

Useful Websites

Website	Comment
www.arcademics.com	This has lots of interactive games to play. Go to the Language Arts section to find English related games.
www.gamestolearnenglish.com	Lots to choose from here! Try the JobsGame to start with.
www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/games	This website is designed to help people learn English. It's very good
Youtube channel—Grammarly	This channel is a good one to watch if you like a challenge.



Thank you for your hard work.



Functional Skills Work at Home Booklet

Name: _____

Class: _____

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Mrs Childs

What is English Functional Skills?

- English Functional Skills is the name of the qualification you are working towards this year
- There are three parts to the qualification
- You have all completed the Speaking Listening and Communication part of the qualification



Reading



Writing



Speaking, Listening and
Communication



Functional— this word means *practical* or *useful*.

Qualification— this is what you will achieve when you successfully complete this course.

Reading newspapers

Please remember to write in sentences.

What is the cause of the heatwave?

What was the hottest temperature in 2015?

How many days will the heatwave last?

Who do you think The Met Office might be?



Reading newspapers

Read this newspaper article and then answer the questions on the next page.

This text has been adapted from an online newspaper:

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/uk-weather-forecast-britain-track->

UK weather forecast: Britain on track for hottest July day ever with 37C heat

Britain is on track to have its hottest July day ever, with temperatures expected to hit 36C this week.

The Met Office has predicted that the mercury will rise to 36C in London on Thursday afternoon, as part of a three-day heatwave hitting the UK today. Forecasters say there could even be temperatures of 37C in south-east England on Thursday.

The sweltering heat is the result of an 'African plume' sweeping in from the south. The heatwave is likely to break the record for the hottest July day in the UK, which was seen in Heathrow in 2015, when temperatures reached 36.8C. Sunshine will cover the country today on what promises to be one of the nicest days of the year, with highs of 32C. Temperatures will be in the low 30s across much of south, south-east, east, central, north and north-east England and south Wales.

Thursday will bring the hottest weather of the week, with highs of 36C, and also a fair share of sunshine. A Met Office spokesman said: "Thursday is expected to see the peak in temperatures with 37C possible in south-east England.

How to use this booklet

- Inside this booklet is English work for you to do at home
- You will not have time to learn all of the spellings. Pick words that you don't know and try to learn 2 every day.
- If you get stuck on one page, just leave it and move on to the next one
- On the back page are useful websites to help your learning.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A version of this booklet was issued to students in September to use as homework. The majority of students have completed only one or two activities at the start of the booklet. Additional activities and web resources have been included.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Childs

Homophone Practice

not...knot	peel...peal	board...bored	steal...steel
waste...waist	peace...piece	hole...whole	rode... road
sales...sails	sun...son	hair...hare	cereal...serial

- a) The _____ is at the centre of our solar system.
- b) In the dark, he tripped down the large, dark _____.
- c) He _____ his horse well to win the race.
- d) He ate the _____ of the chocolate bar in one gulp.
- e) He tested the piece of _____ with a magnet.
- f) The salesman measured his _____ carefully.
- g) A man walked down the street with jet black _____.
- h) The _____ of the ship filled out in the strong wind.
- i) He had _____ for breakfast every morning with his toast.
- j) "At last five minutes _____ from you lot," groaned the teacher.
- k) "There's a _____ in my shoelace," moaned Stephen.
- l) "Do you eat the _____ of the orange?" asked Jim.



Writing a Diary

Improve your writing by keeping a diary. Here are some things to think about.



I have written in the first person.

I have used time connectives (next, then, after).

I have used adjectives to describe feelings and emotions.

I have described the important parts in my life.

I have written in chronological order (the order things happen).

I have included the date at the beginning.

I have included informal words and phrases.

I have written mainly in the past tense.

I have ended in a reflection.



Time Connectives

Here are some time connectives you can use in your diary entries.



Spellings 4

List 1

her, person, Thursday, Saturday, girl, first, work, word, world, were
fast, last, past, plant, path, ask, after
are our
air, where, there, their
near, here, dear, year
the, between, until, today, together, number, other, after, never, under
Tuesday, use, new, few
little
one, someone, anyone

List 2

their, they're, there
here, hear
one, won
to, too, two

List 3

accept, except
berry, bury
brake, break
fair, fare
groan, grown
knot, not
mail, male
meat, meet
missed, mist
peace, piece
plain, plane
scene, seen
weather, whether
guessed, guest
aloud, allowed
desert, dessert
steal, steel

How to Learn Spellings

We will learn many different ways of learning spellings in class.
Here are a few to remind you.



Look



Say



Cover



Write



Check



Rainbow writing

Writing in sand



Use water to 'paint' on concrete or fencing. Use a paintbrush or an empty washing up liquid bottle.

Air writing



The worst bits were:

Would you recommend this to a friend? Yes/No

Now say why you feel like this below:

Add interest by using adjectives. Adjectives are describing words.

The happy girl sang.

↑
adjective

Add interest by using adverbs. Adverbs give more information about a verb.

The happy girl sang loudly.

↑
adverb



Writing reviews



Watch a TV programme or a YouTube video.

Then fill in the form on this page AND ON THE NEXT page.

I watched _____

It is about :

The best bits are:

Names to get used to

Sometimes we need to read other people's names. Here is a list of names that you will find in your assessments.

First Names

Alex	Jack	Layla
Amaya	Jamal	Ling
Amir	James	Mia
Ashley	Jane	Muhammed
Ben	Jay	Nadia
Beth	Jo	Nina
Ella	Kai	Sara
Eve	Kiran	Sonia
Harry		Sundip
		Thomas

Last Names

Bello	Gill	Morris
Fox	Khan	Patel
Garcia	Martin	Smith

Spellings 1

List 1

can, act, look, back, school

off

miss, cross, house

who

write, wrote, wrong

will, tell, still, hello

get, give

change, large

have, give, live, of

is, his, as, has,

Wednesday

come,

so, know, done, one, gone

think

when, which, what, while,
white

see, seem, feel, meet,

week, eat, real, be, he, me,

we, she, even, every

me

List 2

letter, better

differ, different, difficult

address, promise, city,

circle, decide, notice,

since, sentence, once,

answer

sure, sugar, pressure,

machine, special

whole

arrive, carry

add, address

guard, guide

age, page, strange

breathe

position, possess, pota-
toes, cause

imagine

mean, people, believe,

complete, extreme, eve-

rything, everybody

List 3

appear, opposite, apply

doubt, debt, attach, mi-
nute

scheme, occasion, ac-
cording

picture, actual

rough, tough, cough,
enough

listen, fasten, whistle,
criticise, receive, pur-
pose, increase, recent,
centre, exercise, medi-
cine, experience

especially, appreciate

guarantee

knowledge, college

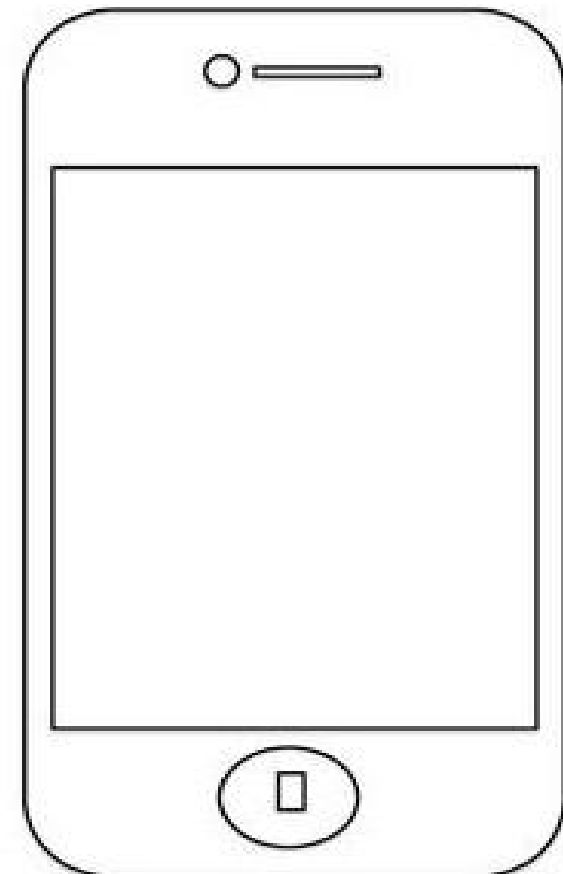
ease, criticise, position,
cause

measure, treasure,
pleasure

Sending Text Messages

Write a text message to a friend, inviting them to the cinema on Saturday. Tell them:

- What you are going to see
- Where you are going to meet
- What time you are meeting.



Fact or Opinion?

Read the sentences. Decide which ones are **fact** and which are **opinion**. Write **fact** or **opinion** next to each one.

1. You go to school.
2. Eastenders is the best TV programme in the world.
3. Red is the best colour for a school uniform.
4. London is the capital city of England.
5. Pink is a great singer.
6. Football is a terrible sport.
7. Grass is usually green unless it has been very dry.



FACT— this means it is something that is true.

OPINION—this is what something thinks about something. It might be true, or it might not be true.

Alphabetical order

Put each line of words into alphabetical order.
Look at the first letter.

1. dog ant zebra lion fish

2. girl boy man lady child

3. flower seed grow pond hat

Use your dictionary to find out what these words mean. Write out the explanation in the space provided.

1. ordinary _____

2. bungalow _____

Homophone Spellings

Let's look at the words **there**, **their** and **they're**.

There tells you where something is.

The shoes are over **there**.

It is also used before the words *is*, *are*, *was* and *were*.

There is a cat in the tree.

There are six sweets left.

There was a bird in my garden.

There were ducks on the pond.



Their means 'belonging to them.'

Their car has broken down.



They're is short for they are.

They're eating pizza.

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different spellings and different meanings.

My new bike looks **great**! Can you **grate** some cheese please?



Spellings 3

Mrs Childs will tick the spellings that you need to learn from this list each week.

List 1

high, right, might,
find, mind, child, Fri-
day, by, my, myself,
reply, like, time, life,
while, I, write

out, about, without,
around, now, how,
down

own, follow, so, no,
go, old, over, open,
most, only, both, told,
hold, don't, close,
show

boy

saw, draw, walk, all,
call, small, also, water

or, for, morning,
door, floor, poor,
more, before, warm,
four, your

List 2

thought, caught,
naughty, cause, al-
ways

forward, forty, four-
teen, quarter, there-
fore

perhaps, thirteen,
thirty, surprise, year,
early, heard, learn,
earth

remember, grammar,
calendar, surname,
pressure, forward

half

care, bear, bare

our, hour

seven, decide, ad-
dress, arrive, im-
portant, probably,
woman, second, diffi-
cult

List 3

competition, corre-
spond, determined,
develop, frequently,
explanation, diction-
ary, definite, thor-
ough, borough, de-
scribe, experiment,
purpose, opposite,
suppose, famous, var-
ious, certain

experience

excellent

communicate, com-
munity, education

available

Their, There or They're?

Fill in the gaps. Use their, there or they're.

1. Where are Mark and Sally? _____ over there.
2. They've forgotten _____ bags.
3. _____ is no soap in my bathroom.
4. I've met them before, but I don't remember _____ names.
5. I don't know who they are, but I think _____ visitors.

Using adjectives

Choose the correct adjective to describe each noun.

fast	gold	tasty	kind	shady
rosy	savage	silk	rough	blazing

- 1) a _____ dog
- 2) a _____ tree
- 3) a _____ sea
- 4) a _____ blouse
- 5) a _____ ring

- 6) a _____ fire
- 7) a _____ meal
- 8) a _____ car
- 9) a _____ mother
- 10) a _____ apple

Punctuation

Put full stops, question marks and exclamation marks in the right places.



- (1) what are you going to do today, kylie
- (2) what an amazing goal
- (3) i am going to go home if i finish my schoolwork on time
- (4) i hate it
- (5) when are you going to go shopping in birmingham
- (6) i live in smethwick, in a house just off brasshouse lane
- (7) stop that now
- (8) who has left this mess on the table in my classroom
- (9) do you attend galton valley primary school
- (10) london is the capital city of england, in the united kingdom

Irregular plural spellings

The soldiers on tour.

Eight soldiers are getting ready to go on a tour of duty. They have to pack lots of things into their kit bags.



The soldiers take:



shoe	boot	hanky	sandwich
torch	trainer	camera	hairbrush
shirt	box	glove	scarf
penny	dish	knife	address



Can you help the soldiers write a list to help them remember what they need to take? Because there are eight soldiers each item on the list needs to be plural (more than one). To make a word plural we change the ending by adding s, es or ies.

add s	add es	add ies

Regular plural spellings

Write the plural of each word.

picture	
computer	
key	
pencil	
book	
window	
jumper	

Re-write each sentence in the plural.

1. There was a **chair** in the room.

2. The **elephant** blew water at me.

3. The **train** was running late.

4. My friend ate a **cake** at the party.

Helpful
Tips

The word **plural** means more than one.

Question or Statement?

Decide which sentences need a question mark and which need a full-stop.

1. I might choose 'Buster' as my new dog's name
2. What time is lunch
3. Is that a new dress
4. I think the new cinema is great
5. Are you hungry
6. I'm not sure if want chips or pizza
7. I like your new hair cut
8. How much is that cake
9. I like my new trainers
10. Where do you live

Helpful
Tips

Question— nearly all questions need an answer.

Statement—a statement is something that someone says it doesn't need an answer.

Reading Text Messages



Read the text messages above, then answer these questions.
Please use sentences.

1. Where are Sundip and Jay meeting?
2. What food have they decided to eat?
3. What time are they meeting up?

Spellings 2

List 1

enjoy
head, any, many, any-
one, thank, said,
again, says
come, done, some,
other, brother, mon-
ey, Monday, does
was, want, what, be-
cause
push, put, pull,
would, could, should,
full, look, good
do, into, who, too,
you, group, two,
room
day, say, way, made,
make, take, came,
same, late, they

List 2

busy, business, mi-
nute, women, pretty,
friend, anything
won, son, among,
touch, double, trou-
ble, country, some-
thing, month
watch, knowledge
woman
move, blue, blew, tru-
ly, fruit, group,
through
eight, eighteen,
eighty, weigh, weight,
daily, great, break,
obey, straight
find, behind, quiet,
quite, eye, height

List 3

committee, bomb,
thumb, crumb, climb,
condemn, column,
autumn
knot, knife, knee,
knowledge
achieve
average, equip, bar-
gain
curiosity, qualify,
qualification
island
though, although
bought, brought,
ought, therefore
sugar, popular, partic-
ular, regular, centre