

# English Starter

## Grammar

Circle the subordinating conjunction in each sentence.

- 1) John went home because it was raining.
- 2) Since he sold his car, Dave has had to get the bus.
- 3) If you finish your homework, you can have some ice cream.
- 4) Mary went to the shops as she needed milk.
- 5) The children went out to play even though it was raining.
- 6) After the film had finished, Joe and his friends went to Nandos.

## Spelling and Thesaurus work

Find a definition for the following words:

Achieve -

Occupy -

Conscious -

Symbol -

## Punctuation

Put the apostrophe in the correct place in each sentence below.

- 1) John hasnt got a clue what to buy his wife.
- 2) I dont want that one.
- 3) Mary couldnt find her purse.
- 4) Well want to go away next year.
- 5) Shes lost the receipt.
- 6) Its cold outside today.

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Circle the nouns in each sentence below:

- 1) John walked to the shops.
- 2) Sarah tripped over a stick.
- 3) The dog lay on the mat.
- 4) Aaron went shopping.
- 5) Joanne hid under the table.
- 6) Steven avoided the red chair.
- 7) Andrew tried a spicy pepper.

## Spelling and Thesaurus work

Write the contracted version for each of the following:

Could not

She is

Would not

It is

Will not

They are

## Punctuation

Explain why you would use each of the following:

Full stop -

Question mark -

Exclamation mark -

Ellipsis -

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Circle the pronouns in each sentence below:

- 1) The old man had lost his hat.
- 2) Thor threw his hammer before it could be taken.
- 3) She's going to the shops to take it back.
- 4) We are going to take her to the hospital.
- 5) John cut his finger while slicing an onion.
- 6) They'll be back in seven days time.

## Spelling and Thesaurus work

Find 5 words that end with the suffix -cious

## Punctuation

Insert commas, brackets or dashes in the correct places below:

- 1) John watched a scary film Jaws last night.
- 2) I lost my phone iPhone 7 last night.
- 3) Sarah and her friend Anna went to play at the park.
- 4) I bought some shoes in my favourite colour pink.
- 5) Simon who is from Egypt doesn't speak much English yet.
- 6) Bats who are nocturnal sleep in caves all day.

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Add a suitable relative pronoun to complete the sentences below:

- 1) This is the book \_\_\_\_\_ John was reading.
- 2) We saw a jellyfish \_\_\_\_\_ tentacles were two metres long.
- 3) We have a new neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ works at the local shop.
- 4) That's the man \_\_\_\_\_ son is on television.
- 5) Steven owns a house \_\_\_\_\_ has four bedrooms and a big garden.

## Spelling and Thesaurus work

Find 5 words that end with the suffix -tious

## Punctuation

Finish each sentence with the correct punctuation:

- 1) What do you want for dinner
- 2) There was darkness
- 3) You are amazing
- 4) Sarah went to the shops
- 5) Where shall we go
- 6) What a day

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Circle the determiners in each sentence below:

- 1) The old man picked up the first pizza he saw.
- 2) Twenty three birds flew overhead.
- 3) Our dog is at the vets.
- 4) The noise was in the distance.
- 5) An apple fell from the tree.
- 6) The boys took got their cat out of the tree.

## Spelling and Thesaurus work

Find 5 words that end with the suffix -able

## Punctuation

Place a semi-colon in the correct place for each sentence below:

- 1) Tom reads novels his friends read comics.
- 2) Our goal was to run eight miles we only ran four miles.
- 3) Call me tomorrow I will give you my answer then.
- 4) English was Anna's hardest subject additionally, she struggled with Science.
- 5) Susan loves to swim her brother likes to dive.