

Strengthening and weakening

Teacher answer sheet

Here are some suggested answers; there are additional possibilities to those given.

Question	Answer using more certain modal verbs or adverbs	Answer using less certain modal verbs or adverbs
Will you come to my party?	I will definitely come to your party.	I can perhaps come to your party.
Will the sun shine tomorrow?	The sun will certainly shine tomorrow.	The sun will probably shine tomorrow.
Should we go to this restaurant?	We should undoubtedly go to this restaurant.	Maybe we should go to this restaurant.
Will I get a pay rise this year?	You will absolutely get a pay rise this year.	Perhaps you will get a pay rise this year.
Can I have a pet dog?	You can most certainly have a pet dog.	You could probably have a pet dog.
Is he the criminal?	He is definitely the criminal.	He might possibly be the criminal.
Was life hard for Victorian children?	Life was unquestionably hard for Victorian children.	Life was probably hard for Victorian children.
Do we have to go to school today?	You must go to school today.	You could perhaps go to school today.

Apply: Paper 1 style exam answers

1. Circle the **adverbial** in the sentence below.

She went on holiday today.

2. Circle the **adverbial phrase** in the sentence below.

The match was cancelled due to rain.

3. Move the **adverbial** so that it is **fronted**, and punctuate the sentence correctly.

He washed his hands before eating.

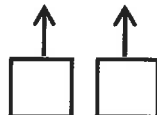
Before eating, he washed his hands.

4. Tick the boxes to show the type of **adverbial** in the sentence.

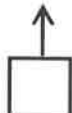
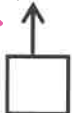
	Time	Cause
After a while, the boy turned for home.	✓	
As a consequence, the whole class had to stay back.		✓
For that reason, we have decided to use the red pen.		✓

5. Tick one box after the **adverbial** in each of the two sentences, to show where a comma should be placed.

As a result the experiment was a success.



For nearly a month there had been no message.



6. Add an **adverbial** to the start of the sentence below.

In the middle of the night, the dog barked.

Using commas to indicate parenthesis

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1. Smelting, a process that takes place in a furnace, is the way we extract pure metal from rock.
2. The snail, a member of the mollusc family, carries a shell on its back.
3. Germination, when a plant begins to grow from a seed, usually occurs in spring.
4. A magnet, an object made from a magnetised material, will always have a north and south pole.
5. Gravity, the force that keeps us on the ground, is stronger or weaker depending on the size of the planet.
6. A solar eclipse, a phenomenon where the moon passes between the earth and the sun, is a rare event.
7. Respiration, the process by which energy is released from food, is important for all living things.
8. Photosynthesis, the way that plants use energy from sunlight, is essential to life on earth.

Apply: Paper 1 style exam answers

1. Tick one box to show where the **comma** should go for each of the sentences below.

Although elephants are large, they aren't normally dangerous.

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However, they have been known to charge.

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2. Use commas within this sentence to show the **relative clause**.

The door, which is made of wood, is now black with age.

3. Rewrite the sentence below by adding a **subordinate clause**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

Accept any answer where a subordinating conjunction has been used and a comma placed after the subordinate clause, e.g. Even though the swimmers lined up by the side of the pool, the lifeguard wasn't ready.

4. Explain how the use of **commas** changes the meaning in the two sentences.

Accept an answer which explains that the first sentence suggests that all orangutans are endangered (and all are from Sumatra). The second sentence suggests that only orangutans from Sumatra are endangered.

5. Write a sentence that lists all the information given in the box below. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

Allow any grammatically correct response that uses correct punctuation and lists all the information given, e.g. The milkshake ingredients are: bananas, semi-skimmed milk, honey and marshmallows (for decoration).

6. Add a **comma** to the following sentence.

Although he was late, he didn't want to rush.

7. Why is the **comma** used in the sentence below?

Her mum said that the cats were cute, fluffy and very small.

to introduce speech

to separate the clauses in the sentence

to separate items in a list

Tick one

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