



St Paul's Juniors Style 7+

Dictation and SPaG

Sample Paper 2

Total marks: 75

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Instructions:

- Read each sentence three times at a normal speaking pace.
- First reading: Read the whole sentence. Children should listen carefully without writing.
- Second reading: Read the sentence slowly, phrase by phrase. Children should write.
- Third reading: Read the whole sentence again. Children should check their work.
- Allow a short pause between sentences.

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Dictation:

Sentence	Text	Focus Areas
1	I thought the business would be closed by eight o'clock.	'thought', 'business', 'eight' (Y3/4 CEW) , apostrophe (o'clock)
2	"What an amazing surprise!" she exclaimed happily.	Exclamation mark, speech marks, comma, adverb (happily)
3	Occasionally I separate the heavy boxes from the light ones to check their weight.	'occasionally', 'separate', 'weight' (Y3/4 CEW) , no comma needed after Occasionally (optional)
4	The queen's reign lasted for more than sixty years which is a very long time indeed.	'reign' (Y3/4 CEW) , apostrophe for possession (queen's), no comma before 'which' (restrictive clause)
5	Although it was extremely cold outside we decided to go for a walk through the forest and we're glad we did.	'although', 'extreme' (Y3/4 CEW), 'through', contraction (we're), comma optional after 'outside'
6	"You'll never guess what happened!" shouted Mia bursting through the door. "I've won first prize in the competition!"	Speech marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes (You'll, I've), 'prize', 'competition' (no comma needed)

Answers:

Q	Answer	Marks	Spelling Focus (Y3/4 CEW)	Punctuation Focus
1	I thought the business would be closed by eight o'clock.	3	thought, business, eight	Capital I, apostrophe (o'clock), full stop
2	"What an amazing surprise!" she exclaimed happily.	3	surprise, exclaimed, happily	Speech marks, exclamation mark, comma, full stop
3	Occasionally I separate the heavy boxes from the light ones to check their weight.	4	Occasionally, separate, weight	Capital O, full stop (comma optional, not penalised)
4	The queen's reign lasted for more than sixty years which is a very long time indeed.	4	queen's, reign	Capital T, apostrophe (queen's), full stop
5	Although it was extremely cold outside we decided to go for a walk through the forest and we're glad we did.	5	although, extremely, through	Capital A, apostrophe (we're), full stop
6	"You'll never guess what happened!" shouted Mia bursting through the door. "I've won first prize in the competition!"	6	guess, happened, prize, competition	Speech marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes (You'll, I've), full stop