

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

With *180 Days of Language*, students receive practice with punctuation, identifying parts of speech, capitalization, and spelling. The daily practice will develop students' writing efforts and oral reading skills.

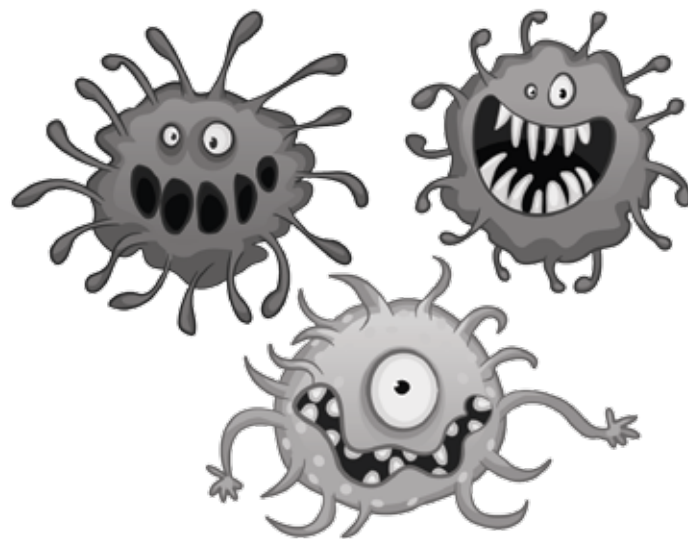
Easy to Use and Standards-Based

These activities reinforce grade-level skills across a variety of language concepts. The questions are provided as a full practice page, making them easy to prepare and implement as part of a classroom morning routine, at the beginning of each language arts lesson, or as homework.

Every practice page provides questions that are tied to a language standard. Students are given opportunities for regular practice in language skills, allowing them to build confidence through these quick standards-based activities.

Question	Language Skill	Common Core State Standard
1–2	punctuation	Language Standard 5.2 —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation , and spelling when writing.
3	capitalization	Language Standard 5.2 —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization , punctuation, and spelling when writing.
4–7	parts of speech	Language Standard 5.1 —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking .
8	spelling	Language Standard 5.2 —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Note: Because articles and possessive pronouns are also adjectives, they are included in the answer key as such. Depending on students' knowledge of this, grade activity sheets accordingly.



NAME: _____ DATE: _____

DIRECTIONS

Read and answer each question.

SCORE

1. (Y) (N)

1. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

.....
 In 1819 the first steamboat built in America crossed the ocean.

2. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

.....
 For 24 days the ship used the engine or its sails to cross.

3. (Y) (N)

3. Circle the word that should be capitalized in the sentence.

.....
 The ship was named the US *savannah* after its home port in Georgia.

5. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the preposition in sentence A below.

.....
 5. Circle the adjective in sentence A below.

(A) Its return trip was entirely by sail.

7. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the pronoun in sentence B below.

.....
 7. Circle the proper noun in sentence B below.

(B) It ran aground near Long Island two years later.

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Total

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

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enterprise

interprise

interprize
.....

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If you thought dragons lived only in stories, youd be wrong.
.....

1. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

.....
Of course these dragons don't breathe fire.
.....

2. (Y) (N)

3. Circle the word that should be capitalized in the sentence.

.....
However, Komodo dragons, found in indonesia, are dangerous!
.....

3. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the pronoun in sentence A below.

.....
.....

4. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the conjunction in sentence A below.

.....
A They are ten feet long and weigh more than 300 pounds.
.....

5. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the complete subject in sentence B below.

.....
.....

6. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the helping verb in sentence B below.

.....
B Its bite can give you blood poisoning.
.....

7. (Y) (N)

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

.....
miserrable

miserible

miserable
.....

8. (Y) (N)

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Total



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DIRECTIONS

Read and answer each question.

SCORE

1. (Y) (N)

1. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

If you lived in the 1800s, youd probably have a job.

2. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

Children worked in factories mills, and the fields.

3. (Y) (N)

3. Circle the word that should be capitalized in the sentence.

The National Child Labor committee was formed in 1904.

4. (Y) (N)

5. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the complete subject in sentence A below.

6. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the verb in sentence A below.

(A) Laws were passed to keep young children from working.

7. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the conjunction in sentence B below.

8. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the helping verb in sentence B below.

(B) Children were required to go to school until age 12 or older.

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Total

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

education

edducation

educuation

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DIRECTIONS

Read and answer each question.

SCORE

1. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

.....
 You may think itd be easy to be a clown.

1. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

.....
 To be a good clown you should go to clown college.

2. (Y) (N)

3. Circle the word that should be capitalized in the sentence.

.....
 The Ringling Bros. Clown College is in venice, Florida.

3. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the complete predicate in sentence A below.

.....
 A You need to try out to get into clown college.

4. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the pronoun in sentence A below.

.....
 A You need to try out to get into clown college.

5. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the contraction in sentence B below.

.....
 B If you are accepted, that's when the fun and work begin!

6. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the conjunction in sentence B below.

.....
 B If you are accepted, that's when the fun and work begin!

7. (Y) (N)

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

.....
 audience

audiense

auddience

8. (Y) (N)

___ / 8

Total



NAME: _____ DATE: _____

DIRECTIONS

Read and answer each question.

SCORE

1. (Y) (N)

1. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

Have you ever run in a marathon

2. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

According to legend the word *marathon* honors a soldier.

3. (Y) (N)

3. Circle the word that should be capitalized in the sentence.

Pheidippides, a Greek soldier, ran from Marathon to athens without stopping.

4. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the proper noun in sentence A below.

5. Circle the pronoun in sentence A below.

A He announced that the Greeks had won a battle.

6. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the conjunction in sentence B below.

7. Circle the adjectives in sentence B below.

B Then, the exhausted soldier fell down and died.

8. (Y) (N)

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

tournement

tournament

tournameant



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Total

ANSWER KEY *(cont.)*

Day 133

1. Do you put grape, strawberry, or raspberry jelly on your toast?
2. As early as the 1600s, recipes for making jam were published in America.
3. During World War I, overseas soldiers were sent “grapelade.”
4. they
5. After
6. and
7. is
8. devour

Day 134

1. On August 8, 1829, the first steam locomotive in America rolled down the tracks.
2. Built for hauling coal, the tracks were in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.
3. The locomotive was called the Stourbridge **Lion**.
4. The engine
5. on its front
6. locomotive
7. Smithsonian Institution
8. engineer

Day 135

1. When a giant panda is born, it isn’t exactly giant.
2. Cubs, which weigh a few ounces at birth, will gain about 300 pounds.
3. Wild pandas only live in remote areas of **China**.
4. are
5. pandas
6. study
7. captive
8. disappear

Day 136

1. If you ever need help, you should know about the SOS signal.
2. The letters, coming from the dots and dashes of Morse code, don’t stand for words.
3. The first use of SOS was in 1909 by wireless operators on the SS **Arapahoe**.
4. were
5. Before
6. countries
7. have
8. establish

Day 137

1. “Nighty night, sleep tight. Don’t let the bedbugs bite.”
2. There’s a story about that rhyme.
3. **In** colonial days, people had to tighten the ropes under beds.
4. ropes
5. soundly
6. does
7. the
8. hygiene

Day 138

1. When your dentist says, “Open wide,” do you think about the chair you are in?
2. In the early 1800s, dentists added features such as headrests to chairs.
3. Mr. M. **Waldo** Hanchett was granted the first patent for his dentist chair design.
4. a, an, adjustable
5. and
6. of
7. can
8. examination

Day 139

1. Do you know how ships travel between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans?
2. They can go around South America, or they can use a shortcut.
3. The shortcut is the Panama **Canal**.
4. The canal
5. is
6. A
7. hours
8. detour

Day 140

1. In the 1700s, a new amusement was invented for the cold weather.
2. A steep hill of ice was built, and sometimes it had bumps at the end.
3. People in **Russia** rode down these hills in sleds made of wood or ice.
4. inspired
5. The, a
6. you
7. about, on
8. vacation

Day 141

1. In 1819, the first steamboat built in America crossed the ocean.
2. For 24 days, the ship used the engine or its sails to cross.
3. The ship was named the US **Savannah** after its home port in Georgia.
4. by
5. Its, return
6. It
7. Long Island
8. enterprise

Day 142

1. If you thought dragons lived only in stories, you’d be wrong.
2. Of course, these dragons don’t breathe fire.
3. However, Komodo dragons, found in **Indonesia**, are dangerous!
4. They
5. and
6. Its bite
7. can
8. miserable

Day 143

1. If you lived in the 1800s, you’d probably have a job.
2. Children worked in factories, mills, and the fields.
3. The National Child Labor **Committee** was formed in 1904.
4. Laws
5. were passed
6. or
7. were
8. education

Day 144

1. You may think it’d be easy to be a clown.
2. To be a good clown, you should go to clown college.
3. The Ringling Bros. Clown College is in **Venice**, Florida.
4. need to try out to get into clown college
5. You
6. that’s
7. and
8. audience

ANSWER KEY *(cont.)*

Day 145

1. Have you ever run in a marathon?
2. According to legend, the word *marathon* honors a soldier.
3. Pheidippides, a Greek soldier, ran from Marathon to **Athens** without stopping.
4. Greeks
5. He
6. and
7. the, exhausted
8. tournament

Day 146

1. After 73 years underwater, the wrecked *Titanic* was found.
2. Dr. Robert Ballard led the team that found the ship.
3. A team of American and **French** researchers had searched together.
4. their
5. used
6. The ship
7. sank
8. disaster

Day 147

1. In 1905, a boy left water, powdered soda, and a stick in a cup outside.
2. It was a cold night, and the mixture froze.
3. Frank **Epperson** found it the next morning and called it the *Epsicle*.
4. for
5. Pop's
6. he, you
7. Popsicle
8. compliment

Day 148

1. "Write what you know about," many writing teachers say.
2. Roald Dahl, author of many books, often did just that.
3. While in school, the students sometimes got **Cadbury** chocolate bars to test.
4. Dahl
5. dreamed
6. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
7. his
8. subject

Day 149

1. If you want to hold two pieces of paper together, you might use a stapler.
2. In 1841, the first patent for a stapler was issued.
3. Samuel **Slocum**, the inventor, didn't call it a stapler.
4. called
5. He, it
6. his
7. invention
8. suggestion

Day 150

1. If you grew up in the 50s, you probably shopped at a dime store.
2. Many of the items in the store cost a nickel, a dime, or a quarter.
3. Two popular five-and-dime stores were Woolworth's and Ben **Franklin**.
4. for
5. for candy and toys
6. shop for bargains at dollar stores
7. shop
8. various

Day 151

1. Bette Greene, who became a successful writer, got just average grades.
2. That didn't stop her from thinking she was a great writer.
3. One book, Summer of My German Soldier, was turned down 17 times by publishers.
4. and
5. her
6. She
7. of writing in ink
8. challenge

Day 152

1. For 25 long minutes, Nik Wallenda walked on a tightrope.
2. It's his job to walk on a tightrope, but this was special.
3. This walk was 200 feet (60 m) above Niagara **Falls**.
4. in
5. heavy
6. His grandfather
7. died
8. conquer

Day 153

1. "Everybody in my family paints—excluding possibly the dogs," said James Wyeth.
2. Born in 1946, he left school in sixth grade so he could paint more.
3. He studied with his Aunt **Carolyn** and also got advice from his father.
4. has
5. many, famous
6. hangs
7. His
8. composition

Day 154

1. "Slow and steady wins the race" is good advice.
2. For hundreds of years, people have been reading fables.
3. Jean de la Fontaine was born in **France**.
4. Fontaine
5. wrote
6. small, big
7. with
8. serious

Day 155

1. Do you have a soda, candy, or popcorn at the movies?
2. Popcorn, which has been around for a long time, can be a tasty snack.
3. Popcorn was used in Aztec **Indian** ceremonies in the 1500s.
4. Explorers
5. a
6. ate
7. Colonists
8. favorite

Day 156

1. On April 2, 1805, a great storyteller was born.
2. His father was a shoemaker, and his mother washed clothes to earn money.
3. Hans **Christian** Andersen wasn't a great student, but he liked to write.
4. He
5. and
6. the, the, modern
7. Andersen
8. marvelous