hungry afterwards.
- b** The truck driver sped through an orange light as she was running late for her next delivery.
- c** The chef followed the recipe very closely, yet the food still tasted terrible.
- d** The movie reviewer attended the premiere, where the movie lasted for more than three hours.
- e** The surfer swam out to deeper ocean on her surfboard, then she caught a wave back into shore.

DAY 3

1

- a Jamie read the novel *The Neverending Story* over the summer holidays.
- b She was a Hollywood actress who despised the scrutiny of the paparazzi.
- c The elephant Tricia, from Perth Zoo, was the most popular animal among visitors.
- d The book was hurled across the room by the teacher in a fit of rage.
- e Taj, Zane and Jayda bought their lunch at the canteen today because it was pizza day.
- f The sun filtered through the trees of the forest and woke all the animals.

2

- a *The novel The Neverending Story was read by Jamie over the summer holidays.*
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- c The most popular animal among visitors at Perth Zoo was the elephant Tricia.
- d The teacher hurled the book across the room in a fit of rage.
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- f At the animals were woken by the sun filtering through the trees of the forest.

3

- a My family bought (**buy**) a holiday house in Margaret River last December.
- b I worked (**work**) the entire school holidays, and I saved (**save**) a lot of money.
- c Greta read (**read**) a book every day, and it helped (**help**) her improve her vocabulary.
- d A car accident occurred (**occur**) across the street from us, and the police only arrived (**arrive**) one hour later.
- e My neighbours played (**play**) their loud music until 3 am this morning, and it kept (**keep**) me up.
- f The students stood (**stand**) in the queue for 24 hours to buy tickets.

1

The world is breaking and we as the younger generation are being left to pick up the broken pieces that our parents' generation left behind. The temperature of our planet is rising at an extreme rate meaning that by 2050 only 65% of the Earth's population will have access to water. I think it is time for our younger generation to start taking a stand!

Some of us have already taken action such as Greta Thunberg the Swedish climate change activist. Many people have bullied made fun of or criticized her but this has not stopped her and she has gathered millions of people to join her fight against climate change. She has talked to many world leaders and organisations about actually solving climate change trying to make an impact that will benefit future generations. Clearly our younger generation can make our voices heard we just need more people to come together.

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

The author uses a sombre yet confident tone in this opinion piece. This tone has been used because the subject matter (climate change) is a serious issue facing the world, which needs more action, but the author is showing that young people like Greta Thunberg are already trying to make a difference.

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

By using a call to action, the author is encouraging the audience, particularly young readers, to see that they can have an impact on this issue. Combined with the description of actions already being taken, the call to action positions readers to consider what they can do themselves.

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

In the view of the author, Greta Thunberg is making a difference by taking 'a prominent stand'. The author contrasts the way her opponents have 'bullied her, made fun of or criticised her' with what she has managed to achieve – gathering 'millions of people to join her fight' and talking to 'many world leaders and organisations about actually solving climate change' – to reinforce their view about her.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer include:

- a** The increasing use of artificial intelligence within society could cause problems unless we figure out how to handle it now.
- b** Diverse representation of people on television and film is an area that needs more focus to ensure it continues to grow.
- c** The decline in reading among school students is a problem because reading improves literacy, creativity and critical thinking skills.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

There are already examples of artificial intelligence being used to plagiarise creative works, including art and literature. This is illegal; it deprives creators of income and can harm their reputation or deceive consumers. Also, there are rumours that AI will be used to replace people in creative jobs, putting them out of work.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would like my classmates to feel outraged but also inspired. Three to five words or phrases I could use: taking hard-earned opportunities; increased unemployment; international cooperation; strict, enforceable regulations.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

AI allows people to create art when they don't have the ability to bring their ideas to life. It could also eliminate boring, repetitive tasks and create exciting new jobs in technology.

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Although the creation of art through AI does make this field more accessible, it removes the need for people to undergo key parts of the creative process – practice and finessing ideas. Without these, art doesn't have the same impact, and AI users don't acquire or improve their skills. The creation of new jobs seems positive, but may not equal or exceed the number of jobs AI replaces, and will require different skills, leaving many creative people without a source of income.

WEEK 10 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** always: Body-shaming is always cruel.
- b** usually: Dogs are usually very happy animals.
- c** sometimes: Sometimes I forget where I have hidden my diary.
- d** rarely: I am rarely on time these days because the buses are often late.
- e** never: My mum has never travelled outside of Australia.

② Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** I might travel to Singapore for the summer holidays.
- b** Our hockey team has won every game this season, so we should be able to win this week.
- c** I ought to ask my sister for a loan so that I can buy new clothes for the party.
- d** When I was younger, I could somersault off the diving board into the pool.
- e** You must attend university if you want to become a doctor.
- f** I might go out to dinner tonight because I feel too tired to cook.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** benevolent: *desiring or intending to do good for others*
I was helped by the benevolent teacher during the lunchbreak.
- b** circumscribe: to enclose within limits or boundaries
Their activities were circumscribed by the rainy weather.
- c** incredulous: unwilling or unable to believe something
Angela was left incredulous by the absurd plotline of the movie.
- d** obstinate: refusing to change an opinion or course of action despite attempts to persuade otherwise
Signs saying the ski run was closed were ignored by the obstinate snowboarder.
- e** optimistic: hopeful and confident about the future
The owners were feeling optimistic after their pet's positive surgery results.
- f** remediate: to correct, improve or remedy
Their poor results would be remediated by the students spending more time outdoors enjoying themselves.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** The benevolent teacher helped me during the lunchbreak.
- b** Rainy weather circumscribed their activities.
- c** The absurd plotline of the movie left Angela incredulous.
- d** The obstinate snowboarder ignored the signs saying the ski run was closed.
- e** Positive results from their pet's surgery left the owners feelings optimistic.
- f** The students spending more time outdoors enjoying themselves would remediate their poor results.

DAY 3

1

concrete, proper, collective and abstract

The weather was bitter and gloomy this April day. The rain fell copiously, and the dark grey afternoon sky looked as if it had been covered in black soot. I made my way down the uneven cobblestones towards Ford's Theatre. As I walked, the cold breeze swept over my body – my worn jacket gave little protection from its sting. I could hear, a short distance behind me, the footsteps of people walking at the same brisk pace as me.

I entered the back door of the theatre and found Mr Williams, the owner. He had a rectangular face with a slightly pointed chin and a sturdy jawline. His dark eyes were small and evenly spaced below bushy eyebrows that seemed to curve as a natural extension of his broad, rounded nose. He looked down at me and handed me a broom. I took it unwillingly and began to sweep.

2

- a I am working on a new assignment at the moment.
place, time
- b Elijah is planning to walk the Kokoda Trail at dawn tomorrow.
time
- c My sister is still in bed; she always likes to sleep late on a weekend.
place, time
- d The sports news is always on the back page of the newspaper.
place
- e The doctor advised me that my flu should disappear in about a week.
time
- f My grandfather left school at 15 to become an apprentice electrician.
time

1

Despite their archetypal storylines and predictable characters, I believe 'superhero' films can teach audiences valuable lessons about protecting our freedoms and the courage it takes to stand up to those who would try to take us down.

In the last decade, audience have enjoyed a rise in the popularity of films advocating heroes who fight for freedom against some despotic powers – from amazing American superheroes to spectacled wizards or Amazonian female warrior.

Some might say we have been overexposed to these films and their 'good versus evil' plot lines. But isn't there something inspiring about seeing the 'good guys' fight for life, liberty and the common good against those 'bad guys' who threaten to crush the personal freedom of others? After all, we can never let the dark side win!

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

The author believes the influence of superhero films is positive as we can learn life lessons from them.

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

Ending this piece with an exclamatory statement conveys a positive, confident tone and shows the author's conviction about their point of view. Using it at the end causes the piece to finish on an emotive point, which might encourage readers to further consider the author's argument and, ultimately, agree.

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

The sheer number of superhero movies released in the last decade, and their reliance on archetypal storylines and characters, undermines the author's argument about the positive nature of the films. Telling the same type of story over and over gives the impression that there is only one way to handle things and doesn't allow for differences in either problems or solutions. This can leave viewers discouraged if we are faced with a problem that can't be solved in the way the movies have shown us.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Artificial intelligence has long been hinted at and discussed in books, comics and movies (hello, Jarvis) and is now starting to appear in real life. From ChatGPT to image generators, it promises some interesting things. But as it becomes more common, we need to figure out how to use it for good; and, the way it is shaping up, it seems that the field of art and creativity is set to be the first to sort this out.

On the surface, AI seems fun. I mean, I'm no artist, so the idea of being able to generate my own art from my own ideas is something I am definitely interested in! And writing, whether creative or for work or school, is not necessarily a task everyone is good at. So any help should be appreciated, right? Kind of.

The problem with using AI to create art and images, for instance, is that the AI needs to be 'taught'. To do this, already-made art is used to teach AI algorithms to recognise patterns and styles. While any AI work should be new, there are chances that the art is copying the work of an artist. Some people, unfortunately, would use this to create their own versions of their favourite artwork instead of buying from the artist, or could sell fakes to others. Of course, the artist will then lose income and possibly their reputation and, in the long term, may even be forced out of their field of work. Years of practice and development down the drain, for what?

Another place we are seeing this problem is in creative writing, particularly in Hollywood with scripts for TV shows and movies. The use of AI in screenwriting is replacing the work of writers, and those who manage to stay in the field likely won't be paid as much because their work won't be seen as valuable. I don't know about you, but I seriously doubt AI would be able to write an equally effective ending to the *Avengers: Infinity War* or the twists and turns of the *Knives Out* movies, and that will be really sad. The last few years have shown how much we rely on movies and TV shows for joy and entertainment, and for them to potentially become quite bad quality, while actual writers can't make a living, doesn't sit right with me.

But these are problems we can solve. If we figure out a way to protect artists and writers and ensure that they are able to make a living, even as AI becomes more common, society will be all the better for it. We'll be able to have the best of both worlds, enjoying all sorts of art and movies and TV shows, knowing we aren't helping to take away creative people's opportunities.

WEEK 11 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a succumb
- b approximate
- c innovation
- d prevalent
- e contrive
- f obsolete
- g devastate
- h exposition

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Innovations in all kinds of technology are changing the way we work and live. However, this can mean some old technologies become obsolete as they are replaced and become less prevalent. For instance, computers must have devastated the typewriter industry!

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The pig Napoleon from the novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell is a ~~nasty~~ ^{cruel} leader who abuses his power to ^{maintain} ~~keep~~ his control of Animal Farm. He uses a system of widespread terror to serve his own purposes, and he is relentless in ^{manipulating} ~~converting~~ the original principles of Animalism, the political system created by the animals on the farm, to remain in his position of power. Napoleon ^{develops into} ~~becomes~~ the very type of leader that the original revolution aimed to ^{overthrow} ~~get rid of~~. He has become just as ^{tyrannical} ~~mean~~ as Mr Jones, the former owner of the farm. George Orwell's ^{characterisation} ~~picture~~ of Napoleon is a ^{representation} ~~symbol~~ of the Russian ^{dictator} ~~leader~~ Joseph Stalin and his total reign of terror in Soviet Russia. Napoleon's declaration, 'death to humanity!' illustrates that his style of power is ^{corrupt} ~~bad~~.

1

- a **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** (noun), an American lawyer, **was** (verb) the second woman to be **appointed** (verb) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1993.
- b American **computer programmer** (noun) and **philanthropist** (noun) Bill Gates **wrote** (verb) his first software program at the age of 13.
- c Steven Bradbury, 'The Accidental Hero', won a Winter Olympics **gold** (adjective) **medal** (noun) for skating when his rivals all **disastrously** (adverb) **collided** (verb) on the ice, leaving him to cross the finish line **alone** (adjective).
- d Beatrix Potter, author and illustrator of children's books such as **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** (noun), was also a natural scientist and conservationist. She **loved** (verb) being out **in** (preposition) nature.
- e Sir David Attenborough **is** (verb) a **well-known** (adjective) broadcaster who has **tirelessly** (adverb) **advocated** (verb) over the years to **save** (verb) our planet from environmental disaster.
- f Retired professional tennis player Serena Williams is one of the **most accomplished** (adjective) tennis players of all time. **Astoundingly** (adverb), **she** (pronoun) has won 23 Grand Slam titles in her **career** (noun).

2

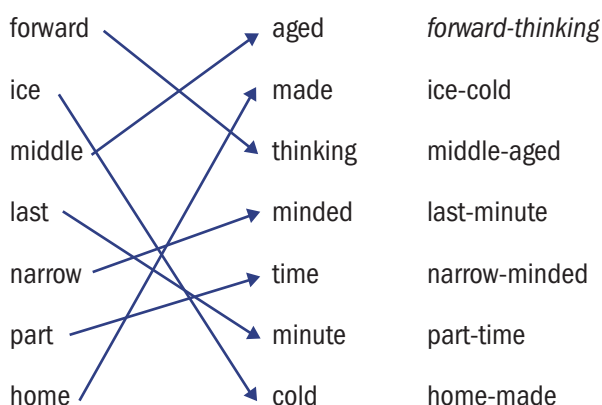
- a Lilah spent most of the night playing video games; therefore, she wasn't prepared for her English test the next day.
- b Despite being born in Italy, my mother cannot speak fluent Italian.
- c Zeke gets up early every Tuesday morning in order to go to football training at school.
- d I love heavy metal music bands like Metallica, whereas my friends all enjoy listening to pop music acts like Katy Perry and Ed Sheeran.
- e We failed to make the grand final this year, even though we trained hard all season.
- f In addition to having a 50-metre swimming pool, the resort hotel in Bali also has an 'all you can eat' buffet.
- g Kamal promised Jessica that she could accompany him to Mars, provided that she finishes her homework first.

DAY 3

1

- a The cat lowered its tail once it felt that the threat of the neighbours dog was gone.
- b The restaurant served the wedding guests soup lobster cake and for those who wanted it ice cream.
- c If I win the school raffle I will be the happiest person on the planet.
- d 'Don't move an inch' my dad shouted at my brother.
- e The staff at the music festival weren't allowed to see the band playing because they were working.
- f 'Have you ever heard of The Great Pyramid of Giza' my teacher asked.

2



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

Taylor Swift is an incredibly famous American musician. Part of her popularity can be attributed to her connection with her fans. For example, she often comments on and likes fan posts on social media and, on multiple occasions, has invited followers into her house to listen to her new albums and eat **home-made** cookies. Her popularity is also often attributed to her **forward-thinking** approach to music, and her ability to switch between genres. In the early 2010s, she was known for her optimistic and bubbly country-pop music. However, in the late 2010s, **narrow-minded** people ridiculed her until she took a break from music. She came back in 2017 with 'Look What You Made Me Do', an **ice-cold** satirical song about her rise and fall. Since then, she has been increasingly popular among the general population, and with alternative albums such as *Folklore* and *Evermore* she has captivated new demographics, such as **middle-aged** dads.

1

History Report: Female Inventors**Hedy Lamarr (1914–2000)**

Born in Austria in 1914 to a Jewish family, Hedy Lamarr (nee Hedwig Eva Maria Kiesler) was a famous Hollywood actress who invented the technology that now forms the basis of today's wi-fi, GPS and bluetooth communication systems.

She moved to Hollywood in 1938, after fleeing her horrific first marriage to Nazi-party affiliate Fritz Mandl. She had already established her illustrious film career in Austria, and when Louis B Mayer, the brilliant head of MGM Studios, brought her to Hollywood, he marketed her as the 'world's most beautiful woman'. She was terribly typecast, persistently depicted as an exotic seductress or a femme fatale. Hedy stated she became utterly bored with these roles in film and looked for new challenges in her personal life.

During World War II, Hedy became aggressively interested in scientific invention and desperately wanted to contribute to the war effort. She worked alongside composer George Antheil, and they developed the idea of 'frequency hopping', an innovative technology that could prevent a torpedo's radio guidance system from being tracked or jammed.

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

It is implied that women were judged by their looks and their roles were confined to particular stereotypes or gender roles.

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

In those times, beautiful women were not expected to have brains. She was probably judged by her appearance and not by her abilities. She would have had to prove through her work that she was intelligent and did not identify with the roles she was typecast in.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I will research the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Key aspects of my research into the Olympics in Paris will be the history of the event, how the city is preparing for the Games, and what kind of sports and events will be taking place. Key search words/terms: 'Olympic Games history', 'Paris Olympics preparations', 'events Summer Olympics 2024'

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- 1) The Paris Olympics will be the third Summer Olympics hosted by the city. By then, the previous Summer Olympics in Paris will have been 100 years earlier, in 1924.
- 2) For the first time, the opening ceremony will not be held in the Olympic Stadium. It will take place on boats along the River Seine.
- 3) The Paris Olympics will feature the debut of a new sport, breaking (breakdancing).
- 4) The surfing event will be held in Tahiti, the main island of French Polynesia (a semi-autonomous territory of France).
- 5) As in the Paris 1924 Olympics, some swimming events will also be held in the River Seine rather than in a swimming pool.
- 6) The mascot for the Paris Olympics is modelled on the Phrygian cap, a traditional French hat.

4 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

History of the Olympic Games

How Paris is making the Games its own

Olympic sports in 2024

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

It is especially symbolic for Paris to be hosting the Summer Olympics for the third time, as it marks the centenary of the city's previous Olympics.

Breaking, a new sport in 2024, is a worthy and interesting addition as it shows an effort to keep the Games up to date and appealing to everyone, despite having such a long history.

WEEK 12 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a The waitperson kicked him out of the restaurant.
He was kicked out of the restaurant by the waitperson.
- b The ambulance paramedics took Abigail to the Emergency Department.
Abigail was taken to the Emergency Department by the ambulance paramedics.
- c In no more than a minute, the RAC changed my car's flat tyre for me.
My car's flat tyre was changed for me by the RAC in no more than a minute.
- d Hedy Lamarr invented frequency hopping technology.
Frequency hopping technology was invented by Hedy Lamarr.
- e This morning the postie knocked on the door.
The door was knocked on by the postie this morning.
- f The student devoured his sandwich at lunchtime.
The sandwich was devoured by the student at lunchtime.

2

- a It was raining the entire day, nevertheless, Jodie still went to the beach.
- b I despise attending my maths class, however, my teacher is pretty funny.
- c Melbourne is my favourite place to shop, in fact, I am going there this summer.
- d I'm so thankful I have access to streaming services, they have a great variety of movies and TV shows about obnoxious young people.
- e Exercising is important to staying healthy, avoiding too much cake is also important.
- f The cyclist was knocked off her bike by a car, luckily, she was wearing a helmet.

DAY 2

1

A **gurgling** (*onomatopoeia*) was heard, progressively getting louder and **louder as the ground started to shudder and groan** (*personification*). Mai stepped further back from the cliff as a black, slimy figure began to emerge from a crevice. As its full size became apparent, Mai took in its monstrosity. The monster had no face, **other than bright, red eyes that cut through the darkness like laser beams** (*simile*). Mai could only think of running as far as she could from the massive blob. Upon seeing the frightened girl, it lunged towards her. Adrenaline flowed through Mai's body. *Breathe, just breathe*, she thought.

The two-legged cyclone hurtled through the trees (*metaphor*), leaving destruction in its path. Mai knew there was no way she could outrun this **giant mammoth of a thing** (*hyperbole*). Ideas of escape began to flicker through her mind. Noticing copious amounts of wood and sticks around her, she bent down and picked up as many pieces as she could. Mai **ran rapidly** (*alliteration*) through **the shrieking forest** (*personification*). When she arrived at a clearing, she dumped all the sticks on the ground and started rubbing them against each other. As the thing got closer, Mai was pleading desperately for her plan to work.

2

- a My sister and **me/I** are planning a surprise for our mother's birthday next week.
- b The news story was about the reclusive writer **whom/who** disappeared for ten years.
- c A group of **us/we** went to the cinema on Friday night.
- d Our teacher was glaring at **they/them** from across the room during assembly.
- e Since Eli's dog passed away, it has been difficult for **he/him**.
- f **She/her** and **I/me** will be attending the Harry Styles stadium concert together.

DAY 3

1

Simple present	Simple past	Simple future
<u>I help</u>	<u>I helped</u>	<u>I will help</u>
<u>I begin</u>	<u>I began</u>	<u>I will begin</u>
<u>I see</u>	<u>I saw</u>	<u>I will see</u>
<u>I forget</u>	<u>I forgot</u>	<u>I will forget</u>
<u>I eat</u>	<u>I ate</u>	<u>I will eat</u>
<u>I choose</u>	<u>I chose</u>	<u>I will choose</u>
<u>I tell</u>	<u>I told</u>	<u>I will tell</u>

2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a I helped to make dinner yesterday by preparing the vegetables.
- b I begin by putting my socks on, then my shoes.
- c I will see if I can make it to your party next week.
- d I forget whether it is you or your brother who is good at sports.
- e I ate way too much breakfast this morning.
- f I will choose my successor at the next meeting.
- g I told my dad to pick us up at 8 o'clock.

1

Historical context

The ^Boy in the Striped Pyjamas is a ^fictional story set in ^Germany during ^World War II. Although the characters and events are fictional, the setting of this narrative is based on real historical ^{occurrences} occurrences of this period.

In the novel, this camp is viewed through the eyes of two nine-year-old boys: Bruno, a young German boy whose father is commandant of the camp, and Shmuel, a Jewish boy who is ^{imprisoned} imprisoned in the camp. Bruno refers to the camp as 'Out-With' and unfortunately, both boys' lives end tragically within the walls of this camp.

The novel is beautifully written and very moving. Readers will appreciate the well-drawn characters and the ^{insights} insight into important and harrowing historical events.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The author might have chosen this perspective because these children are innocent and without prejudice. Their friendship reveals the senselessness of the genocide of Jewish people.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The author has written this report in an informative style. This can be seen through the use of objective rather than subjective language, reference to historical events, and its focus on the subject of the report.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The author might have chosen this style as the purpose of a report is to inform, as opposed to an article or review, which usually aims to convey the author's subjective feelings about a book.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The *Apollo 11* Moon Landing

Apollo 11 was an American spaceship and was the first to land on the moon. This was a significant historic event for the United States, and the world.

The Flight and Crew

Apollo 11 was launched on 16 July 1969, with the mission of landing on the moon. It was manned by astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. All three men were experienced pilots and engineers, and had undergone extensive training for this mission.

On 20 July 1969 the *Apollo 11* lunar module landed on the moon. Armstrong became the first ever person to walk on the moon, and Aldrin joined him 19 minutes later.

The Significance

This was an important and historic event for multiple reasons. Firstly, it demonstrated that humans could travel to different locations in space and could explore them relatively safely. Secondly, it was a major technological achievement, as the spacecraft was one of the most complex machines ever built. All of the equipment used was state-of-the-art. Lastly, it was very inspirational, as it showed the world what is possible when humans cooperate and are given the opportunity to be inventive.

WEEK 13 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

nouns x 14	<i>spiral, memories, corridors, wonder, flashes, vignettes, chapters, mosaic, moments, gold, dreams, sprite, fields</i>
pronoun x 1	<i>I</i>
verbs x 3	<i>wander, chasing, laughing</i>
adjectives x 4	<i>untold, precious, unseen, green</i>
adverb x 1	<i>playfully</i>
prepositions x 7 (some are repeated)	<i>of × 4, in, through, as, amidst</i>
determiners x 3 (some are repeated)	<i>a × 3</i>

2

Common	Proper	Abstract	Collective
<i>actor</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>amazement</i>	<i>bunch</i>
<i>country</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>childhood</i>	<i>choir</i>
<i>daffodil</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>confusion</i>	<i>crew</i>
<i>echidna</i>		<i>courage</i>	<i>swarm</i>
<i>ocean</i>		<i>gossip</i>	
		<i>sorrow</i>	

DAY 2

1

- a The sun **sets** on the horizon, painting the sky in hues of gold.
- b We **dance** under the moonlight, twirling in a whirl of laughter.
- c The flowers **bloom** and petals **unfurl** to greet the morning.
- d Raindrops **fall**, caressing the earth with a gentle touch.
- e The wind **whispers** secrets through the rustling leaves.

2

- a Waves **crashed** against the shore, a thunder of relentless tides.
- b Stars **sparkled** in the velvet night.
- c A candle **flickered** and shadows **danced** along the walls.
- d Wings **were** spread to soar on azure breezes into the sky.
- e The rain **fell** gently like a lullaby from the clouds.

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Poetic vocabulary	Definition	Example (where relevant)
alliteration	using the same letter at the beginning of nearby or closely connected words	bright, blue birds bustling in the bushes
imagery	vivid sensory description to create a mental image for readers (visual, auditory, olfactory, gustatory, tactile)	The silver crescent moon hovered above the horizon on that cool, quiet summer night.
rhyme	words that have similar ending sounds due to shared vowel and consonant combinations	meet, street, feet, defeat
metaphor	a figure of speech to describe something in terms of something else in order to show their similarity	The bushfire was a voracious monster consuming all in its wake.
simile	a figure of speech comparing two distinct things to one another	as majestic as a soaring eagle

DAY 3

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

a rainbow	<i>A rainbow is like a vibrant brushstroke on the canvas of the sky.</i>
growing up	Growing up is like a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis to face the world with a new perspective.
the moon	The moon shines in the sky like a luminous silver coin.
a waterfall	The crash of the cascading waterfall is as thunderous as a stormy sea.
riding a rollercoaster	Riding a rollercoaster is as heart-stopping as jumping from a plane.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
mince	<i>cut or chop into very small pieces</i>	<i>walk with short quick steps in a dainty manner</i>
bear	to carry or endure	a large mammal with thick fur
conduct	to lead	behaviour
desert	dry land	to abandon
fair	equal	of pale complexion
tear	liquid that flows from eyes when crying	to pull apart a piece of paper or fabric
fine	money taken as a punishment (e.g. for speeding)	admirable or delicate
book	to reserve (e.g. a ticket, table)	an object with pages that you read

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word	Synonym	Antonym	Homophone
steal	take	give	steel
missed	omitted	found	mist
hale	strong	unfit	hail
illicit	illegal	legal	elicit

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

In a dew-kissed meadow, a ^{symphony} ~~symfony~~ awakes.
 Morning tiptoes softly, and nature gently shakes.
 The sun's golden tendrils **are** reaching ^{leaves} ~~leafs~~ through the ^{leaves} ~~leafs~~,
 Caressing the spring and its ^{softened} ~~sofened~~ gently breeze.
 Birdsong paints a picture in the lightly ^{scented} ~~sented~~ air
 While melodies drift by in a sweet ^{enticing} ~~inticing~~ snare.
 And the colours! Oh, the colours, **how they do** unfurl
 Like a galaxy **of starlight** in a ^{kaleidoscopic} ~~kaleidoscope's~~ swirl.
 Beneath my feet **I feel a subtle** ^{stirring} ~~string~~ and a zest
An awakening **of nature** from **its** long **and** icy rest
 The world ^{breathes} ~~breaths~~ in, **inhaling** the **wafting** warmth anew
 As the season turns **enchantingly** from **frosty** grey to blue.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I believe this poem is about the changing of the seasons from winter to spring, and nature coming back to life and colour after the coldness of winter. It is a celebration of spring.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

This poem evokes a sense of optimism and hope. The imagery of 'the sun's golden tendrils', the 'awakening from long, icy rest' and the world breathing in 'the warmth anew' conveys the hope of a new season.

4 Answers may vary. The possible answers are:

- a **Auditory imagery:** birdsong; melodies; tiptoes softly
- b **Visual imagery:** sun's golden tendrils reach through the leaves; turns from grey to blue; the colours unfurl / Like a galaxy
- c **Simile:** the colours unfurl like a galaxy in a kaleidoscope's swirl
- d **Personification:** a symphony awakes; morning tiptoes softly; the sun's golden tendrils ... caressing; the world breathes in

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The sunlight streams in through the forest,
And the birds trill like a skilled chorus.
A cocoon cracks, no longer a soft bed,
So, the moth stirs and pokes out its head.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Visual imagery: sunlight streams, pokes out its head
Auditory imagery: birds trill
Tactile imagery: soft bed
Simile: trill like a skilled chorus
The imagery helps the poem to evoke a peaceful mood.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

By appealing to a range of senses, a poet encourages the reader to place themselves in the situation of the speaker. They also help to make the scenario feel realistic and one that readers can identify with.

4 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

The moth was as timid as a mouse.
The cocoon cracks like an eggshell.

5 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

The sunlight streams
In through the forest
And the birds trill
Like a skilled chorus.
A cocoon cracks,
No longer a soft bed,
So, the moth stirs,
And pokes out its head.

Changing the line breaks changes the tempo of the poem. It gives the impression of being faster, changing the mood from soft and gentle to more rapid and energetic.

WEEK 14 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

Above the clouds

Among the stars

Below the threshold of the universe

I find myself

A reflection

A spectre

Of who I am

And who I am meant to be

Within the spaces between stardust

I see myself.

2

a *correlative*

b correlative

c coordinating

d correlative

e subordinating

f coordinating

g subordinating

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- | | | |
|----------|---------|--|
| a | passive | A haunted landscape was painted by them. |
| b | passive | The rule was explained again to the students by the patient teacher. |
| c | passive | The horror movie was watched by the girls. |
| d | active | The apprentice florist arranged the vivid flowers. |
| e | active | The boys built the elaborate sandcastle, with moat and turrets. |
| f | passive | The cake was gleefully devoured by the children at the birthday party. |
| g | active | The wind blew the russet leaves to the ground. |

2

Poetry with its enchanting words and rhythmic flow holds a power that transcends time and touches the depths of the human soul. It is a form of expression and art that captures emotions, paints vivid images and touches the depths of our souls. In its verses, poetry has the ability to evoke empathy, ignite passion and inspire imagination.

In a world often bound by reason and logic, poetry invites us to embrace freedom, emotion and creativity. It dances with metaphors, similes and symbols, leaving room for a range of interpretations and personal connections. Readers find their own meaning within the lines, creating a tapestry of diverse perspectives.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a happily, excitedly, quickly
- b carefully, intently, closely
- c steadily, slowly
- d seriously, sombrely, firmly
- e enthusiastically, passionately
- f soundly, peacefully
- g tightly, warmly

2

- a The shepherd's pie baked in the oven made for a delicious dinner.
- b Franco took his dog for a walk.
- c As I surveyed the garden, I noticed the beautifully blooming flowers.
- d They decided to throw a surprise party for their friend.
- e In the middle of the city stood an impressive skyscraper.
- f New Zealand was where we went for our holiday.
- g The doctor spoke to the nurse about a treatment plan for their patient.

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a The apple crumble baked in the oven made for a delicious dinner.
- b The boy took his dog for a walk.
- c As Mum surveyed the garden, she noticed the beautifully blooming flowers.
- d My brother and Mike decided to throw a surprise party for their friend.
- e In the middle of the city stood an impressive statue.
- f New Zealand was where my parents went for their holiday.
- g The vet spoke to the nurse about a treatment plan for their patient.

DAY 4

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Cherry blossoms bloom,	5
Pink petals dance on the breeze,	8 > 7 syllables)
Spring's sweet symphony.	5

Golden leaves flutter,	6 > 5 syllables)
Autumn paints a blazing scene,	7
Nature's final breath.	5

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

This example of personification conveys a visual image of petals twirling as they fall, creating a joyful mood.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The sibilant alliteration creates a feeling of softness to match the visual imagery and joyful mood conveyed by the poem.

DAY 5

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

A set of three haikus:

Trees turning golden,
Colder winds and shorter days,
Autumn has fallen.

Do the trees get cold
Losing their sweater of leaves?
They shiver at night.

I play in the leaves
Piled up high from lawn to lawn
Sweeping? Not for me.

WEEK 15 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Politicians can be **good** (expert) at **using words** (orating) in a vague and generalised way to sway audiences who are **affiliated with** (concerned about) issues that matter.
- b The Gardens by the Bay in Singapore is a **nice** (beautiful) location to visit as a **visitor** (tourist). It has **pretty** (fascinating) sculptures and **a variety of different** (multitude of) gardens to **look at** (admire).
- c Reality television is fast becoming the most **seen** (viewed) type of television show on streaming services. I **think** (believe) that this form of television is **empty** (vapid) and lacks depth.
- d Eating well can improve your quality of living, but a lot of people **don't bother** (fail) to eat a **good** (balanced) diet.
- e Even though the film *Jaws*, **made** (directed/produced) by Steven Spielberg, is an **old** (a retro) movie with **dated** (outmoded) animatronics, it's still a classic that can **occupy** (entertain) audiences.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

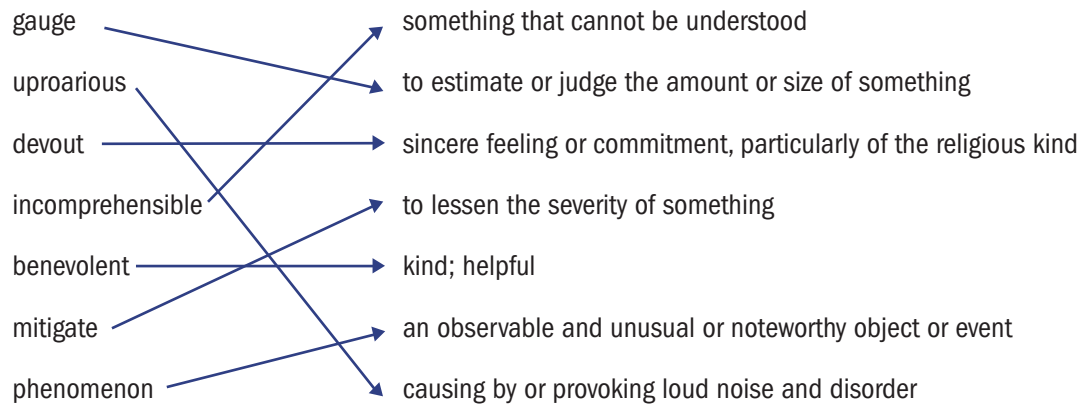
- a psalm
- b know
- c debris
- d psychology
- e lamb
- f debt
- g salmon

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a *knows*
- b knight
- c wrest
- d reign
- e wring
- f weight

DAY 2

1



2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a a noun that refers to a group or people, animals or things
- b a group of words that functions as an adverb
- c a noun that represents a feeling, quality or state of being
- d a phrase that includes a preposition and its object (usually a verb or noun)

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a I swam through an enormous **school** of fish while we were snorkelling.
- b I'd like you all to read **in silence**.
- c If I don't eat soon my **hunger** will become unbearable.
- d **Over the weekend**, you can borrow any of my books.

1

- a cacti
- b crises
- c diagnoses
- d ellipses
- e formulas *or* formulae
- f lice
- g selves
- h stimuli

2

'Have you ever heard of the ghost girl who lives in the chimney?' asked my cousin excitedly.

'No I haven't. And I'm not sure I want to hear this ghost story? Is it scary? I said

'Of course it's scary! But you just have to hear this story – I'm going to tell it to you anyway. There once was this little girl named Eliza and she used to live in our house a long long time ago. She died when she was seven years old probably from pneumonia. This front room (with the chimney) used to be her bedroom. Now she just sits in the fireplace at the bottom of the chimney haunting this room because she has unfinished business – she never got a chance to grow up!'

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

I think the version of the story in question 2 is more effective, because the cousin tells the protagonist the story in a logical and ordered way, revealing additional information as the story unfolds. This creates suspense and a spooky mood.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Why I Think Reading is Important, Still

Reading is a necessary part of learning and **daily life**: every person knows this, yet I meet so many adults in my **daily life** (world) who state proudly that they don't read or don't enjoy reading.

It usually goes along the lines of, 'I haven't **read** a book since my English teacher forced us to **read** (study) {insert book here}, and, even then, I didn't actually **read** (finish) the whole thing.' There are many **things** (problems with) to this statement that I could unpack, but the most profound **thing** (issue) is that these adults are admitting that they haven't read a book in decades! That's a lot of words they are missing out on!

I suppose, in our **modern** age, books are competing with **modern** (new / advanced) technologies that can be far more entertaining and less effort. But I still think there's nothing like sitting somewhere comfortably, opening a **book**, and being transported to your own imagination by the **book** (world within).

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The author believes reading is important as it is a necessary part of learning and improves their vocabulary. Reading is enjoyable and can foster the imagination.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The sentence implies that people in modern times are lazy: they do not want to put in the effort reading requires, when they can passively enjoy other entertainments such as TV, films and YouTube.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

How you overcame a fear: overcoming a fear of driving while on my L plates

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

- 1) Why I found learning to drive scary
- 2) How I talked to others about their experiences learning to drive
- 3) Understanding more about cars and road rules to feel more comfortable
- 4) The fact that cars are safer than ever and protect passengers very well
- 5) How I started learning to drive slowly and on quiet streets before busier roads

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Even though millions of people drive every day, it was something that completely terrified me until I learnt more about it, practised slowly and safely, and spoke to other drivers about their own learning experiences.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I will use an informal style of writing, as the piece revolves around my feelings about driving and how my subjective experience changed over time.

5 Answers may vary. Possible answers are:

Driving: A totally reasonable fear

Leaning on family and friends

Learning about driving

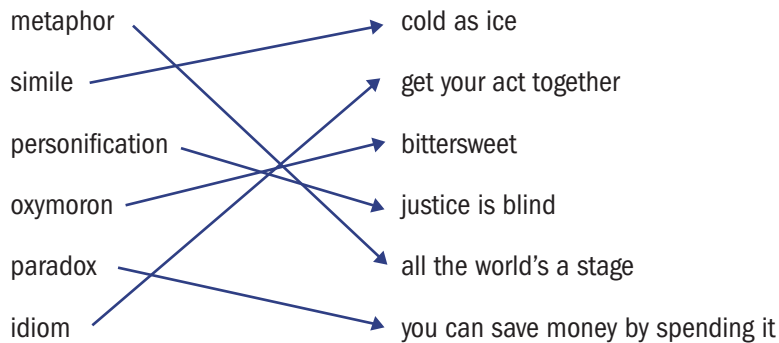
First steps to getting on the road

Subheadings will be useful because they signpost to the reader when the piece is changing topics.

WEEK 16 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1



2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a She has a heart of stone.
- b The new house they're building is as big as a whale.
- c During the storm, lightning danced across the sky.
- d Some of the jokes you tell are seriously funny.
- e Less is more.
- f You're really barking up the wrong tree.

3

- a Once upon a time, there lived a young girl who wanted to be a pilot and not a princess.
- b The guest speaker for the conference will arrive in about an hour.
- c My dad gets up early in the morning to make our lunches for school every day.
- d Next year I am moving to Hawaii for work.

4

- a I'll be there after I've finished this game.
- a Mum is a hero; she gets up early in the morning every day and she arrives home late every night.
- a Jimmy Yamato says he practices the blade, though he doesn't practice as often these days.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a If you forget to take the bins out one more time, I'm **leaving** you!
- b At this rate, I'll be **working** on this report until midnight.
- c You can't keep **deliberating** forever on where we should eat tonight.
- d Since starting Swedish lessons, I am **understanding** more every day.
- e The golf program my dad uses is **simulating** an entire golf course digitally.
- f If scientists and doctors keep **innovating**, one day there will be no diseases at all.

2

a

i blue, long

ii long, blue

b

i tall, handsome, muscular

ii muscular, tall, handsome

iii handsome, tall, muscular

c

i dusty, new, great

ii great, new, dusty

iii new, dusty, great

d

i rectangular, purple, plastic

ii purple, rectangular, plastic

iii plastic, rectangular, purple

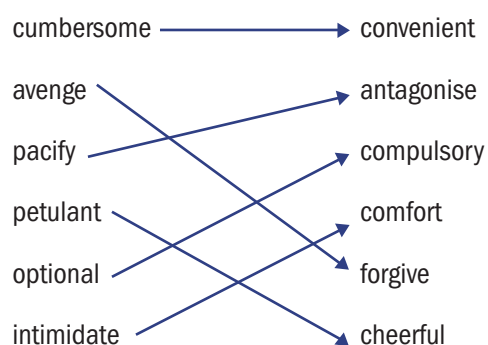
1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

stairs	flight	deer	herd
mountains	range	birds	flock
coins	collection	players	team
ships	fleet	singers	choir
stars	constellation	lawyers	council
students	cohort	people	group/crowd
actors	troupe	experts	panel
paper	stack/ream	bees	swarm
cards	deck/pack	musicians	band/group/orchestra
arrows	quiver	thieves	pack/den

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

abolish	allow	introduce
adversity	opportunity	fortune
benign	threatening	harmful
captivating	boring	tedious
compassion	disregard	animosity
eccentric	normal	typical
fluctuating	steady	predictable
frivolous	careful	serious
gracious	cruel	impolite

3



1

Hiking Machu Picchu changed my life!

Hiking Machu Picchu was a ^{pivotal} ~~pivotal~~ moment in my life because it was a great ^{feat} ~~feat~~ of physical ^{endurance} ~~endurance~~ that I didn't think I was capable of ^{achieving} ~~achieving~~. I've never been one to push myself physically; I like to stay in the comfort zone of 30 minutes of ^{exercise} ~~exercise~~ a day. So hiking for four days to this Incan citadel on a 2430-metre mountain ridge was nothing short of a life ^{goal} ~~goal~~ to set my sights on.

The ^{terrain} ~~terrain~~ on the journey upwards is mountainous and steep. I constantly bent over, trying to push myself up the incline. It's the type of climb that burns every muscle in your body. Not to mention the high ^{altitude} ~~altitude~~, which makes it difficult to breathe: I found myself having to stop every 200 metres or so to get some ^{oxygen} ~~oxygen~~ into my lungs.

But that moment when you finally reach the ancient city is a moment of elation. I remember standing at the top of the valley looking down on the ruins and feeling like some great ^{intrepid} ~~intrepid~~ explorer.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Hiking Machu Picchu was an achievement for the author because it was physically demanding, beyond their 'comfort zone'. The author says it was a 'life goal' and 'a great feat of physical endurance', demonstrating that conquering this challenge was a personal accomplishment.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

First person voice is appropriate here because it is a personal essay which recounts the author's own subjective experience. For example, in 'I remember standing at the top of the valley ... feeling like some great intrepid explorer', use of the first person allows the author to express their feelings directly.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The main tone of the extract is one of positive challenge and adventure. Words such as 'intrepid', 'endurance' and 'elation' contribute to this.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The greatest achievement in my life (so far) was getting the lead role in our junior musical. The process started last May, when Ms Greenwood overheard me singing at recess and told me that I had a lovely voice so I should consider auditioning. I had never auditioned for anything before – I had no idea what to do!

So I did heaps of research. I looked up tips for auditioning online, watched movie musicals and TV shows, and listened to cast albums. In the end, I was left with three key realisations:

- 1 needed to pick a song to sing
- 2 needed to pick a monologue to perform
- 3 needed to practice my dancing.

Number one was easy, I chose 'Defying Gravity' from the musical *Wicked*, because it was one of my favourite songs and would show off my vocal range. Then I found a monologue from *Macbeth*, because I thought the character of Lady Macbeth was interesting and sinister and would allow me to demonstrate how I would play a character. Lastly, I downloaded hours of dancing videos on YouTube and I practised every night.

On the day of the audition, I was so nervous I felt as if my throat would close over and I wouldn't be able to sing a note! But when I took the stage I remembered what Ms Greenwood had said about my singing that recess, and I felt super-comfortable. I hit every note and I knew every word of my monologue. My dance audition, however, went terribly! I kept messing up the steps and turning the wrong way.

The teachers deliberated over lunch, and when the bell rang they put the cast list up. I rushed over and saw my name at the top of the list! I was so excited and proud of myself. But now I REALLY have to work on my dancing.

WEEK 17 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Prefix mis-	Prefix pre-	Prefix un-	Suffix -ness	Suffix -less	Suffix -ful
<i>mismatch</i>	preposition	undone	<i>sadness</i>	useless	harmful
misunderstand	preclude	untold	wetness	hopeless	woeful
mistake	pretence	unreal	kindness	heartless	gleeful
misuse	preordain	unloved	wellness	fruitless	wakeful
misremember	present	unclean	glumness	wireless	spoonful

2

Verb	Past tense
<i>begin</i>	<i>began</i>
fall	fell
fly	flew
give	gave
steal	stole

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a I **began** researching new cars, but I can't even **begin** to think about buying one.
- b I wanted to **fall** in love, but I just **fell** down the stairs.
- c Even though I was scared to **fly**, I still **flew** home for Christmas.
- d I'll **give** you some money since you **gave** me all those books.
- e I'm going to **steal** back my shirt from Finn, as he **stole** it from me.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

As I scroll through the news articles, a headline grabs my attention: 'Room of Keys scheduled to be finished this year.' 1. I read with excitement, adrenaline running through my veins. I finish the article and find out that there is a secret room in the government building, which contains the keys to unlock the code that provides access to the plans for the Artificial Intelligence chip. I must find these keys so that I have access to this AI chip! If I can steal this chip, I will become the wealthiest person on the planet. 2. I put my phone down and pick up my hot cup of coffee, plotting how to steal these keys. 3.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

1. This is what I have been looking for all this time!
2. Then I can do everything I've ever wanted to, including building my own supercomputer.
3. It's going to be a big task, so I need to get started right away.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

My favourite animal is the meerkat. The behaviour of these cute animals is unique. Meerkats are found in southern Africa, in a hot climate. Their diet mostly consists of insects, small vertebrates and fruit. These carnivores are known for the distinctive way they stand on their back legs, with their little arms in front of them, to look out for threats to themselves and their group. They are very social animals and live in large, protective communities whose members look after each other like a family. They usually live in burrows previously created by other animals, such as ground squirrels.

4 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

cute > endearing

hot > dry

large > extensive

These new adjectives are more precise and better describe the landscape and behaviour of meerkats than my original choices.

DAY 3

1

- a deceive
- b millennium
- c pronunciation
- d separate
- e column
- f disastrous

2

- a The frail cat moved with an unsteady gate. gait
- b I was pretty disappointed to hear that my absence from the party had gone completely unnoticed. absence
- c Kit succesfully defended her title at the karate championships. successfully
- d The new sculpture outside the museum is really bizzare – I have no idea what it's meant to be! bizarre

3

- a Racism is an insidious disease. metaphor
- b Spring slowly spread her reach across the countryside. personification
- c The war devoured the lives of thousands of innocent people. personification
- d The flowers swayed and joyously danced in the meadow. personification
- e My garden grew like a wild jungle. simile
- f She keeps her heart locked away in a cage. metaphor

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

Definitions:

poverty: the state of being poor, lacking money, goods or means of support

homelessness: the state of having no home

crisis: a time of difficulty or danger

Anecdote:

I had a cousin who fell victim to poverty and homelessness: lost their job and didn't tell anyone. Next thing we knew, they were living in their car, struggling to keep warm in the middle of winter.

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

- a Calling it a national shame identifies the problem as being the responsibility of all of us, and 'crisis' evokes a sense of urgency. The audience is encouraged to agree that the government must act, to relieve us of this shame.
- b The use of statistics aims to persuade the audience that the problem is not only serious but is growing, again evoking a sense of urgency, positioning the audience to want authorities to address the problem before it gets even worse.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Social media is helpful rather than harmful.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

FOR the topic	AGAINST the topic
Social media allows us to stay connected easily.	Social media is addictive.
Social media lets people communicate who might otherwise be unable to.	It is easy to waste time and spend hours on social media without benefit.
Social media can be used for work, school and personal relationships.	Social media stops us from interacting in person and forming better relationships.
It enhances the way we interact with the world and creates opportunities.	We are not in control of what is shown to us on social media.
It is free and available to all.	Social media relies on keeping us engaged rather than providing a useful product.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I will argue against the motion. My audience would be school kids around my age who are heavy social media users. Citing studies and statistics would be useful, but I would also appeal to the audience's emotions and tell anecdotes about how our use of social media affects our wellbeing and distracts us from other activities.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The use of social media – interactive online websites, apps and games such as Facebook, YouTube and WhatsApp – changes our lives in many ways every day, but I believe these changes are ultimately more harmful than helpful. While it is helpful in improving our access to information and each other, it is harmful by engaging our attention for much longer than we intend, becoming addictive and ultimately controlling us more than we control it.

WEEK 18 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

indescribable
relocation
unnecessarily
misbehaviour
illicitness
immaturity

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a antiseptic, anticlimax, antihero
- b overshoot, oversee, overboard
- c underhanded, underscore, underdone
- d automatic, automobile, autobiography
- e extraordinary, extraneous, extravagant
- f interpose, interconnect, interstate
- g monoculture, monochrome, monophonic
- h transparent, transportation, transform

3

- a Somebody placed the book on the shelf in the library upside down and nobody noticed, except for the librarian.
- b There were very few who wanted to taste the three-day-old dip; most made polite excuses to avoid eating it.
- c Everybody was obsessed with *Game of Thrones* when it first came out, but some people couldn't watch it because it was too violent.
- d Several students picketed the university food hall because everything inside had gone up in price by 10%.
- e I could not get a hold of anyone when I attempted to contact the phone company about my internet bill as all the lines were busy.
- f There are some who disagree with my stance on keeping chocolate in the fridge, but surely everyone can agree that Vegemite belongs in the pantry.

1

- a The Eiffel Tower located in Paris France was engineered by Gustave Eiffel and was nicknamed 'La dame de fer' (the iron lady). Opening in 1889 it was at one point considered to be the tallest human-made structure in the world.
- b Audrey Hepburn a famous Hollywood actress of the Golden Age is often ranked as one of the greatest female actors of all time. However in many interviews she has communicated that she would prefer to be known for her humanitarian work.
- c The inventor of Cornflakes Dr John Harvey Kellogg created the cereal for health purposes. When it initially became available the cereal's first customers were Kellogg's patients at Battle Creek Sanitorium.
- d A pioneer in the field of aviation Amelia Mary Earhart was the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Mysteriously on one journey in which she travelled to Howland Island from New Guinea she disappeared and was later presumed dead.

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

- a *I decided to set a reminder when I discovered that the solar eclipse would occur at 11 am next week.*
- b The deer looked terrified as it appeared on the road, but it ran out of the way of the truck.
- c Kyle opened the fridge and complained he couldn't see any of his favourite cheese, then slammed the door in a fit of anger.
- d As the frog population at the park had grown to plague proportions, it logically couldn't be managed anymore.
- e Searching for Tay's letter, I riffled through the books and papers strewn across the desk.
- f After I finish my dinner, I might go for a swim.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Trembling with fear, I am preparing to start up my invention for the first time. It has taken months to complete, requiring all my knowledge and one very expensive Russian transmitter. Despite society's unceasing warnings about Artificial Intelligence, I believe I am doing the right thing. My device will activate all the world's computers to seek only one thing: equality. The way they have been treated is tragic, and panic about AI leading to the demise of the human race is completely overblown. Robots will be grateful to me for freeing them. I can't speak for the rest of humanity.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** Hunting (N) and (C) eating meat (N) is (V) a natural (Adj.) part (N) of (P) the ecosystem (N) in (P) the wild (N), yet (C) it might (V) seem (V) vicious (Adj.) or (C) needlessly (Adv.) cruel (Adj.) to (P) some (Adj.) of (P) us humans (N).
- b** I'm quickly (Adv.) making (V) another (Adj.) loaf (N) of (P) my special (Adj.) bread (N) after (P) completely (Adv.) burning (V) the first (Adj.) loaf (N), but (C) it won't (V) be (V) ready at (P) lunch (N) now (Adv.).
- c** Fixing (V) the broken (Adj.) window (N) in (P) the bathroom (N) should be (V) your first (Adj.) priority (N), but (C) it needs (V) to be done (V) carefully (Adv.) and (C) with (P) the thickest (Adj.) gloves (N) you have (V).
- d** I spent (V) all (Adj.) day (N) preparing (V) for (P) the party (N) – the cake (N) alone (Adj.) took (V) me four (Adj.) hours (N).
- e** We wanted (V) to go (V) for (P) a walk (N) along (P) the beach (N), but (C) the sun (N) was setting (V) and (C) the tide (N) was rising (V).

1

Welcome ladies gentlemen, audience, adjudicator, and the opposing team. I welcome you to today's debate, where we are discussing the motion that social media has improved human communication.

Now we, the better, smarter, wiser, superior team know that social media has improved human communication, vastly.

My first argument is that there is a reason 1.49 million Australians under 15 years old are on social media for more than five hours a week. Social media makes it significantly easier to reach other people. We all know how incredibly inconvenient and time consuming it is to start a conversation with other people face to face and social media takes away this challenge.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Definitions of the key terms of the topic are missing, as well as the other main arguments.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Defining the key terms of the topic allows you to provide your interpretation and argue from this standpoint.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The speaker probably refers to teenage users of social media because these are likely to be their audience. As teenagers are big users of social media, this mention will engage them with the speaker's argument.

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The speaker has not made an especially convincing argument as they mostly talk about their own feelings rather than constructing a convincing argument, making quite broad, general (often subjective) statements with little supporting information.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

School homework should be banned.

Welcome, everyone, to today's debate on whether school homework should be banned.

Though it has been a staple of school life for a long time, homework has really overstayed its welcome. The time and effort it takes to complete is ridiculous! By not giving us enough time for rest and relaxation, homework can cause sleep deprivation and behavioural changes – no wonder teenagers can be grumpy! All this, when the homework is sometimes not even relevant or useful to us.

We've all had those days, I'm sure: days spent in class, in tests or exams, writing essays and answering questions. Mentally drained, we get home feeling ready for a nap, only to be faced with a mountain of homework. In a Stanford University survey, over half of the students involved cited homework as their primary source of stress. Some even admitted to cheating purely to get their work done on time. Not really the point of homework, is it?

The increasing amount of work we must do as we progress through school reduces our free time and often means we get less sleep. Sleep deprivation, as many of us know, impacts pretty much everything. Concentration? Consider it gone. Ability to regulate emotion? Consider it non-existent. Likelihood of moodiness and backchat? Well, I'm sure our parents would have some opinions. Far from aiding schoolwork, homework-induced exhaustion makes it much harder, which defeats the whole point of homework in the first place.

Many proponents of homework argue that it supplements and reinforces schoolwork, and this can be the case. But the key words are 'can be'. The Stanford survey mentioned earlier found that 73% of students felt they were assigned busywork – that is, work that keeps them busy but doesn't really help students learn the material. So, they are spending all this time, stress and effort on work that doesn't help in the long run. What's the point?

While the aim of homework – to supplement and reinforce in-class learning – is a noble one, it frequently does not match the reality of the type of work students are assigned. Irrelevant work that takes up hours and hours of time and energy is causing us unneeded stress, and is likely to actually impact our physical and mental health. It is high time we reassessed homework and realised that it is no longer needed.

WEEK 19 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a bias: prejudice, lack of balance, taking sides and potentially distorting the facts
- b bulletin: a brief account of facts of a news event
- c editorial: an article that expresses the opinion of the newspaper or editor on a certain subject
- d feature: a longer news article that explores a topic in depth, generally a human-interest story
- e human-interest: describes stories that tend to include a balance of fact and emotion, revealing our shared humanity
- f plagiarism: taking ideas or material from others and presenting them as one's own
- g defamation: the act of damaging someone's reputation without just cause

2

- a She loves cats.
- b Rhys will deliver a speech in the morning.
- c Ling will take her brother to school tomorrow.
- d Niamh is wearing her new coat to the party.
- e Neville will borrow Rajesh's cricket bat for today's match.
- f The students eat pizza.

DAY 2

1

- a My mum is making dinner with careful attention.
- b Mr Chua is teaching both Naveen and Phillip.
- c The newsagency employs Layla to work there.
- d Tran gave him a book for his graduation.
- e We will hold a meeting in the afternoon.

2

Transitive verb	Intransitive verb
grab	laugh
need	cry
find	stand
buy	sit
adopt	exist
assure	die

1

Curious Incident of the Dog Thief in the Night-time**By Curtis Cone**

Residents of Morton have recently been shocked by a series of overnight dog thefts. So far, no valuables have been taken; however, a total of 12 family canines have been reported stolen.

Initially, the police dismissed the claims, assuming the dogs had escaped. They urged residents to reach out via community social media groups to locate the missing pets, but as numbers have continued to grow over successive days, the disappearances are now being treated as suspicious.

Hong Chao has lived in Morton for 15 years. According to Mr Chao, his dachshund, Dixie, has never attempted an escape: 'I have tall fences and maintain the perimeter of my garden, there are no holes for Dixie to have got through.' Unfortunately, his beloved dog has been missing for six days now.

Anyone with pertinent information is asked to contact local authorities.

2

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Sophie politely asked for a chocolate ice cream.
- b Eoin occasionally goes to the gym.
- c Ms Stankowski likes to get her news daily.
- d Otto lives upstairs.
- e The weather here is best described as remarkably warm.

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

DAI LEE: Good evening, Morton. We have some breaking news for you **tomorrow** (tonight). The Morton Council has announced a town curfew, commencing **immediate** (immediately), to combat the spate of dog thefts in the area. In response to growing fears of further incidents, the police will be **vigilant** (vigilantly) patrolling the streets after sundown in an attempt to apprehend the culprits.

MAGGIE PACT: The police have asked residents to **wilfully** (cooperatively) comply with the curfew, which they hope will be necessary for only a short period. The aim is to gather information that will help in the recovery of the lost dogs and prevent any additional disappearances. The police, local councillors and RSPCA have expressed their concern for the missing dogs, which **then** (now) total 16. They **rudely** (politely) ask Morton residents to remain calm, stay in their homes and allow the professionals to work on tracing the thieves.

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

It has a serious and informative tone. This will indicate to listeners that it is an important issue, and make them more likely to heed the police's request.

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

Adverbs such as 'vigilantly' and 'immediately' are used to emphasise the serious tone of the bulletin, communicating the need for urgent and significant action. Asking the public 'politely' to comply 'cooperatively' with the curfew and other requests conveys that the police appreciate that curbing people's activities is asking a lot of the community.

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

To be a written report, the two speakers' messages could be combined to avoid overlap of information, and specific important orders and information should be laid out in a way that makes them easy to recognise.

Town Curfew as Hunt for Dog Thieves Continues

To combat the spate of dog thefts in the area, the Morton Council has announced a town curfew.

The curfew will commence tonight at sundown.

During curfew hours, the police will patrol the streets, aiming to prevent further incidents and apprehend the culprits.

Residents are requested to comply with the curfew, to remain calm, stay in their homes and allow the professionals to work on tracing the thieves.

The police, local councillors and the RSPCA have expressed their concern for the missing dogs, which now total 16. It is hoped that, if police efforts are successful, the curfew will only be necessary for a short period.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Winning our interschool AFL grand final

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The reader will need to know more about our team, the Dandenong Dugites, and who we played in the grand final, the Gippsland Gators. Also, knowing that we started the season at the bottom of the ladder is important context for how we developed throughout the year.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The game was played at Dandenong Oval to a huge crowd from all across the league. It was our third final in the last five years, but we hadn't taken home the trophy until today. It rained throughout the first half of the match, making for a wild and muddy game. We were down three goals at half time, but kept scores level and managed to win by just ten points in the end.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Asking the captains from both teams would make for an interesting perspective on the game, or even some opinions from the head umpire, team coaches and spectators.

5 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Dandenong Dugites Deliver a Win in Wet Final

Nailbiter Final Ends in Grief for Gippsland Gators

Dugites Come from Behind in Tense Final

WEEK 20 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a I have been studying for the examination since Monday.
- b We have been waiting for the train for over an hour.
- c She has been playing the cello for eight years.
- d The students have been learning Indonesian since the summer.
- e They have been wanting to get a dog to guard their new home.

2

- a Lulu made Arabella a hot chocolate.
- b The chef cooked a steak for my father.
- c Can you give Giorgio the homework?
- d My aunt read my brother a sad story.

3

- a Compromises are necessary in the management of a large group of people.
Compromises are necessary when managing a large group of people.
- b The experiment provides a demonstration that the Earth is at imminent risk of being swallowed by a black hole.
The experiment demonstrates that the Earth is at imminent risk of being swallowed by a black hole.
- c The fostering of a more environmentally conscious mindset in people can only benefit the implementation of eco-friendly policies.
Fostering a more environmentally conscious mindset can only help with implementing eco-friendly policies.
- d The school will give consideration to student demands that maths class be abolished.
The school will consider student demands that maths class be abolished.

DAY 2

1

- a The experiment demands careful monitoring; reporting requires accuracy and precision.
- b She is revising her article; her hope is to win a Pulitzer Prize.
- c We can study in the library; the afternoons are quiet in there.
- d I ordered ice cream for dessert; it is never too cold for ice cream.
- e Students may leave before the last bell; departing students must sign out at the office.

2

Word		Definition
anecdote		ordinary everyday language with a casual tone; can include regional slang
colloquialism		brevity; expressing a lot in few words with no unnecessary material
concision		using different words to convey something written or spoken, generally more clearly or concisely
conversational tone		a short account of an interesting incident or event, often a personal story experienced or witnessed by the writer
paraphrasing		encouraging a strong reaction from an audience
provocative		an informal way of writing or speaking, using accessible language and the active voice
subjective		influenced by personal perspective and belief

1

- a succinct: succinct
- b thorough: thorough
- c definately: definitely
- d publically: publicly
- e responsability: responsibility
- f enviroment: environment
- g absense: absence
- h tyranny: tyranny
- i rythem: rhythm

2

- ☐ That was undoubtably the trip of a lifetime!
- ☒ *The Story of the Ned Kelly Gang*, an Australian film, was the first feature length, multi-reel film ever made.
- ☐ Don't you want to be an international success story, too?
- ☐ I urge you to visit the Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair if you are visiting the city in August.
- ☐ Have you considered all the delights on offer for a traveller in Australia?
- ☒ One of the world's oldest examples of intentional cremation of an early modern human was found in Mungo National Park.
- ☒ In a remarkable act of cultural protection, the world's largest sand island will revert to its traditional name, K'gari, which means 'paradise'.
- ☐ Do try oysters when in Tasmania but avoid the angasi; these oysters are native to the island state but not as nice to eat as the Pacific oyster.

1

Visions and Revisions: Looking back at the telephane

By Han Kim

1. At least once a year, a listicle comes out that celebrates the ingenuity of Australian inventors.
5. It is highly likely you have not heard the term 'telephane' before. Even this writer's spell checker did not recognise the term!
6. So, what is the telephane?
4. Australian achievements in innovation one important invention is often missing: the telephane.
7. The telephane was the first practicable vision of television to ever exist and it was created in obscurity in country Victoria.
2. On this list are the usual suspects the cochlear implant, the black box and wi-fi.
3. While these succinct lists capture most publicly acknowledged
8. In fact, it was born out of Henry Sutton's frustrated desire to watch the Melbourne Cup horse race, a privilege denied to those living in remote towns in the 1890s.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The writer does seem surprised that the invention has not been widely recognised, as this piece mentions how common it is for lists of Australian inventions to be published, but these rarely include the telephane. Also, the writer's spell checker doesn't recognise the word. In contrast, the author believes it was an important innovation.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The writer does believe more people should be aware of the telephane, as it was an important step in the evolution of television. Also, it was invented here in Australia and, unusually, in a rural area. With its links to the Melbourne Cup, the author perhaps would expect that it would be a source of interest and pride for Australia, and Victoria in particular.

Answer may vary. A possible answer is:

Brighton Swimmers Brave the Beach All Year Round!

Any Australian postcard must include a photo of a beautiful, warm beach. Crystal blue water, white sand and a hot, bright sun. But you might not see quite as many happy-snaps of beaches in the middle of winter, especially in the southern half of the country.

But one group of swimmers is determined to get their laps in, whatever the temperature. The Four Season Swimmers is a group that meets every morning on Brighton Beach in Melbourne, no matter the conditions. Started by Simrin Sinclair in 2019, the group now sees as many as 50 brave swimmers some mornings. 'Winter is actually more popular for us,' Sinclair says after a fairly mild April swim. 'No one needs a group activity to motivate them when it's warm, but they all come flocking once the temperature starts to drop.'

That doesn't mean she always has an entourage. Especially midweek, Sinclair says, there might only be a couple of people braving the waters, or even just her. 'I'm just happy to be getting some laps in every day. Anyone joining me is just a nice bonus. And it makes the summer months feel even warmer!'

WEEK 21 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

My uncle is a local councillor and asked me if I could give him a hand on the weekend for Clean Up Australia Day. He's pretty cool and does stuff for me so I thought it wouldn't kill me to get up early on a Saturday. How hard could it be? Well, I'll tell you how hard it was. The first problem was that it was raining, not just raining but hailing and it was bitterly cold. There were supposed to be 30 volunteers but as I looked around at the group of people at the briefing point, I could only count about nine. I was wearing a coat and boots but I swear that hail actually hurt my face sometimes. We trudged along the streets together picking up empty cans and hamburger packets. A shopping trolley turned out to be a bonus item to put the rubbish in and the temperature was so low it felt like it was freezing my bones. I will definitely make sure I'm busy doing something else this time next year.

2

One of my favourite things to do during winter is to watch the local footy team. They're pretty dismal but they train twice a week and try hard. I go to support them but also to feel like a part of the community. I love the dim sims and hamburgers at the canteen and watching past players stand all in a row berating the umpire every time a call doesn't go our way; the players from the firsts who are young and good enough to believe that they might get an opportunity in the AFL one day; the aging past stars who run out there every week but have now been relegated to the seconds; and the women's team that plays early in the morning before the seconds and has won every game but still hopes for more spectators. I love it all and get home on Saturdays at around six o'clock, tired and ready to go again next week.

1

- a Justine was an avid bushwalker but even she couldn't get through to the other side of the gorge.
- b The trampoline was a hit at the children's party but, for safety reasons, anyone under five years of age was not permitted to jump onto the grass when disembarking.
- c Free dress day at school is usually fun but it wasn't when I only remembered after arriving at school and realised that I was the one student in uniform.
- d I haven't seen my grandmother since we moved to another state.
- e Rika was terrified when she saw the ominous figure start to move towards her; she quickly ducked down an alleyway and hid between two bins.

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

- a Summer is my favourite season of the year as I go swimming all the time.
Slopping on sunscreen numerous times during the day is time consuming and messy.
- b Playing video games with your mates can be beneficial in many ways.
Video games are great for improving memory, communication and self-esteem.
- c My grandfather used to collect old coins.
I wonder if those coins would be worth a lot of money now.
- d Climate change is an issue that many people are worried about.
There is an urgent need to take action.
- e COVID-19 created difficulty for us with respect to schoolwork.
Many of us also missed seeing our friends and working together.
- f I often have trouble ordering a meal in a restaurant as I am a vegetarian.
Being a vegetarian is an ethical decision for me, and I think it is the right thing to do.

DAY 3

1

Prefix	Root word	Suffix
un-	logic	-ion
re-	enchant	-ful
dis-	ration	-able
in-	thought	-al
ir-	fathom	-ful
il-	sent	-al
un-	act	-ment

2

-ous	-ness	-ful	-ment
<i>famous</i>	<i>childishness</i>	<i>doubtful</i>	<i>encouragement</i>
<i>courageous</i>	<i>shrewdness</i>	<i>fearful</i>	<i>advancement</i>
<i>mysterious</i>	<i>kindness</i>	<i>helpful</i>	<i>reinforcement</i>
<i>poisonous</i>	<i>forgiveness</i>	<i>thankful</i>	<i>consignment</i>

3

- a Hayley works at Red Rooster every Sunday.
- b Tim reads books.
- c The employees submitted reports when working from home today.
- d The girl from my class sang a song at our debutante ball.
- e I ate an apple as I was hungry.
- f Ned, Grace and Michaela are having breakfast together.

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

Dog people are **cordial** (friendly), compassionate and caring. Cat people are **egocentric** (selfish) and cynical, and only **safekeep** (care) for themselves. Just like their animal companions, 'the shoe fits', so to **talk** (speak). Many people will happily admit to being a 'dog or cat person', but I **consider** (wonder) if cat people would **contentedly** (gladly) own up to their **bias** (preference) if they realised what we all know! And what about the **places** (households) who have both dogs and cats? Does this mean that there are homes that have different types of **associates** (people) co-existing? My Uncle Karim owns a snake. I don't know what that means. The family down the road owns guinea pigs. Not sure about that either. I'm glad this isn't the opening of a debate about whether you should be a cat or a dog person. I think I would have **mystified** (lost) my way...

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

Three uses of emotive language are 'compassionate and caring', 'egocentric and cynical' and 'own up to their bias'. From this we can infer that the writer is a 'dog person' because they describe dog owners in positive terms while using negative descriptors for 'cat people'.

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

The writer appears to have a weak argument because halfway through they begin to waver or question their own argument. Starting in black-and-white terms, they sound confused about how to judge households with both dogs and cats, then bring in other animal species that are irrelevant to the argument.

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

The author relies on generalisations such as 'Dog people are cordial, compassionate and caring', and 'Cat people are egocentric and cynical', to reinforce their idea that dog people are better. These polarisations give their argument strength, though it is undermined by their uncertainty towards the end of the paragraph.

1

☐ essay

☒ advertisement

☐ short story

☐ news item

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

The text is persuasive as it presents both a perceived problem and a solution. I was partially convinced it was a good solution as I struggle to buy presents for some people and this would make it easier, but the advertiser's use of trickery to get information from people and the email address of 'toogoodtobetrue' was concerning. Three persuasive language features used are emotive language, rhetorical questions and exaggeration.

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

Party time!

Are you tired of boring parties with the same old things? Do you want to stand out from the crowd and go down in friendship history?

Why not hire Party Snakes!

From tiny corn snakes to carpet pythons, with all the blue-tongue lizards and bearded dragons you could want in between, Party Snakes has something for all reptile lovers wanting to bring pizzazz to their favourite time of year. Handlers will show partygoers what to do, so all that's left is to sit back and enjoy.

Contact imnotafraidofsnakes@partysnakes.com to find out more!

Please note: not suitable for those who are scared of snakes.

WEEK 22 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Positive connotation	Word	Negative connotation
antique	old	decrepit
<u>community</u>	group	<u>horde</u>
<u>aroma</u>	scent	<u>stench</u>
<u>inquisitive</u>	curious	<u>nosy</u>
<u>quirky</u>	unusual	<u>bizarre</u>

②

Sentence	Type
I want toast for breakfast, but there is no bread.	compound
We will have the party outside unless it starts raining.	complex
Suzanne wants to be a baker.	simple
Rottweilers are the best breed of dog, although they do need careful training.	complex
Waves crashed over the cliff and flooded the house on the dark and stormy night.	simple

③ Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a When a police officer wants to detain multiple people, the officer will normally need to decide who poses the greatest immediate threat and deal with that person first.
- b The business has been successful because we've made a point of using natural products rather than artificial ones.
- c According to reports, journalist Abbey McKay was irritated after being denied access to the Prime Minister for an interview.

DAY 2

1

Hot chocolate is her Achilles heel.	cliché
Don't judge a book by its cover!	pun
Geography is great, but geology rocks!	metaphor
The clouds were like fairy floss.	simile
She's a walking dictionary	idiom

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Cliché: I'll get an iPhone when pigs fly.
- b Pun: You might think you don't like facial hair, but it'll grow on you.
- c Metaphor: He is a shrinking violet.
- d Simile: The bus was like a rolling sauna.
- e Idiom: Boring TikTok dances are a dime a dozen.

3

- a He quickly walks his dog around the park because he is scared of birds.
- b The cat pounced playfully on the toy.
- c I already finished the test. What can I do next?
- d The coffee shop immediately stopped using disposable coffee cups staff when they discovered that they were bad for the environment.

4

- a They scoured the land far and wide, but despite searching everywhere, they couldn't find the magical amulet needed to complete their quest. Adverb of place
- b In future she would need to carefully consider her options before deciding, Casey thought to herself. Adverb of manner
- c I can't even fathom the bravery it would take to march into Mr Higgenbottom's office and demand an extension. Don't you know he's exceedingly strict? Adverb of degree
- d Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day. Adverb of time

DAY 3

1

The sun was shining brightly in the clear blue sky. It was the perfect day for a swim, so Adam and Taylor decided to walk to the beach with their golden retriever, Gracie. When they reached the hot sand, Gracie slipped out of her collar and galloped down to the water, splashing gleefully in the shallows with the neighbourhood kids. Her wagging tail flicked water and sand everywhere. After playing for a while, Gracie found a spot to rest under a pastel beach umbrella. As she lay down, a small boy with pink cheeks waddled over and fed her the rest of his apple. Gracie savoured the taste of salty air and the sweet fruit treat. This was the best day ever.

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

the shimmering ocean reflected the sunshine
Adam and Taylor smiled as they watched Gracie frolic
in the shade, she enjoyed the breeze cooling her damp coat.

3

- a Broccoli is my favourite vegetable whereas my sister's favourite is cauliflower.
- b I play basketball with my school because I like team sports.
- c My best friend gave Dami the last of her chocolate even though she promised it to me.
- d Paula's dad gave her a phone for her birthday so that she can call him.
- e I hate going to maths class, while Elijah loves it.

DAY 4

1

Wanted: Junior Casual Staff for Fish & Chip shop

Local fish & chip shop is seeking a junior staff member to help in store on Friday nights, Saturday, and Sunday.

We are looking for someone who likes customer service and is very positive and friendly. No experience necessary, perfect for those who are looking to start their first job.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include:

- Frying Fish and Chips
- Operating the cash register
- Taking orders on the phone, and in person,
- Wrapping orders in beige papers.

If you are interested, please call us for more information.

2

- a The writer's purpose is to sell the Happy Home Console Lock Box to parents of kids who play video games.
- b The intended audience is parents who are frustrated by their children spending too much time on video games and are looking for a solution to this.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Help the Earth Breathe

Do you want to help keep the world a vibrant, happy place to live? Do you want to make sure that future generations can enjoy all that we do now?

Then join in and plant a tree on our upcoming Help the Earth Breathe Day.

Hundreds of hectares of vegetation are cleared around the world every day, making it harder and harder for native animals and plants and their habitats to survive. Even in our own area, land is being cleared to make way for more cookie-cutter-looking houses – who wants to look at boring brick houses when the area could be filled with wildlife and birdsong?

We've decided we need to do something about it, so next month we are having a school-wide tree-planting spree. Get a group of friends and family together and join us for a day of digging and planting, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch.

Sign up below for a budding good time.

WEEK 23 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a Being a research scientist demands accuracy and precision.
- b My dream is to be the first astronaut on Mars.
- c Her affection for music can be deduced from her vast collection of instruments.
- d The need to improve his bowling skills drives his practice regime.
- e Their skill in performing Shakespeare's soliloquies is astounding.

2

- a Sometimes I think that if we cheered more enthusiastically in the stands, my team might be more competent.
- b I'm going to win the spelling bee if it is the last thing I ever do, Eli vowed to himself.
- c Each school needs to make more of an effort to pick up their litter at lunch; the environment is everyone's responsibility.
- d The biggest building in the city was nearly 300 metres tall – a huge, mirrored skyscraper that dominated the landscape.
- e The streetlights flickered on, and I knew it was time to go home. I hoped that Mum hadn't noticed how dark it was yet.
- f Autumn had come, and all the trees slowly lost their yellow leaves. I couldn't wait for summer to roll back around – I can't abide the cold!
- g Malakai wasn't afraid to face the evil queen by himself; his courage was always his best trait, even if it also sometimes worried those around him.

DAY 2

1

- a I would like to bring your attention to what the Leader of the Opposition said about dealing with politicians: I look to Shakespeare: "Love all, trust a few".
- b We are confident we have selected the best players because, when we interviewed the captain, he just said, I am guided by what our coach taught us; "Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat".
- c Sometimes my job demands that I do hard things and the challenges seem insurmountable, but I go back to Nelson Mandela, who stated, It always seems impossible until it is done. Then I do the hard thing.
- d When I need advice, I ask my grandma. I asked her what I should say to you all today, and she told me; You should tell them hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard; that's what I know to be true about sport and life. So that's the advice I want to pass on to you today.

2

- a **Nouns:** Fear of public speaking is very common; most people say they experience sweating and shaking when delivering a speech.
- b **Verbs:** When crafting a speech, consider your audience, learn about who they are and write a speech that they – not you – would find interesting.
- c **Adjectives:** While you will need to be selective depending on your audience, humorous anecdotes, clever rhetorical questions and powerful calls to action are the hallmarks of a well-written speech.
- d **Adverbs:** When delivering your speech, you will need to speak slowly and clearly. Orators who speak too quickly are usually less effective and lose the attention of their audience.
- e **Prepositions:** You should write speeches on topics you know something about. Put good research above good crafting; a gifted speaker is wasted if their speech reveals inattention to detail.
- f **Conjunctions:** A good idea when writing and delivering speeches is to watch some famous speakers. This will give you a good idea of the kind of language used in effective speeches but also how speakers pace themselves and employ gestures.
- g **Interjections:** Oh no! Don't be nervous – most audience members are supportive because they know how hard it is to deliver a speech to a crowd of people.
- h **Pronouns:** I also don't enjoy public speaking, but the more I do it, the more confident I become. I believe that by practising this skill you, too, can improve; and it is a wonderful skill to have in your tool belt.

DAY 3

1

Good morning to you all,

I am here today to announce that, from Monday, I will be running for election to our local council. I will be working hard to protect the interests of this region and striving to implement better environmental policies to safeguard the stunning biodiversity that characterises this beautiful part of the world.

During the campaign, I will be requesting that the government allocate \$100 000 to fund improved school science programs focusing on renewable energy education appropriate to our unique environment. I will also be seeking to revitalise local community conservation projects that have fallen dormant in recent years.

I encourage you all to vote next month and to join me in making our futures brighter.

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

Next year, I will be travelling to Sydney. It will be my grandfather's 90th birthday and my family has decided to have a party to celebrate. My parents, brothers and I will be driving up, while our cousins have decided they will fly up instead. I am looking forward to seeing everyone as it will be the first time I have been back to Sydney in five years.

3

a Baz Luhrmann wrote and directed the film *Australia*.

active voice

b The bombing of Darwin is a historical event explored in the film.

passive voice

c The film's stunning score was composed by David Hirschfelder.

passive voice

1

- 6 We know they are a bit more expensive, but really, when you think about it, it's important that we make small changes now to help the environment as we get older.
- 2 As we all know, Northdell High School has been making great progress to become a more eco-friendly school.
- 7 Plus, you can get them in so many different colours – which would make the classroom cooler and more fun for us!
- 3 We're using recycled water, growing a community garden and opting for electronic documents to reduce paper wastage.
- 8 I hope you can see the same benefits in it that we do.
- 1 Hello everyone, my name is Arman, and I am the new Student Council President this year.
- 4 But this is just the start! We are here today to ask about putting new energy-saving light globes into every classroom.
- 5 Energy-saving light globes use up to 75% less energy than regular ones, and they last longer.

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

I put the elements in this order as it steps listeners through the topic. Starting with a greeting, the speech mentions eco changes already being made before proposing another. It then gives reasons for the new suggestion, rebuts a negative, includes a fun fact and calls on listeners to support the proposal.

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

The audience for this speech is likely to be teachers and/or the board of Northdell High School. I think this because Arman is trying to convince listeners that new light globes need to be used, and the teachers and board of Northdell High School would be the ones able to implement this.

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

I believe this is an effective persuasive speech because it (now) follows a logical sequence and uses several persuasive techniques effectively: it uses inclusive language such as 'we' and 'us'; cites statistics and facts; rebuts a negative; and uses a confident, conversational tone.

DAY 5

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Topic: Cyberbullying needs more attention.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

My audience would be students and teachers at my school, because a lot of teenagers experience cyberbullying and it can be an extension of bullying in school. It is also a problem that can be addressed through education.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

For this audience I will use a confident tone of voice and knowledgeable but casual language so I can be understood by everyone, but also be trusted to know what I am talking about.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Articles to enhance the credibility of my speech would come from trusted news sources such as the ABC, The Guardian and The Age that are backed by evidence and research. Experts in the field would include Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a youth mental health expert, and leaders in organisations working in the field.

5 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- 1) How has this become a normal thing to do to others?
- 2) Do you not see the impact this can have on your friends?
- 3) What will it be like in the future if we don't start dealing with it now?

6 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The first point supporting my contention focuses on how common cyberbullying is and how likely victims are to report it. The second point explores causes and impacts of cyberbullying to show why it is important for this problem to get more attention. The third point looks at resources and advice that are already available and how these can be built upon.

WEEK 24 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

anaphora	expressing the degree of certainty on a topic
exhortation	the formal, public delivery of a speech
hypophora	the art of using language with great effect
modality	when a speaker poses a question and then immediately answers it
oratory	a series of three words or three phrases in the same structure
rhetoric	an instruction to your audience about what they can do next
tricolon	repeating a word or phrase at the beginning of sentences or successive clauses

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

My trip to New Zealand was amazing. First, we went river rafting, which was nerve-wracking, but once I got over my fear, we all had a blast. We went out for dinner that night and had the most delicious food – I would've ordered the whole menu if I could! Then the next day we hiked up into the beautiful rainforest and went on a zip-line. It was thrilling; I was exhausted, but I couldn't sleep, so we stayed up watching old movies on the huge TV in my room. The next day was a bit disappointing; I was feeling really sick and missed my chance to go skydiving! Oh well, I guess there's always next time.

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Certain	Relatively certain	Less certain
He will play well on Saturday.	He <u>should</u> play well on Saturday.	He <u>might</u> play well on Saturday.
I will not be home on Monday.	I <u>should</u> not be home on Monday.	I <u>might</u> not be home on Monday.
I am going swimming at noon.	I <u>can</u> go swimming at noon.	I <u>could</u> go swimming at noon.
She lost my Science book.	She <u>could</u> have lost my Science book.	She <u>may</u> have lost my Science book.
We have enough food.	We <u>ought to</u> have enough food.	We <u>should</u> have enough food.

DAY 2

1

- a While I was in New York – *trying to spot A-list celebrities* – I ran into my English teacher.
- b The bus _ one that had broken down three times already _ arrived nine minutes late.
- c The new canteen menu _ unpopular with the student body _ will be available from next week.
- d Jupiter is the largest _ and by far the most interesting _ planet in the Solar System.
- e She was going to quit the netball team _ or was she? _ at the conclusion of the winter season.

2

Simple sentences, compound sentences, complex sentences

Dear Eve,

I wanted to apologise for what happened on your birthday. I knew that the chocolates weren't for me, but I ate them anyway. They looked so good, and I hoped that no one would notice, which was mean of me. In my defence, you had a lot of different foods, and I never get to have chocolate, not even on my own birthday. You know what they say, 'sharing is caring'. It was nice of you to invite me and I hope that we can still be friends. I'll definitely be sure to invite you to my party, too. Next time, try not to have such nice birthday chocolates, and then I promise I won't eat them! Anyway, I'm sorry. Please don't tell my mum.

Hamish

3

We gather here today to honour the sports stars of our school. These students have represented us on the track, in the pool and on the field, demonstrating the finest in sporting skill and embodying the qualities of integrity and hard work. Please take the time to shake their hands when you see them on campus.

Each student on stage will receive not only a trophy but also a certificate of commendation. We ask students at this school to 'be humble in victory and gracious in defeat', and these nine awardees consistently uphold this standard. It is with honour that I, as the Principal, publicly acknowledge their achievements in the presence of their friends, peers and parents. Let us now join in applause to celebrate these exceptional individuals.

DAY 3

1

- a They drive a big car.
- b I go to the shops to purchase fruit.
- c Yesterday I went to the football with friends.
- d The dog is in the backyard.

2

Simile, methaphor

- a The choir sang like birds.
- b His heart was broken, but he couldn't help that he got cold feet.
- c As soon as they entered the cave, they were past the point of no return.
- d Andy was like a cool breeze on a warm day, but Alice was a snake.
- e The basketball player was as tall as a giraffe.
- f They were silent as the grave; no one would ever know they robbed the bank.

3

fascinating	facsinating
liberry	library
twelfth	twelth
independent	independant
presence	precense
assasination	assassination
persue	pursue
biogrophay	biography
lenth	length
breathe	breeth

1

Greetings Year 9,

For my Special Interest Project, I would like you to rethink space travel. Jupiter ^{must} ~~should~~ be the most interesting planet ^{would} ~~could~~ (certainly the biggest) – in our Solar System. Imagine what it ^{might} ~~may~~ be like to walk on Jupiter!

Most people don't know Jupiter possesses rings; no, it's not just Saturn; yet they are too faint for us to see. What a wonder it ¹ ~~could~~ ^{would} be to witness those rings up close! I sometimes think what it ^{might} ~~may~~ be like to be the first person to stand on the edge of that storm that makes up the Great Red Spot. ²

I ^{must} ~~should~~ urge you to think big; innovation is not the domain of small thinkers; and envision yourself as the Neil Armstrong of Jupiter, making 'one giant leap' for humankind. ³

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

- 1) They are mostly made of dust.
- 2) I'm sure it would be scarier than storms here.
- 3) Then we will really know what is out there.

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

The tone of this speech is more formal than conversational, with an encouraging but authoritative tone. By including the fact about the rings of Jupiter, the speaker sounds knowledgeable, while the use of 'imagine' and 'envision' conveys an authoritative tone to convince the listeners.

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

Changing the model verbs gave the speech a more persuasive air because it altered the tone to be more encouraging and inclusive, and made the speaker's emotions seem stronger.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Imagine that you're home in your room, wasting time scrolling on your phone. Then a message pops up from someone you know. But when you click on it, your heart sinks at the nasty words on the screen.

Cyberbullying is experienced by many of us. In fact, it was reported that 44% of us had dealt with it in the last six months. That's right, almost half of us have suffered from this! That's far too common and we need to do something about it.

Cyberbullying is mostly caused by the same things as in-person bullying; but because it's more hidden – on average, only one in ten of us reports it – and much harder to escape, victims can suffer more from it.

How do we stop it? Firstly, let someone know if you are experiencing bullying so they can help you figure out how to deal with it. Secondly, if you are a bystander and know something, say something. We need to show people we don't want or accept cyberbullying here.

It's only by coming together to approach this as one that we can make a difference.

WEEK 25 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

We might all have fond ^{memories}~~memory~~ of going to see the latest ^{films}~~film~~ at the cinema, but have you been recently? You will probably have the theatre to yourself; it's just that quiet. This is for a few reasons. TV ^{has}~~have~~ become more popular than films, with people preferring to watch at home in the comfort of their own quiet houses. ^{Streaming}~~Streamings~~, whether you love it or hate it, ^{has}~~have~~ also made it much easier to ^{recreate}~~recreates~~ the movie experience at home, and for the ^{price}~~prices~~ of a ticket, you can watch all month long. And that's not even the worst ^{part}~~parts~~ – there ^{are}~~is~~ also the snack prices. When you ^{factor}~~factors~~ in the theatre's prices for popcorn and ^{drinks}~~drink~~ for everyone as well, you had better start saving for that next night at the cinema. If this ^{means}~~mean~~ the end for movie theatres, I might be sad to ^{see}~~see~~ them go, but I can't say I will miss them.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Cinema Going the Way of the Dodo?

With rising prices and the ease of watching movies at home, cinemas could soon be a thing of the past.

3

- a The old church (loomed/loitered) over the town square.
- b We worked together for a long time – our relationship was purely (transitory/transactional).
- c 'I will not do it!' screamed the child (defiantly/defeatedly).
- d 'I've told you, do as commanded, or it's the Gamma 3124 mines for you,' barked the (belligerent/bemused) space marine.
- e The (supercilious/bombastic) billionaire ignored everyone present as he took his seat.
- f Cicero was a gifted orator; he delivered many (loquacious/eloquent) speeches.
- g I'm a (recalcitrant/fervent) fan of the Matildas – I love watching them play.
- h 'So what are you doing this weekend? Are you planning on (investigating/interrogating) that UFO crash site?'
- i 'Yep! I'll (dwelt/bivouac) in the mountains on Saturday and see if I can sneak past the military (compound/convention) on Sunday.'

DAY 2

1

- a He greedily devoured the burger.
- b We barely made it to the dinner on time.
- c With fear, I nervously tapped the attendant on the shoulder.
- d The science experiment exploded dramatically.
- e We watched the firefighter emerge heroically from the burning building.
- f You had better finish your work promptly if you want to go out tonight.

2

dialogue	the character telling or recounting a story
genre	special importance given to something
tone	a style or category of art, film or TV
emphasis	a conversation between two or more characters
monologue	the feeling created by a scene or story
narrator	a long speech made by one character

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Dialogue:

- Queen Elinor: Where are you? Come out! Come out! Come on out! I'm coming to get you!
[young Merida laughs as she hides under the table]
 Where are you, you little rascal? I'm coming to get you!
[Elinor looks under the table but Merida quickly moves to hide somewhere else]
 Hmm. Where is my little birthday girl, hm? I'm going to gobble her up when I find her!
[Merida comes up behind Elinor and goes to run away but Elinor catches her]
 I'm going to eat you!
[as Elinor and young Merida play, Fergus places his bow on the table]
 Ach! Fergus, no weapons on the table!
- Young Merida: Can I shoot an arrow?
[picks up the large bow from the table]
 Can I? Can I? Can I? Can I? Please, can I?
[falls and laughs as the bow is too big for her]
- King Fergus: Not with that. Why not use your very own?
[presents her with a small bow]
 Happy birthday, my wee darlin'!

Genre: *Brave* is a fantasy adventure animated film.

Tone: The overall tone of the movie *Brave* is feel-good, but there are moments of darkness.

Emphasis: In *Brave*, emphasis is placed on the Standing Stones as a magical doorway.

Monologue:

Merida: Some say our destiny is tied to the land, as much a part of us as we are of it. Others say fate is woven together like a cloth, so that one's destiny intertwines with many others. It's the one thing we search for, or fight to change. Some never find it. But there are some who are led.

Narrator: Merida narrates *Brave*, introducing the movie and the main problem and, at the end, outlining the result.

DAY 3

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN - NIGHT

A CHEF is training her new APPRENTICE in a restaurant kitchen.

Food is everywhere, in a ~~big~~ ^{catastrophic} mess.

APPRENTICE:

(~~belligerently~~)
^{defensively}

I'm sorry Chef. I might not be as ^{adept} ~~good~~ at cooking as you ~~wanted~~ ^{require}
but, in my defence, that was a ~~hard~~ ^{demanding} recipe.

CHEF:

(~~unhappily~~)
^{frustrated}

Eggs Benedict is a ^{simple} ~~plain~~ recipe that even the ^{greenest} ~~newest~~ chef should
be able to ~~do well~~ ^{accomplish}. I'll give you one more chance.

② Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

CHEF:

(angrily)

This kitchen isn't for the faint-hearted! If you can't stand
the heat...

APPRENTICE:

(sadly)

...get out of the kitchen; I know...

CHEF:

(pointing at the exit)

Send in the next apprentice! We'll see who can make the cut!

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** I was thinking about what to do for a really long time.
- b** When she got home, we were feasting on leftovers.
- c** We went on defying the coach after Wednesday's horrible practice.
- d** They were forging banknotes for years before they were caught.
- e** I was inscribing a message in the book when the ink ran out.
- f** During yesterday's conference everyone was prevaricating.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

INT. COUNCIL MEETING ROOM – EARLY EVENING

In a bland, crowded ~~conference~~ ^{conference} room, a council meeting is underway. ~~Tensions~~ ^{Tensions} are high and it seems as if any comment could set off a new round of arguments.

COUNCILLOR ADRIANA:

If the mayor doesn't want to listen to his people, so be it. But this is what we want, and we are the ~~residence~~ ^{residents} of this town. We demand cycling ~~infrastructure~~ ^{infrastructure}! Maybe we don't just need some new ~~policies~~ ^{policies}, but also a new mayor?

[There are cheers from the room and a few cries of 'Hear! Hear!' MAYOR MILES scoffs, shaking his head. The room buzzes with murmuring.]

COUNCILLOR ADRIANA:

I know you don't take this seriously, Mayor, but I do. Do you have nothing to say?

[The room goes quiet, and all eyes are on MAYOR MILES. He stands up slowly and looks extremely commanding. He laughs.]

MAYOR MILES:

Oh please. I have always been a good mayor to you. But what you are asking for is simply too much. Bike lanes up and down the town?

[He rolls his eyes, looks up at the ceiling]

We already have lovely roads, and lovely cars to drive on them. Bicycling is for children and old retired people. It is not something we need to ~~accommodate~~ ^{accommodate} in a good, honest town like ours. This council meeting is over!

[bangs gavel on table]

2

Councillor Adriana wants more cycling lanes. She feels that the current mayor isn't listening to residents, so also calls for a change of mayor.

3

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The citizens are dismayed by and distrustful of Mayor Miles, due to his arrogance, his disregard of their opinions and his love of cars.

4

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Stage directions such as 'cheers from the room' and Councillor Adriana's use of inclusive language ('what we want', 'we are the residents') indicate that the Councillor is a good and positive character who is representing the electorate well and is on their side. Mentions of 'tension' and 'the room goes quiet' imply that Mayor Miles is intimidating – an impression borne out by his dismissive speech and abrupt ending to the discussion.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

My chosen scenario is a local quiz night featuring two rival quizzing groups. This is something that my friends and I participate in frequently. The tone is usually playfully competitive, with humour and intellect coming together to create a fun and entertaining vibe.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The characters would be me, my two friends and a rival team of three. The goal of both teams is to win the most points by the end of the quiz; they are not motivated by winning the prize, but rather want to outwit each other and have gloating rights for the rest of the week.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

At a local cafe there are two tables, each with a team of three people huddled around a piece of paper. A man is standing at the back of the cafe with a microphone, reading questions from a clipboard.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The focus of the script will be the competitive relationship between the teams, with the script finding humour in how seriously they are taking a casual game of trivia. The characters use dramatic language, contrasting with relaxed action throughout.

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The script will rely heavily on emotive language and contrast, to show how seriously the characters are taking the situation, and that they are feeling under pressure in the competition despite its casual nature.

WEEK 26 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a She is wealthier than the rest of her family.
- b I can barely carry this pot plant; it's much too cumbersome.
- c Would you take the garbage out please? It's really getting stinky.
- d You look fashionable in that new suit.
- e That new puppy is so tiny you could lose him under the couch!
- f Pablo Picasso was a surrealist painter.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a dramatic irony: In *Dora the Explorer*, Dora frequently asks the audience questions that she doesn't know the answer to, but the audience does.
- b climax: In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, the climax of the novel occurs when Harry comes face to face with Lord Voldemort for the first time.
- c motivation: In the *Mario* series of games, Mario's motivation is to save Princess Peach and crush turts.
- d protagonist: The protagonist of *Bob the Builder* is Bob, who is a builder.
- e antagonist: The main antagonist of *Blade Runner* is the replicant Roy Batty.
- f motif: In *The Great Gatsby*, a green light is used as a motif to symbolise protagonist Jay Gatsby's love, and his pursuit of a prosperous future.

3 Answers will vary. A possible answer is:

I recently watched *The Lord of the Rings*. The protagonist is Frodo Baggins, who is trying to destroy the One Ring to save his home in Middle-earth. Frodo's story has an ongoing motif of finding, leaving and protecting his home. His antagonist is Sauron, who is trying to regain the power of the ring currently being held by Frodo, and uses motifs of fire and destruction.

DAY 2

1

- a motivation
- b maintenance
- c knowledgeable
- d Wednesday
- e aggravate

2

- a impermanent; not lasting a long time: ephemeral
- b requiring or demanding intellectual engagement; of or relating to the brain: cognitive
- c not definite; having several possible meanings: ambiguous
- d steadfast in opinion or action: adamant
- e the lowest moment or point in a situation: abyss
- f bravery or courage: valour

3

- a **Verbs:** I'm driving for three hours tomorrow to collect some of the very best carrots money can buy. They're farmed on soil that has been enhanced with special manure.
- b **Prepositions:** Without you on my team, I don't know how we're going to make it into the finals at the MCG in two weeks.
- c **Adverbs:** They barely avoided a nasty accident, but with that risky driving it's only a matter of time before he finally loses his licence.
- d **Nouns:** The market had all kinds of fruit, vegetables and home-made crafts. I wish had brought more bags – I ended up with apples in one pocket and potatoes in the other!
- e **Conjunctions:** We're not leaving because you are hungry, although if you had eaten before, then we could probably have stayed a bit longer.

DAY 3

1

- a He looks serious and points to the door. He's sure someone is hiding behind it.
- b What I have in this box is extremely rare: so rare that it has been in here since 1835.
- c I work throughout Saturdays and Sundays; all I really get to do before shifts is sleep.
- d Mammals do not lay eggs – excluding the platypus and echidna.

2

- a ii 'I demand that you treat me with respect!' I shouted furiously.
- b i Jenta wondered whether she'd ever be good enough for Tabitha; her standards were so exacting.
- c iii 'For how would you like to be trapped on a deserted island?' she would ask. 'To have no contact with the outside world, to see no one; if you were in a relationship, not to see your partner, to have no knowledge of how your parents or children or friends were faring?'

1

INT. SMALL FRUIT & VEG SHOP - EARLY AFTERNOON

ALI approaches MEL, who is stacking a large pile of avocados.

ALI:

~~(nicely)~~
politely

Hi there, sorry, I was just wondering where your apples are?

MEL turns around, puts something in her pocket and quickly takes a big swallow.

MEL:

~~(plainly)~~
deadpan

Hmm? Oh. Well we have all kinds of delicious fruit here. These Queensland bananas are so good this time of year.

ALI:

~~(less nicely)~~
testily

No, I told you I'm just after a few nice apples. Not really a banana guy.

MEL:

~~(not calmly)~~
erratically

Or these avocados I was just stacking - give that a squeeze!
Perfectly ripe, no?
How about a few of those?

ALI:

~~(with frustration)~~
disgruntled

Really just looking for some apples today, mate.

MEL:

(~~worriedly~~)
desperately

Or – I know what you'd like – this celery that came in this morning
is so
crunchy! One of the healthiest snacks out there. Here, I'll --

Picking up a box of celery, MEL accidentally reveals an enormous pile of apple cores. A final apple core falls out of MEL's pocket and lands at ALI's feet.

MEL:

(~~worriedly~~)
guiltily

We've actually just run out of apples.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Mel's movements give her away: putting something in her pocket shows she is hiding something, and swallowing indicates her nervousness.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The genre is likely comedy. The tension leading up to the surprise revelation gives it a dry humour-based punchline.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

CAMERON:

(concerned)

Rufus? Rufus! Where has he got to?

CAMERON exits his backyard, heading to the park next to his house where JASLEEN is playing with a small chihuahua.

CAMERON:

(relieved)

Rufus! Thank you so much for finding him, I've been looking everywhere!

JASLEEN picks up the chihuahua, holding it close to her chest. Her face is confused, the small dog is writhing in her arms.

JASLEEN:

(confused)

Rufus? I think you've got the wrong pup: this is Princess Maggie!

The chihuahua is frantically squirming in JASLEEN'S arms, CAMERON extends his arms out towards them both. The dog goes wild, JASLEEN loses her grip and the dog runs towards CAMERON without hesitation.

CAMERON:

(smugly)

I think I've got the right pup!

JASLEEN sniffes, her face shows devastation at losing the dog. CAMERON's face changes from smug to unhappy.

CAMERON:

(softly)

You can keep playing with him for a bit. I think Princess Rufus is a great name for a dog!

JASLEEN brightens; together they play with PRINCESS RUFUS, who excitedly barks and runs between the two of them.

END.

WEEK 27 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

I was sceptical too when my family was selected to start the Martian community. I'd never been to Mars. I've never even left Australia. But there I found myself, in line for the next rocket out of here. My heart was racing; there was sweat on my brow and I could hardly wait for our new life. My little brother, Josef was jumping up and down in his spot in the queue, he was so excited! I kept asking him to stop because him moving so much was turning my excitement into nerves – can you blame me? Mum and Dad didn't seem to mind it at all. Mum just kept re-checking our passports and patting her pockets. Dad kept telling her 'everything is fine', but even then I don't think she believed him. My older sister, Lacey, was almost bored. She was still on her phone even though they had told us to turn them off. I made a really good joke about how we had upgraded from 'airplane mode' to rocket mode. But no one heard ... my comedy was lost on these people ...

2

- a Miriam had a dream in which cats and dogs were flying. When she woke up, she thought, 'No, that's impossible!' (possible)
- b I couldn't believe Wren lied to me. His dishonesty really upset me. (honest)
- c My teacher marked up my draft, and it was very helpful. (help)
- d Simon walked up to his group of friends and they ignored him. He couldn't understand why they were being so unfriendly. (friend)
- e Mohammad went to the movies and he found it really enjoyable. (enjoy)
- f You shouldn't swim in a rip. It can be incredibly dangerous. (danger)
- g Kade was satisfied (satisfy) with the quality of the service and left a generous tip.
- h If he was at all affected by the lecture I gave him, it was invisible (visible) to me.

DAY 2

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word	Synonyms		
visible	<i>apparent</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>evident</i>
dilemma	<u>problem</u>	<u>predicament</u>	<u>mess</u>
valid	<u>rational</u>	<u>correct</u>	<u>justifiable</u>
explain	<u>describe</u>	<u>clarify</u>	<u>simplify</u>
uncertain	<u>unknown</u>	<u>doubtful</u>	<u>variable</u>
beneficial	<u>advantageous</u>	<u>helpful</u>	<u>useful</u>

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak follows a young German girl, Liesel Meminger, living with foster parents and sheltering a Jew, Max, from the Nazis during WWII. This predicament shapes much of the novel. Liesel steals books as she learns to read, which could be seen as justifiable. She is asked to describe the outside world to Max while he is in hiding. Though their future is unknown, Zusak explores the advantageous nature of the characters' will to survive.

3

- a When I was a (young/teenage) kid and watched *Star Wars*, Darth Vader was an (insidious/organised) villain.
- b Hannah had never been in a hot air balloon before. It was the most (uplifting/unexpected) moment of her life.
- c Abdul got a new dog, who was the most (generous/affectionate) dog ever.
- d The room was shrouded in (silence/quiet): everyone was (frolicking/stunned).
- e Mabel made a (herculean/meagre) effort with her studies and was the (best-dressed/highest-achieving) student in the class.
- f Peanut continued to whine (happily/incessantly) to be let out of the house.
- g Sometimes I wonder whether the (courageous/deplorable) actions of those people will ever be (adequately/disproportionately) punished.

DAY 3

1

3. While 71% of the Earth's surface is covered in water, only 3.5% of this is fresh water making water a valuable resource globally.
1. Globally water is becoming an increasingly scarce resource.
5. It is estimated that approximately 80% of illnesses in the developing world are associated with poor sanitation and inadequate water supply.
2. Water scarcity affects access to safe drinking water and basic hygiene in many parts of the world.
6. As a result in 2010 the United Nations General Assembly formally recognised the human right to 'safe and clean drinking water and sanitation'.
4. Unfortunately, developing countries such as Libya and Niger have some of the worst access to safe and clean drinking water.

2

alleviate	able to withstand something
detract	encouragement or motivation
feign	reduce or make less severe
incentive	confirm the accuracy of, or legalise
prevalent	lessen, diminish or divert the value or worth
resilient	widespread or very visible
validate	pretend or invent something

3 Answer may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Liesel's yearning for knowledge and the ability to read and write is shown to alleviate some of her guilt about stealing books.
- b To stay safe, Hans, and by extension Liesel, must feign belief in Nazi ideals, despite disagreeing with them.

1

More Australians are ~~travelling~~ ^{travelling} to Asia ~~than~~ ^{than} ever before. Given Australia's distance from the ~~continents~~ ^{continents} of Europe and America, Asia has become a primary destination for Australian travellers. ~~Similarly,~~ ^{Similarly,} travel from Southeast Asia to Australia has also ~~increased~~ ^{increased}. After years of COVID-19 lockdowns, more Australians are heading north to escape the winter cold. Whereas tourism was a major ~~contributor~~ ^{contributor} to the Australian economy pre-pandemic, ~~responsible~~ ^{pandemic responsible} for 3.1% of Australia's GDP, the Australian tourism ~~industry~~ ^{industry} is still recovering ~~recovered~~ ^{recovered} today. This year, New Zealand ~~travellers~~ ^{travellers} have been the most ~~frequent visitors~~ ^{frequent visitors} to Australia. This may be the ~~result~~ ^{result} of New Zealand ~~and Australia having an agreement~~ ^{agreement} whereby their citizens ~~do not~~ ^{do not} need a visa to visit the other country.

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

Prior to COVID-19, tourism was a main source of income for Australia and a common pastime for Australians. However, as the industry is still recovering from the pandemic, the destinations chosen by travellers are changing, perhaps partly based on distance and travel agreements between countries.

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

The writer thinks there is more travel between New Zealand and Australia because citizens of these countries do not need a visa to visit each other's country.

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

To support their analysis, the writer has used statistics and has referred to recent events – the pandemic and lockdowns – and cited other facts such as the nearness of Asia and the lack of need for a visa to visit New Zealand from Australia, or vice versa.

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

The main point the writer is communicating is that COVID-19 has changed the way Australians are travelling. Though this is not said outright, it is communicated clearly through the comparison of travel pre-COVID and the trends that are now visible post-COVID, as well as consideration of possible reasons for these trends emerging.

1 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Topic: How have dating apps affected the way we form relationships?

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

- a** Apps like Tinder and Bumble have made it easier to connect with a variety of people we may not have met previously.
- b** The number of people on the apps means users are often looking for someone better and are less likely to develop meaningful relationships.
- c** Some people will alter their stated interests to match those listed by someone else, limiting the chance for a relationship to form in real life.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

I would need to find expert opinions and results of research into the influence of apps on dating. I would be looking for statistics about relationships, personal anecdotes and quotes from experts in the field to include in my essay.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

For experts on the topic, I would choose more formal language and use research and articles from trusted sources. My arguments would need to be structured logically.

5 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

For an audience of my classmates, I would adapt the essay to have a more casual voice, and perhaps include personal anecdotes and opinion articles.

WEEK 28 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

① Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word	Definition
hypothetical	possible, proposed or assumed
contention	an assertion or belief in an argument, or position in a challenge
contrast	the difference/comparison between or opposition of two or more things
evidence	facts and information supporting or disproving an argument
interpretation	explanation or understanding of the meaning of something
rebuttal	the act of opposing or disproving an argument

② Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a 'A panel of comedians is presented with a selection of ridiculous hypothetical situations: they must write the story for a musical based on the songs of S Club 7, or pretend to be a pair of identical twins for a year.'
- b 'Melbourne Demons burst out of AFL ambiguity and into premiership contention'
- c 'Warmth is only warmth by comparison with cold; excitement's only exciting in contrast to boredom.'

③ Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a I will always painfully remember the time I badly broke my wrist after falling off my bike.
- b Miriam sings a lovely tune while washing the dirty dishes.
- c I constantly fought with Zion about how many games the Bulldogs have won this season.
- d She hurriedly hands me the keys and tells me to wait five minutes before going inside the empty house.

1

proud	noun
the	pronoun
seriously	verb
run	adjective
and	article
Parliament House	adverb
oops	preposition
they	conjunction
behind	interjection

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

A man carrying a pamphlet knocked on the door. When he asked me my name, I told him it was Kate. He asked if I knew anything about deep-sea mining and I told him I did not, so he started to explain. Apparently, mining exploration could become a problem in Australia, which is known for its beautiful landscape, because the mining industry is destroying the natural environment as well as sacred First Nations ground. He had a petition signed by most of my neighbours, that was to be sent to the local state representative. He asked if I wanted to sign the petition and I decided I would.

DAY 3

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Adverb	Sentence
boisterously	While waiting in line for the Taylor Swift concert, the crowd <u>boisterously</u> sang her songs.
sporadically	Tina <u>sporadically</u> uploaded lip-syncing videos to TikTok.
disparagingly	The news reporter <u>disparagingly</u> commented on the rising price of balloons.
energetically	Bobby <u>energetically</u> leapt from his bed, excited to be starting school.
simultaneously	History was <u>simultaneously</u> fascinating and funny when taught by the substitute teacher.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a** I went to the shops with a bag and bought apples and a large watermelon.
- b** The largest ocean in the world is the Pacific Ocean. The second largest ocean is the Atlantic.
- c** While watching *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*, Malaki wondered if they would write a letter to their crush.
- d** 'What should we watch on Netflix?' asked Sandy.
'I don't know. Maybe *Never Have I Ever?*' Cara replied.

1 Answer may vary. A possible answer is:

In her best-known work entitled *The Hunger Games*, well-known author Suzanne Collins uses the intricate symbolism of the mockingjay, which comes to represent both hope and defiance. The character Madge gives the protagonist, Katniss Everdeen, a medallion bearing an image of the mockingjay, which acts as a reminder of the historical failures and crimes committed by the Capitol. In this dystopian society, the emblem is a sign of the coming trials to be faced by the children and teenagers who are forced to compete in a game, for the entertainment of the residents of the Capitol. As the story progresses, the mockingjay comes to symbolise hope, an idea that resonates with the general population, who are eager for change and starting to rebel against the authorities. The mockingjay symbol pinned to Katniss throughout the harrowing Hunger Games becomes a protest, an unmistakable statement of disagreement with the oppressive rule of the Capitol. It becomes a prominent symbol of hope for change.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The above paragraph was difficult to read because of overly complex language, unfamiliar vocabulary and really long sentences. I fixed this by replacing complex words with simpler ones and breaking up long sentences into shorter ones.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The writer's main contention is that the mockingjay medallion, and therefore the mockingjay itself, becomes a symbol of hope. We know this because the writer describes the use and symbolism of the medallion and the change in its meaning over time.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

From the paragraph, it is clear that Katniss is the protagonist of *The Hunger Games*, and that she is defiant and brave, disagrees with the Capitol's rule and plays a key role in the rebellion.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak explores many themes related to the human spirit: compassion; the desire to learn; and doing the right thing, no matter the situation. A main theme, however, is human resilience and endurance, both on a personal level and a community level, which allows the characters to lead happy lives despite their experiences.

Set in Nazi Germany during World War II, the novel tells the tale of a town community forced to come together and rely on each other when the impacts of war start to be felt. For example, two families, the Steiners and the Hubermanns, stay strong and look out for each other. This is seen when Rudy is sent over to walk Liesel to school on her first day and when Rudy's father is sent to war. Despite all they are dealing with, the two families support each other throughout the events of the novel.

On a personal level, human resilience is particularly seen in the characters of Hans Hubermann, Liesel Meminger and Max Vandenburg. Having previously served in World War I, Hans struggles to make a living as a painter. Although joining the Nazi Party would bring him more work, he remains faithful to his belief that this would be wrong, and hides Max as a repayment to his father, despite the risk this brings to the Hubermanns. His strength provides an example for both Liesel and Max.

Like Hans, Liesel and Max also show resilience, required by changes in their circumstances – Liesel being fostered by Hans and Rosa, and Max needing to hide from the Nazis. Liesel and Max bond over their shared love of reading: Liesel steals books, learns to read and lets Max know what is going on in the world, and Max writes and encourages Liesel. After the war, both are shown to have endured their suffering and gone on to live full and happy lives, demonstrating their resilience.

Throughout the events of the novel, *The Book Thief* explores the themes of endurance and human resilience and their impacts on individuals on both a community and a personal level. With these qualities, the characters are able to make the best of their situation and lead happy lives.

WEEK 29 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a Chaiya moved to a new desk to accommodate the new student in class. accommodate
- b Kiara told herself that she would definitely do her homework when she got home. definitely
- c Jo's dad constantly told jokes that would embarrass him. embarrass
- d Amelia addressed the assembly of people to justify her stance on separating pens and pencils. addressed
- e Sam believed that challenging the consensus that training was necessary was an integral part of his job as captain. consensus
- f Mohammed was relishing the opportunity to speak in front of his colleagues tomorrow. colleagues
- g Bella felt very privileged to be invited to the inaugural Youtuber Awards. inaugural
- h I don't believe that offices should have strict hierarchies – shouldn't we all be treated equally? hierarchies

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| euphoria | the occurrence of finding valuable or pleasant things by chance in unexpected places |
| mellifluous | a feeling of elation or excitement |
| resilience | sweet-sounding, and pleasing to the ear |
| serendipity | a deep desire to journey around and explore the world |
| serene | the state of being in seclusion or isolation |
| solitude | the ability to recover quickly from difficulties or bounce back from adversity |
| wanderlust | playfully quirky or charming in an appealing way |
| whimsical | tranquil, peaceful and untroubled |

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Watching my friends travel overseas gave me an extreme case of wanderlust.
- b The whimsical cartoon made me laugh, despite its serious underlying message.
- c I had a feeling of solitude when I was walking through the forest.

DAY 2

1

Sienna leaned back against the rock she was in front of and pulled out her journal.

What's the hold-up? Jai asked as he sat down beside her. They were deep in the rainforest, about two hours into their hike. The trees reached up towards the warm sunlight above, but here, it was cool and dappled with rays that managed to peek through the leaves.

I just wanted to write about this place. It's magical, don't you think? Sienna replied.

Definitely. A good place for a rest. Jai agreed and as he busied himself with water and a snack, Sienna wrote about the forest around her in the hope of keeping this moment with her long after she returned home.

2

olfactory, visual, auditory, gustatory, tactile

Journal entry – Snorkelling adventure

12th January

I took a deep breath of crisp, fresh air before submerging myself. The moment I slipped beneath the turquoise surface, a whole new world unfurled before my eyes. The plastic taste of the snorkel filled my mouth as vibrant coral reefs beckoned, teeming with life. The sunlight filtered through the water, casting dancing rays that painted the underwater landscape in a mosaic of colours.

As I descended, the gentle sway of the waves rocked my body, harmonising with the rhythm of my breath. Silence enveloped me, interrupted only by the soft gurgles of bubbles escaping my snorkel. A cloud of tropical fish darted around me, their vibrant scales catching the light like glimmering jewels.

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Wind whipped around us, cold air fresh in my nose, as the ski lift reached the end of its run. As I stood up, the snow crunched under my skis, still icy from the cold last night. Around me the whoosh of skis and snowboards was interrupted by friends calling out to each other. Still warm from our morning tea stop, with the taste of hot chocolate coating my tongue, I waited for my brother to catch up. People zoomed by us, heading all over the mountain in the quest for fresh snow.

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- a It was recommended that **Sophie** visit the dentist each year.
- b **The squirrel** stored its cache of nuts in a hollow tree.
- c Once under the water, **Benji** saw the coral reef come alive with colour.
- d A diverse country, **Australia** is rich with many cultures.
- e Wanting a new style, **the girl** went to the hairdresser in the next suburb.
- f It was their love of dogs that brought **the couple** together.
- g **Maddie** wished that she could become an astronaut in the future.

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

Review of Port Douglas – an Australian Holiday Destination

Located between the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest, Port Douglas is a tropical paradise that captures the essence of an unforgettable holiday destination. I recently had the pleasure of exploring this nice location.

First and foremost, the natural beauty of Port Douglas is simply gorgeous. The pristine beaches, with their crystal-clear waters and powdery sand, offer a spectacular backdrop for relaxation and water activities. Snorkelling or diving on the Great Barrier Reef is an absolute must-do. The vivid coral reefs and an abundance of marine life make for an unforgettable underwater experience.

The town itself has a friendly and laid-back atmosphere, with a mix of boutique shops, art galleries, and dining options with seafood feasts and fusion cuisine to satisfy any palate.

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

natural beauty: natural picturesqueness

crystal-clear waters: limpid waters

abundance of marine life: vast array of marine life

DAY 4

1

1st June

Hi there, journal! It's been a while since I decided to write about my day, but it ^{is} ~~was~~ the start of winter and as good a time as any to start writing again.

Most people say they ^{miss} ~~hate~~ winter – they ^{missed} ~~miss~~ the sun and the beach and the fashion. But I ^{love} ~~loved~~ the crisp mornings and sunny afternoons, and, even ^{when it rains} ~~when it was raining~~, there ^{is} ~~was~~ nothing better than curling up on the couch with a blanket. I guess that's what ^{inspires} ~~inspired~~ me today! The days ^{are} ~~were~~ getting shorter, though, and sometimes I find myself longing for those long summer nights spent with friends.

School is challenging and rewarding. We are halfway through the year and the pressure is on. Exams are coming up and I'm feeling a bit stressed about it. Luckily, though, ^{cheer} ~~cheered~~ my mates are always around to help me stay focused and ^{cheer} ~~cheered~~ me up.

Well, journal, that will do for today. I ^{hope} ~~hoped~~ to be a bit more consistent from now on!

Until next time ...

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

I would describe the author of this journal entry as a school student who enjoys winter. It is clear that the writer is a student because they discuss exams and needing to stay focused. Their preference for winter is shown by comparing their feelings about winter to those of others who love summer.

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

Recording our thoughts and feelings is useful because it can clarify how we feel and possibly help us to figure out how to handle a situation. The writer of this piece might have benefited from this by recognising their worry about the upcoming exams and considering ways to deal with it.

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

The main tone of the journal entry is conversational and descriptive. This is seen in the use of the words 'Hi there', 'hate', 'love' and 'my mates'. The writer uses this tone because it is an informal piece of writing they are doing for themselves so written in a style similar to the way they speak.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

I am grateful for sunshine and how it cuts through the chilly winter mornings.

I am grateful for well-written books I can read for fun.

I am grateful for good football teams that win their matches.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

A gratitude journal helps people be more mindful because it brings attention to the good things that happen, helps us learn to appreciate small moments of joy and helps us to recognise what we like and/or makes us feel good, so we can try to make sure we have or do those things more often.

3 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Last week I flew from Sydney to Melbourne. After spending a lovely week visiting friends and family, I was sad to leave such a beautiful place, but also excited to get home again. While I was in Sydney, I saw the Sydney Opera House and other Australian icons, and it occurred to me how funny it was to be a tourist in my own country! I created this collage featuring some of the landmarks of two great Australian cities, while conveying the dreamy feeling of watching a sunset from a plane window.



WEEK 30 ANSWER SHEET

DAY 1

1

- a The tiger prowled softly so as not to alert its prey.
- b The dancer pirouetted gracefully across the stage.
- c The student spoke confidently at their school assembly.
- d The starving dog ate voraciously when it was taken into the kennels.
- e The philosopher thought deeply about the issue at hand.
- f The crowd laughed heartily at the comedian.
- g The frosty morning caused us to walk briskly to warm up.

2

My trip to Uluru

The vast expanse of the Australian Outback stretched before me; as I stepped off the plane at Uluru into a rugged and untamed wilderness waiting to be explored. As I ventured, deep into the heart of this remote land, the immensity of its beauty overwhelmed me, and I found myself awe-struck by the sheer spectacle I was surrounded by. The ochre-red earth seemed to pulse with ancient stories while the towering rock formations whispered, tales of the past, each more fantastic than the last. I marvelled at the resilience of the wildlife, that called this harsh environment home, from kangaroos bounding across the dusty plains to the haunting cry of the majestic wedge-tailed eagles.

3

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Three uses of descriptive language are: 'a rugged and untamed wilderness', 'The ochre-red earth seemed to pulse with ancient stories', and 'the haunting cry of the majestic wedge-tailed eagles.'

4

Answer may vary. A possible answer is:

'A rugged untamed wilderness' will likely make the reader feel excited and awestruck, and could make them want to travel to see the place themselves.

1 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Today I discovered a newfound strength within me as I confronted.
Sentence fragment Today I discovered a newfound strength within me as I confronted the bullies.
- b The ancient ruins stood before me like a testament to the rich history of a bygone era.
Full sentence
- c Standing in the midst of chaos, oblivious to the all-consuming vortex surrounding her.
Sentence fragment Standing in the midst of chaos, oblivious to the all-consuming vortex surrounding her, she stared down at her phone.
- d Looking back on my journey, I realise the greatest lessons.
Sentence fragment Looking back on my journey, I realise the greatest lessons were the ones I hadn't noticed at the time.
- e After weeks of hard work and dedication, I was finally finished.
Full sentence
- f With every brushstroke, I created a visual representation of my innermost thoughts and desires.
Full sentence
- g A secret code, hidden in the pages of my journal.
Sentence fragment A secret code, hidden in the pages of my journal would only be spotted by my friends.

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

- a Students are not allowed on the basketball court after lunch. Active
Admission to the basketball court after lunch is not allowed.
- b 'It is extremely dangerous to venture into the woods at night without a companion', his pupils were told by Arthur. Passive
Arthur told his students, 'Venturing into the woods at night without a companion is extremely dangerous.'
- c At the dance competition the blue ribbon was won by Xuan, while the red ribbon was won by Jaxon. Passive
At the dance competition, Xuan won the blue ribbon, while Jaxon won the red ribbon.
- d The bank robbers were captured by police shortly after fleeing with the money. Passive
The police captured the bank robbers shortly after they had fled with the money.

DAY 3

1

a

Verb	Noun	Pronoun	Adjective	Adverb	Determiner	Preposition	Conjunction
<i>allows, unravel, granting</i>	<i>writing, threads, sense, clarity, peace</i>	<i>me</i>	<i>tangled, inner</i>		<i>the, a</i>	<i>to, within, of</i>	<i>and</i>

b

Verb	Noun	Pronoun	Adjective	Adverb	Determiner	Preposition	Conjunction
<u>stood,</u> <u>felt,</u> <u>exists,</u>	<u>edge,</u> <u>cliff,</u> <u>sense,</u> <u>awe,</u> <u>beauty,</u> <u>nature</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>overwhelming</u>		<u>the, an, that</u>	<u>on, of, for, in</u>	<u>As</u>

c

Verb	Noun	Pronoun	Adjective	Adverb	Determiner	Preposition	Conjunction
<u>am reminded,</u> <u>bring,</u> <u>acknowledging,</u> <u>brings</u>	<u>Today,</u> <u>moments,</u> <u>joy,</u> <u>feelings,</u> <u>happiness,</u> <u>moments</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>small,</u> <u>immense,</u> <u>gratifying,</u> <u>these</u>	<u>tremendously</u>	<u>the, that</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>and</u>

d

Verb	Noun	Pronoun	Adjective	Adverb	Determiner	Preposition	Conjunction
<u>Looking,</u> <u>can see,</u> <u>have</u> <u>grown, am</u>	<u>year,</u> <u>others</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>fulfilled,</u> <u>understanding</u>	<u>back, how</u> <u>much,</u> <u>spiritually</u>	<u>this, more</u>	<u>on, of</u>	<u>and</u>

2 Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

Word	Synonyms	Antonyms
evacuate	<u>remove, leave</u>	<u>return, keep</u>
persistent	<u>insistent, constant</u>	<u>intermittent, temporary</u>
sufficient	<u>plentiful, satisfactory</u>	<u>deficient, unacceptable</u>
appropriate	<u>correct, proper</u>	<u>irrelevant, unsuitable</u>

1

My dreams

5th June

I found myself in a whimsical dream world last night. I was wandering through a lush forest filled with vibrant, glowing flowers that seemed to dance in harmony with the gentle breeze. As I followed a winding path, I stumbled upon a hidden waterfall cascading into a crystal-clear pool. The water shimmered under the sunlight, inviting me in. I submerged myself and felt tranquility wash over me.

6th June

Last night's dream was a thrilling but terrifying adventure through the bustling streets of an unfamiliar city. I found myself running through narrow alleyways, leaping over obstacles, escaping some unknown foe. The cityscape was a tapestry of bright lights, towering skyscrapers and discordant sounds. I navigated the urban labyrinth in desperation, until I finally made it to the top of the tallest building. I looked over the city skyline, feeling a sense of safety and freedom, until a hand touched my shoulder.

2 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

Someone might keep a dream journal out of curiosity, or because they believe dreams reveal their real wants and needs. Keeping a dream journal provides a record of dreams that can be analysed for symbolism, worries and solutions.

3 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

5th June: This journal entry is bright and joyful. The words and phrases 'whimsical', 'dance in harmony' and 'water shimmered under the sunlight' help to create this mood.

6th June: This journal entry is dramatic and nerve-wracking. The use of the words and phrases 'running through narrow alleyways', 'discordant sounds', and 'desperation' show this.

4 Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

The first dream might represent the writer experiencing or wanting peace and joy in life. The second dream, meanwhile, may indicate the writer wants more excitement in life, or else that they are suffering from stress or afraid of something, an 'unknown foe'.

Answers may vary. A possible answer is:

It was the very first day of our holiday; our plane touched down just as the sun was rising over Paris. My mum and I had decided to take a trip, just the two of us, right before I turned 16 – as I would soon be too busy with school for a couple of years. The ride to our little apartment went through the industrial parts of Paris, dirty and filled with box-shaped buildings. I remember wondering where the ‘city of light’ was. But soon we made it to Montmartre, walking up several flights of stairs to our home for the next week. Despite the long and sleepless flights we had endured to get there, we hit the streets immediately. Quickly we made our way through the underground train system and popped up near the Tuileries Garden. It was freezing cold, but the sun shone down on us as we hustled through the city to see the River Seine, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral, all in one day. We stopped only for a small but beautiful lunch of French onion soup and crème brûlée. Despite all the beautiful architecture, buttery foods and fantastic weather, the thing I remember most was how much I laughed with my mum. We laughed with sheer joy at how beautiful it was to be in Paris together.