

# The City School

North Nazimabad Boys Campus

E-Worksheet



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## Grammar Question Bank

### Modal verbs

Should, might, can, could, have to, must

a) Ritu's flight from Morocco took more than 11 hours.

She \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after such a long flight. She \_\_\_\_\_ prefer to stay in tonight and get some rest.

b) If you want to get a better feeling for how Raniganj is laid out, you \_\_\_\_\_ walk down town and explore the riverside.

c) You \_\_\_\_\_ research the route a little more before you set sail.

d) When you have a small child in the house, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave small objects lying around.

e) Anvesha: \_\_\_\_\_ you hold your breath for more than a minute? Bunty: No, I can't.

f) Jasprit's engagement ring is enormous! It \_\_\_\_\_ have cost a fortune.

g) Please make sure to feed the fish while I am gone. If they don't get enough food, they \_\_\_\_\_ die.

h) I \_\_\_\_\_ speak Assamese fluently when I was a child.

i) The teacher said we \_\_\_\_\_ read the book if we needed extra credit.

j) The spatula \_\_\_\_\_ be in this cupboard but it's not here.

### Subject verb agreement

Circle the correct verb in each of the sentences below.

1. Mumps (is-are) one of the most uncomfortable diseases.
2. One hundred dollars (is-are) not a lot of money to some people.
3. She (doesn't-don't) look very well today.
4. Twenty minutes (is-are) the amount of time it takes me to get home from work.
5. It (doesn't-don't) seem so cold today.
6. Gymnastics (is-are) easy for Angela.
7. Interesting news (is-are) what sells our paper.
8. A pound of cookies (cost-costs) about a dollar.
9. They (doesn't-don't) think they'll win the game tonight.



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10. He (don't-doesn't) speak very well.

## Types of sentences

1. You can enter the data, or you can interview the candidates. \_\_\_\_\_
2. No one knew the man, and no one asked his name. \_\_\_\_\_
3. After the officer pulled Tim over, Tim began to cry, and the officer took pity on him. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mrs. Smith assigned twenty pages of the novel for homework. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Running after the car, the dog barked until the car was out of sight. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You should read the assigned novel; do not read Spark Notes! \_\_\_\_\_
7. I love skiing, my brother loves snowboarding, and my sister likes snow tubing. \_\_\_\_\_
8. If you do not want to join marching band, you should find another extracurricular activity.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Do your homework! \_\_\_\_\_
10. Whenever I hear classical music, I immediately get sleepy. \_\_\_\_\_
11. In the middle of the night, my little sister screamed at the top of her lungs because she had a nightmare, and I ran to comfort her. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I washed and vacuumed the car. \_\_\_\_\_
13. We ordered pork tenderloin for our entrée and scalloped potatoes for our side dish. \_\_\_\_\_
14. We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

## Narration

Put the following into Indirect Speech:

1. The teacher said to me, "write your name on this paper."
2. He said to me, "Wait for me here."
3. He said to them "Don't go out alone".
4. He said to me, "Type this letter immediately."
5. Peter said to Tom, "Don't do it again".
6. The students said, "We may be a little late".
7. The teacher said, "You must answer this question in 5 seconds".
8. He said, "I can't stay out very late".



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9. My mother said to me, "You ought to be more careful".

10. I said to them, "Don't write on your desks."

Change from Indirect into Direct Speech:

1. He asked me if I knew the manager.

2. She asked me if I liked her new house.

3. She asked the driver to give her a lift.

4. Helen said that she would give up trying.

5. George said he would do his best.

6. She asked him if he had worked before.

7. They asked me if I could type.

8. We asked the neighbours to turn the music down.

9. He said he would answer the phone for me.

10. She said she had printed that report 3 times.

11. The manager said he would give us a rise.

12. They said they would give up smoking.

13. He told the employees to arrive earlier.

14. She told me to write more clearly.

15. They said they had already visited the exhibition.

16. He said he liked our products very much.

17. He told me to write the memo immediately.

18. He said he would fill in an application form.

19. Helen told me to read all the reports.

20. He asked me if I could write a business letter.

Antonyms

Read the paragraph below. The numbered words in bold print are the antonyms of the words that should appear there. Fix the story by replacing each bolded word with an antonym that makes more sense in the story.

Felix and Diego were absent on the day of the test. When they **left**<sup>1</sup> at school the following **night**<sup>2</sup>, they had to go to a different room to **give**<sup>3</sup> the test. They were **calm**<sup>4</sup> because they were not really prepared but decided to give it their **worst**<sup>5</sup> try. Felix's pencil **mended**<sup>6</sup> twice during the test because he was pressing too **softly**<sup>7</sup>. He finally took a **shallow**<sup>8</sup> breath and calmed **up**<sup>9</sup>. At the



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**different**<sup>10</sup> time, Diego was **unoccupied**<sup>11</sup>, carefully reading and then **erasing**<sup>12</sup> in the bubbles to answer the questions. He **started**<sup>13</sup> too quickly to do a **poor**<sup>14</sup> job of it, so he decided to look **recklessly**<sup>15</sup> back over each question to make sure he had the **incorrect**<sup>16</sup> answer. Both **girls**<sup>17</sup> spent most of the **evening**<sup>18</sup> until lunch time **playing**<sup>19</sup> on the test. They were very **anxious**<sup>20</sup> when they were finally able to finish and turn their tests **out**<sup>21</sup>. They hurried back to their classroom just in time to get their lunch money so they could line up with everyone else to **sell**<sup>22</sup> lunch. They decided to try harder not to be absent on a test day again!

## Synonyms

Read the story below. Rewrite it using its synonyms.

1. Tim is having a birthday **party** tonight. He wants to **bring** people to his **house**. **After** the presents, they

Will **eat** the cake and **go home**.

2. Lizards **like** eating bugs. They like to **eat** meal worms the **best**. In some **places**, you can **find** lizards outside! They come in **different** colors, shapes, and sizes. Lizards are **amazing** reptiles.
3. Sarah and Jake are **brother and sister**. Sarah likes to **have fun** with her dolls. Jake **hates** dolls, but he does **love** his action figures. Sarah and Jake still like to play **with each other** because it is **fun**.

## Figures of speech

### Identify the figures of speech

1. There was a tremendously loud CRASH outside my window on the street.
2. I felt like my sister was a million miles away when she left for college.
3. The girl looked as cozy as a soft kitten when she fell asleep on her blanket.
4. The sun was a glowing ball of fire in the sky
5. The bugs went SPLAT on the windshield when we were driving to the campsite.
6. The warm smile of the sun made me happy that summer was finally here.
7. I had thousands of chores to do before the day was over.
8. She was treated like a queen on her birthday.
9. Her mother was a teddy bear and everyone loved her.
10. The boys were just hanging around the basketball court before going home.



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Composition:

Formal Letter:

2. Write a letter to the Editor of your local newspaper complaining about the menace of stray dogs, thereby suggesting some remedies. These notes may be helpful

## **Menace**

Barking at night

Dirtying the place

Bite can pass on rabies

## **Remedies**

Shooting them

Catching and leaving them in far off places

Sterilizing and vaccinating them.

Informal letter:

You have recently been to stay with an old friend for a few days. You hadn't seen each other for a long time. Write a letter to the friend. In your letter:

- say how you felt about the visit
- refer to something enjoyable that you did while staying with him / her
- invite your friend to visit you

You should write at least 150 words.

Essay writing:

1. 1. Imagine you wake up and you are no longer in your own bed at home. Instead you are freezing cold, lying on your back and gazing at the stars. Slowly you stand and notice you are on a large ocean liner; its funnels clear against the moonlight. You turn to read the name on one of the lifeboats and your heart lurches; 'HMS Titanic'. Describe what happens next.

2. Describe "The street from home to school."

3. Write a news report on a road accident you witnessed.

