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Fill in the gaps in the sentence below, using the **past progressive** form of the verbs in the boxes.

to play



While I \_\_\_\_\_ in the park, my mum

to push



\_\_\_\_\_ my sister on the swing.

1 mark

2

In the sentence below, Dad booked the cinema tickets before he collected them.

Complete the sentence with the correct **verb form**.

Although Dad \_\_\_\_\_ booked the tickets, he still had to queue to collect them.

1 mark

**3**

Which of the events in the sentences below is the **most** likely to happen?

Tick **one**.

We could go to the swimming pool today.

He can come to my party today.

She will buy some new shoes today.

They might have fish fingers for tea today.

1 mark

**4**

Rewrite the sentence below so that it begins with the **adverbial**.  
Use only the same words, and remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

We turned off the lights before we left.

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1 mark

5

Circle **all** the **determiners** in the sentence below.

There wasn't much juice left in the fridge, so I bought a new bottle.

1 mark

6

Circle the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The blue car that was parked outside the shop was for sale.

1 mark

7

Which option correctly introduces the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below?

Jay wanted to go to the party \_\_\_\_\_ he wasn't feeling very well.

Tick **one**.

furthermore

in addition

otherwise

even though



1 mark

8

Tick one box in each row to show whether the word before is used as a **subordinating conjunction** or as a **preposition**.

Sentence	<u>before</u> used as a <b>subordinating conjunction</b>	<u>before</u> used as a <b>preposition</b>
We left the cinema <u>before</u> the end of the film.		
The train ticket is cheaper <u>before</u> 9:00 in the morning.		
I brush my teeth <u>before</u> I have breakfast.		

1 mark

9

Use the **conjunctions** in the box to correctly complete the sentence below.

Use each conjunction **once**.

or	but	and
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You can have butter \_\_\_\_\_ jam \_\_\_\_\_ honey on your toast,

\_\_\_\_\_ we don't have any marmalade.

1 mark

10

Which option completes the sentence below so that it uses the **subjunctive mood**?

I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ free to come to your party, but I am afraid I will be busy.

Tick **one**.

were

could be

was

may be



1 mark

11

Circle the word or words in the sentence below that make it a **question**.

“You should be in bed by now, shouldn’t you?”

1 mark

**12**

Explain how the **comma** changes the meaning in the two sentences below.

Are you coming to see, Ali?

Are you coming to see Ali?

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1 mark

**13**

Insert a **comma** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Full of enthusiasm the children entered the room at the start  
of their lesson.

1 mark

14

Which of the sentences below uses **dashes** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The cake was lovely – delicious, in fact, so – I had another slice.

The cake was – lovely delicious in fact – so I had another slice.

The cake was – lovely, delicious, in fact so – I had another slice.

The cake was lovely – delicious, in fact – so I had another slice.



1 mark

15

To make a fruit smoothie, Karen needs three ingredients: milk, bananas and ice cream.

Finish the recipe below, writing the ingredients as a list with bullet points.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

To make your smoothie, you will need these ingredients:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

## Squirrel Thief



This section tells the story of Alison, who was having a picnic in the park with her mother when something strange happened. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

A squirrel appeared from nowhere and stole Alison's purse, right off her knee! Alison saw it all happen, yet she could not stop it.

It caught her by surprise: the flash of grey fur; the surprised shout from her mother; the overturned cup of juice.

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Explain why the sentence below uses an **exclamation mark**.

A squirrel appeared from nowhere and stole Alison's purse, right off her knee!

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1 mark



**2**Circle the **conjunction** in the sentence below.

Alison saw it all happen, yet she could not stop it.

1 mark

**3**Circle **all** the **adjectives** in the sentence below.

It caught her by surprise: the flash of grey fur; the surprised shout from her mother; the overturned cup of juice.

1 mark

**The story continues on this page. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**

“What a cheek!” Alison yelled. At that moment, she didn’t care if yelling made her look silly: she just wanted her purse back.

Luckily, Alison saw where the squirrel had taken her purse. It had run to a tree that had a hole in its trunk.

**4**

How do the words At that moment function in the sentence below?

At that moment, she didn’t care if yelling made her look silly: she just wanted her purse back.

Tick **one**.

as a noun phrase

as a relative clause

as a fronted adverbial

as a conjunction



1 mark

5

In the sentence below, what **word class** is the word her?

Luckily, Alison saw where the squirrel had taken her purse.

Tick **one**.

noun

determiner

adverb

adjective



1 mark

6

Draw a line to match the **pronoun** It with the **noun** it replaces in the passage below.

Luckily, Alison saw where the squirrel had taken her purse. It had run to a tree that had a hole in its trunk.

**Pronoun**

**Noun**

It

Alison

the squirrel

the purse

the tree

the hole

1 mark

The story continues on this page. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Alison bravely reached into the hole, trying to catch the little thief. She groped about with her hand, but could feel nothing but wood.

Then there was a stab of pain as something sharp bit her finger. The squirrel shot out of the hole, and Alison triumphantly pulled out her purse.

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Which word in the sentence below is an **adverb**?

Alison bravely reached into the hole, trying to catch the little thief.

Tick **one**.

bravely

reached

trying

little

1 mark

8

Write down the name of a **punctuation mark** that could replace , but could feel in the sentence below.

She groped about with her hand, but could feel nothing but wood.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

9

Which word shows that the sentence below follows on from the previous sentence in the story?

Then there was a stab of pain as something sharp bit her finger.

Tick **one**.

Then

there

was

as

1 mark

## Squirrel Thief

Alison was enjoying a picnic in the park with her mother when a squirrel decided to join them.

**10** At the start of the story below, some of the punctuation is missing. Correct the passage by inserting the correct punctuation into each of the yellow spaces.

A squirrel appeared from nowhere and stole Alison's purse,  
right off her knee. Alison saw it all happen  yet she could not stop it.

It caught her by surprise  the flash of grey fur; the surprised shout  
from her mother; the overturned cup of juice.

What a cheek   Alison yelled. At that moment, she didn't care if  
yelling made her look silly  she just wanted her purse back.

**11** In the next passage, five words have been underlined.

In the table below the passage, tick one box in each row to show the **word class** of the underlined word.

Luckily, Alison saw where the squirrel had taken her purse. It had run to a tree that had a hole in its trunk. She bravely reached into the hole, trying to catch the little thief. She groped about with one hand, but could feel nothing but wood. Then she felt a stab of pain as something sharp bit her finger. The squirrel shot out of the hole, and Alison triumphantly pulled out her purse.

Word	Word Class				
	Pronoun	Verb	Adverb	Determiner	Noun
bravely					
one					
stab					
something					
shot					

**12** In the next passage, five grammatical errors have been underlined. In the table below the passage, write the correct word to replace the error. Write only **one** word for each correction.

Lucky, Alison saw where the squirrel had taken her purse. It had run to a tree that had an hole in it's trunk. She bravely reached into the hole, trying to catch the little thief. She groped about with her hand, but should feel nothing but wood. Then she feeled a stab of pain as something sharp bit her finger. The squirrel shot out of the hole, and Alison triumphantly pulled out her purse.

Error	Correction
Lucky	
an	
it's	
should	
feeled	