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# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.  
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

1 I love going to **toun** at the weekend.

 1

2 Sally has **grean** eyes.

 2

3 I **knoe** all of my multiplication tables.

 3

4 We **jumpt** on the trampoline.

 4

5 My sister **plaes** the piano well.

 5

Read the text about *Joe and the puppy*.  
Each line has one word that is incorrect.  
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

## Joe and the puppy

6 Joe wanted to know whare the

 6

7 littel puppy came from. If it did not

 7

8 belong to anyone, he wanted to

 8

9 taek it home as his pet.

 9

1 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?



That car belongs to James. Give it back to            immediately.

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| it                    | him                   | them                  | himself               |
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2 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

My father told me to            a new shirt for the party.

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
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| chose                 | choose                | chosen                | choosing              |
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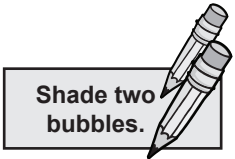
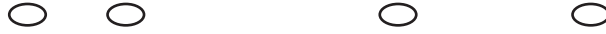
3 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

“Never mind,” said Mark. “I’ll do it            .”

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
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| myself                | himself               | yourself              | themselves            |
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- 1** Shade **two** bubbles to show which underlined words should start with a capital letter.

Last week, my friend lauren sent me a postcard from perth.



- 2** Shade **two** bubbles to show where speech marks (“ ”) should go.

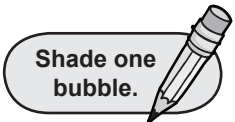


May I have some more toast please? asked Jessica.

- 3** Shade one bubble to show where the missing full stop ( . ) should go.



It rained yesterday Today it is sunny.



# NUMERACY

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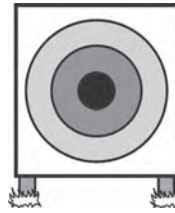
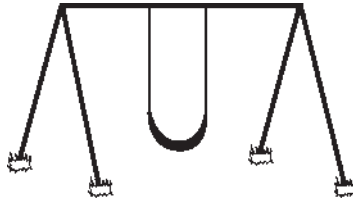
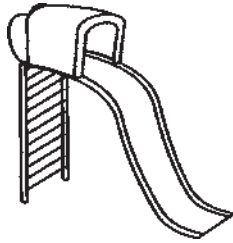
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1 Which of these objects is shaped like a cylinder?

Shade one bubble. 




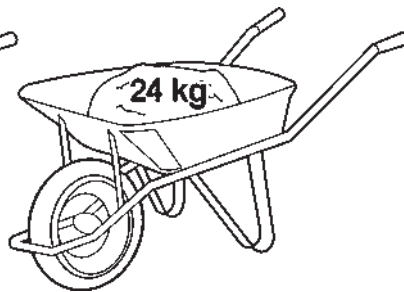
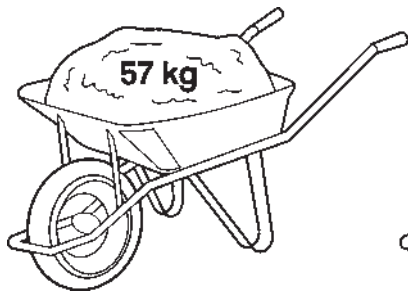
2 Ali and Tony baked 25 cakes. 12 were eaten.  
How many cakes were left?

Write your answer in the box. 

cakes

3 John helped Grandpa move sand.

Shade one bubble. 



How much sand did they move altogether?

33 kg


71 kg

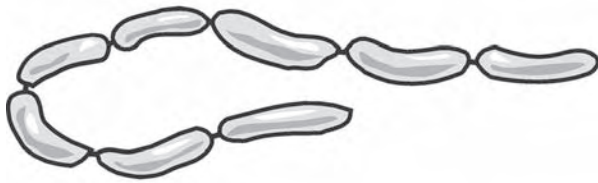
73 kg

81 kg



1 Each sausage in the string is about 10 cm long.


Shade one bubble. 



The length of the sausage string is closest to


- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
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| 42 cm                 | 61 cm                 | 84 cm                 | 93 cm                 |
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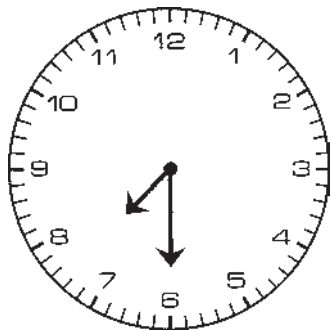
2 Dog food costs \$1.20 per tin. Jim spends \$6.00 on dog food.  
How many tins does he buy?

Write your answer in the box. 

tins

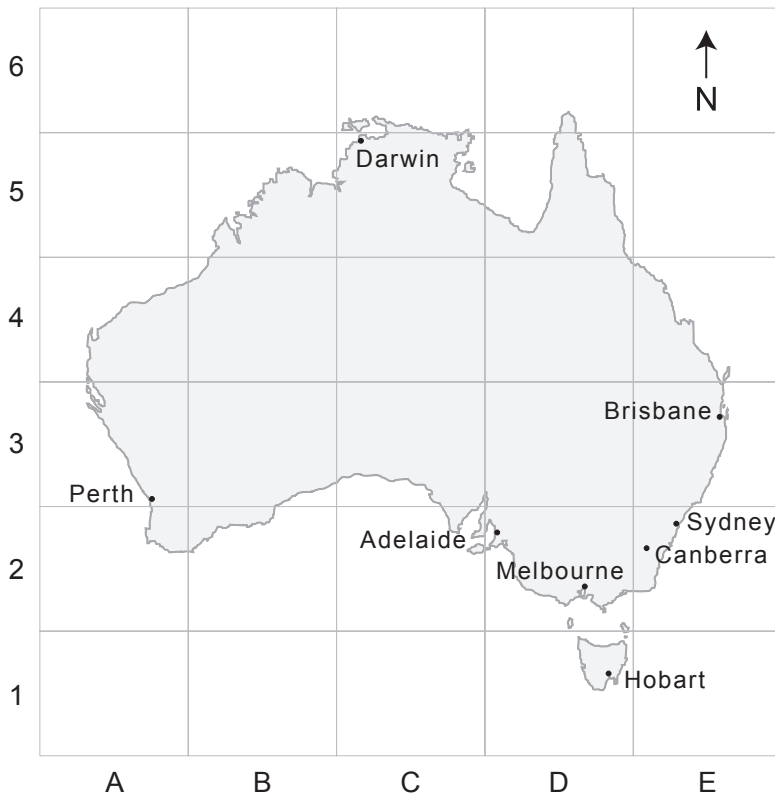
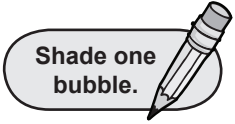
3 What time is shown on this clock?

Shade one bubble. 



- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 7:00                  | 7:30                  | 8:00                  | 8:30                  |
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1 Here is a map of Australia.



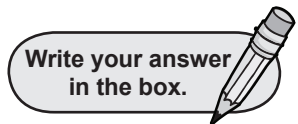
Which city is in E3?

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Perth                 | Brisbane              | Canberra              | Melbourne             |
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2 Where is Hobart on the grid?

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| D1                    | B1                    | D6                    | B6                    |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

3 Write the missing number in the box.




**13 + 67 = 80**

**23 + 57 = 80**


**33 +  = 80**

1 Write the missing number in this pattern.

16, 23, , 37, 44, 51.

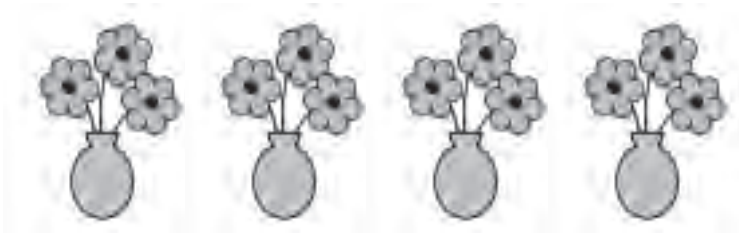
Write your answer in the box. 

2 Which clock shows the time as 5 minutes past 4?

Shade one bubble. 



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The total number of flowers is equal to

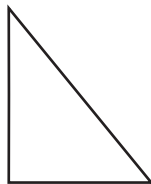
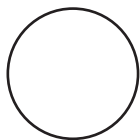
$4 \times 3$

$4 + 3$

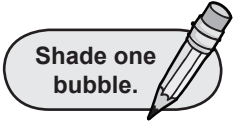
$4 \div 3$

$4 - 3$

4 Which one of these shapes is a triangle?



**1** Look at this table.

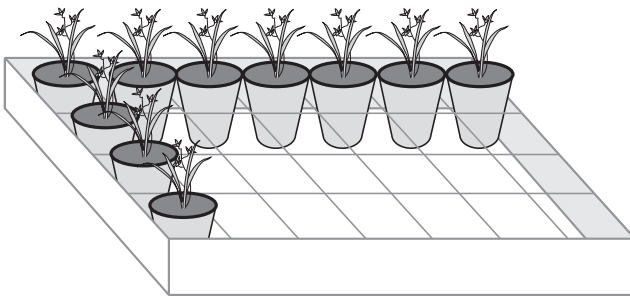


VISITORS TO THE ANIMAL PARK						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adults	40	36	24	54	29	82
Children	75	157	97	175	117	59

Which day did the **most** children visit the Animal Park?

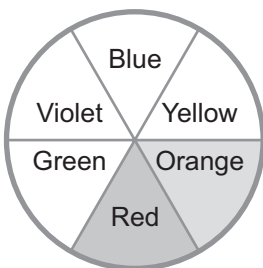
- Tuesday     
  Wednesday     
  Thursday     
  Friday

**2** How many pots will there be when the tray is full?



- 10     
  11     
  18     
  28

**3** Ralph painted the shaded parts on this colour wheel.



How many parts of the wheel did he paint?

- 2 out of 2 parts     
  2 out of 4 parts     
  2 out of 6 parts     
  6 out of 2 parts

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# 'Lucy's Holiday'

Scott Park Cinema presents  
a new movie directed by  
Lars Hoylen

**Starring**  
**Daniel Toppi and**  
**Magda Lane**



**Rating:** (G) – recommended for all ages

**Running time:** 90 minutes

**Prices:** \$10 adults  
\$5 children aged 5–15  
Children under 5 free  
\$15 families

**Session times:** Monday to Friday  
1:00 pm and 4:00 pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm



Read *Lucy's Holiday* and answer questions 1 to 5.

**1** 'Lucy's Holiday' was directed by

- Scott Park.
- Lars Hoylen.
- Magda Lane.
- Daniel Toppi.

Shade one bubble.



**2** Which section tells when 'Lucy's Holiday' will be shown?

- Rating
- Running time
- Prices
- Session times

**3** The symbol (G) in the Rating section shows that 'Lucy's Holiday' is

- a brand new movie.
- suitable for everyone.
- only recommended for adults.
- being shown on the weekends.

**4** How many times is 'Lucy's Holiday' being shown on Mondays?

- once
- twice
- three times
- four times

**5** This passage is best described as

- an advertisement.
- a timetable.
- a report.
- a list.

*This is a story about a boy who delivers papers to people's houses.*

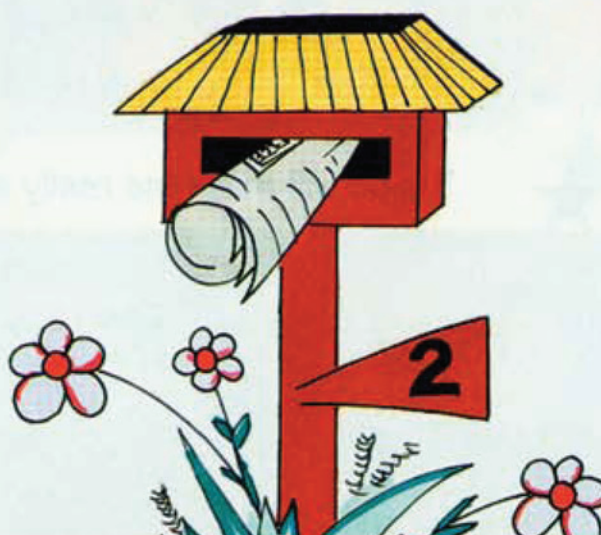


# PAPERBOY

Mr Drake came out to his letter-box to get his copy of the Gazette. 'What sort of paper boy do you call yourself, eh?' he said sternly to Splinter. 'You left this paper jutting out of the back of my box. I've got a good mind to go round to the newsagency and complain.'

'Last time you told me not to leave it poking out the front because it wasn't in line with the fence,' Splinter said. 'Your box is the wrong size, Mr Drake. I've got to leave the paper sticking out one side or the other.'

'Stuff and nonsense,' said Mr Drake. 'Papers can be folded to fit any space. That's the fault of modern day children; none of you will take the time to do a good, honest job.'





Read *Paperboy* and answer questions 1 to 4.

1 What was the name of the paperboy?

- Drake
- Mandy
- Gazette
- Splinter

Shade one bubble.



2 What did Splinter think was the cause of the problem?

- The box was the wrong size.
- The paper stuck out one end.
- The paper could not be folded.
- The paper wasn't in line with the fence.

3 Mr. Drake said that the paperboy could fix the problem by

- folding the paper.
- letting the paper stick out.
- stuffing the paper in any space.
- complaining to the newsagency.

4 What did Mr. Drake say that modern day children do **not** do?

- say 'Stuff and nonsense'
- take time to do a good, honest job
- leave the paper in line with the fence
- leave the paper sticking out of the letter-box

# WRITING

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# SAMPLE FORMAT

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# DISCOVERY

Today you are going to write a narrative or story.  
The idea for your story is 'DISCOVERY'.

**Some people say you learn something new every day.**

**We can make all sorts of discoveries. We might discover a new idea, an interesting object or a secret. We might even discover a new land or planet.**

**Some discoveries can help people. Others are important personal discoveries that tell us something about ourselves.**

## Think about:

- Who are the characters and where are they?
  - What is the complication or problem to be solved?
  - How will the story end?
- Your story may be chosen to be published.



## Remember to:

- Plan your story before you start.
- Write in sentences.
- Pay attention to the words you choose, your spelling and punctuation.
- Check and edit your writing when you have finished.



# NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY

## LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS YEAR 3

DETAILED SUGGESTED ANSWERS TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS



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**SAMPLE 1**

**Question 1 town**

The “u” in this word is wrong. It should be “w”.

Another word for “**town**” is “city”.

Another sentence containing this word is “Twenty thousand people live in this **town**.”

**Question 2 green**

The “a” in this word is wrong. It should be “e”.

Another word like “**green**” is “aqua”.

Another sentence containing this word is “Beware of the **green**-eyed monster!”

**Question 3 know**

The “e” in this word is wrong. It should be “w”.

Another word for “**know**” is “understand”.

Another sentence containing this word is “How do you **know** that it is true?”

**Question 4 jumped**

The “t” in this word is wrong. It should be “ed”.

Another word for “**jumped**” is “bounced”.

Another sentence containing this word is “Everyone **jumped** on board the train.”

**Question 5 plays**

The “e” in this word is wrong. It should be “y”.

Another group of words for “**plays**” is “performs on”.

Another sentence containing this word is “Jack **plays** cricket with John in the park.”

**SAMPLE 1 (continued)**

**Question 6    where**

“whare” in this line is wrong. It should be “**where**”.

A group of words that could be used in this story instead of “**where**” is “the place”.

**Question 7    little**

“littel” in this line is wrong. It should be “**little**”.

A word that could be used in this story instead of “**little**” is “small”.

**Question 8    wanted**

“wannted” in this line is wrong. It should be “**wanted**”.

A word that could be used in this story instead of “**wanted**” is “wished”.

**Question 9    take**

“taek” in this line is wrong. It should be “**take**”.

A word that could be used in this story instead of “**take**” is “bring”.

**SAMPLE 2**

**Question 1    him**

The correct sentence is:

*That car belongs to James. Give it back to **him** immediately.*

Here is a sentence using the other words in the question:

*Give **it** to **them**, otherwise he will do it **himself**.*

**Question 2    choose**

The correct sentence is:

*My father told me to **choose** a new shirt for the party.*

Here is a sentence using the other words in the question:

*The **chosen** few **chose** to do this and will not be **choosing** again soon.*

**Question 3    myself**

The correct sentence is:

*“Never mind,” said Mark. “I’ll do it **myself**.”*

Here is a sentence using the other words in the question:

*He will do it **himself**. You must do it **yourself** and they must do it **themselves**.*



**SAMPLE 3**

**Question 1 Lauren , Perth**

Last week, my friend **Lauren** sent me a postcard from **Perth**.

You must use capital letters for the names of people and places

**Question 2 Speech marks go before May . . . and after ?**

“May I have some more toast please?” asked Jessica.

The speech marks must be placed to show **exactly** what is being said.

**Question 3 Full stop goes after yesterday.**

It rained yesterday. Today it is sunny.

A full stop is used at the end of a statement.

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SAMPLE 1

Question 1 Answer is

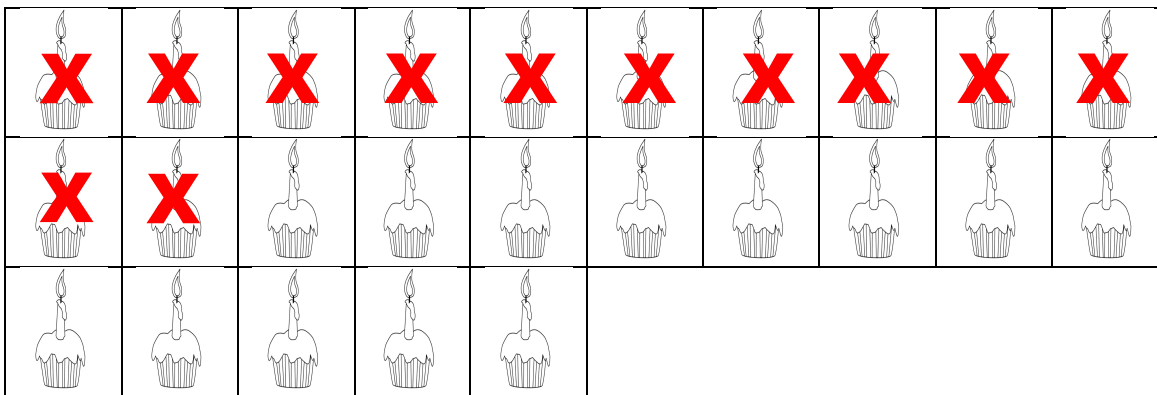


A cylinder is three dimensional. It has a circle at each end and a curved surface.

Question 2 Answer = 13 cakes

25 cakes were baked and 12 were eaten.

Count the number remaining.



Question 3 Answer = 81 kg

We must **add** 57 kg and 24 kg

Here is one way to do it.

$$50 \text{ kg} + 20 \text{ kg} = 70 \text{ kg}$$

$$7 \text{ kg} + 4 \text{ kg} = 11 \text{ kg}$$

$$70 \text{ kg} + 11 \text{ kg} = \mathbf{81 \text{ kg}}$$

Here is another way to do it.

$$\begin{array}{r} 57 \\ + 24 \\ \hline 81 \text{ kg} \end{array}$$

**SAMPLE 2**

**Question 1 Answer = 84 cm**

There are 8 sausages and each sausage is **about** 10 cm long.

So the length of the sausage string is **close to**  $8 \times 10 = 80$  cm.

There is a little bit of space between each sausage so the total length will be **a little bit more than 80 cm**.

**Question 2 Answer = 5 tins**

1 tin costs \$1.20

2 tins cost  $\$1.20 + \$1.20 = \$2.40$

3 tins cost  $\$1.20 + \$1.20 + \$1.20 = \$3.60$

4 tins cost  $\$1.20 + \$1.20 + \$1.20 + \$1.20 = \$4.80$

5 tins cost  $\$1.20 + \$1.20 + \$1.20 + \$1.20 + \$1.20 = \$6.00$

**Question 3 Answer = 7:30**

The little hand is between 7 hours and 8 hours. The time is between 7:00 and 8:00

The big hand is on the 6. This is 30 minutes.

The time is 7:30 or half past seven.

**SAMPLE 3**

**Question 1 Answer = Brisbane**

Go up from the letter **E**.

Go across from the number **3**.

The city you find is Brisbane.

**Question 2 Answer = D1**

Find Hobart on the grid

Go down to find the letter **D**.

Go across to find the number **1**.

**Question 3 Answer = 47**

**Look at the pattern**

$$13 + 67 = 80$$

Add 10 to 13 to get 23. Subtract 10 from 67 to get 57

Add 10 to 23 to get 33. Subtract 10 from 57 to get 47.

**OR**

$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ -33 \\ \hline 47 \end{array}$$

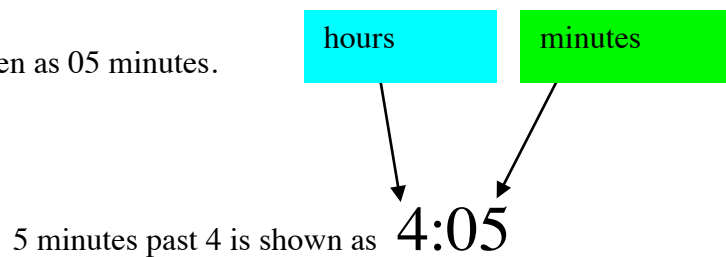
**SAMPLE 4**

**Question 1 Answer = 30**

- $16 + 7 = 23$
- $23 + 7 = 30$
- $30 + 7 = 37$
- $37 + 7 = 44$
- $44 + 7 = 51$

**Question 2 Answer = 4:05**

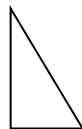
- 5 minutes past 4 means 5 minutes past 4 hours.
- In digital time, write the hours first, then a colon, :, then the minutes.
- 5 minutes is written as 05 minutes.



**Question 3 Answer =  $4 \times 3$**

- Count the total number of flowers.
- There are four groups of 3 flowers.
- There are 12 flowers.
- $4 \times 3 = 12$

**Question 4 Answer =**



- A triangle has three sides

**SAMPLE 5**

**Question 1 Answer = Thursday**

- On Saturday there were **59** children.
- On Monday there were **75** children.
- On Wednesday there were **97** children.
- On Friday there were **117** children.
- On Tuesday there were **157** children.
- **On Thursday there were 175 children.**

**175** is the biggest number.

**Question 2 Answer = 28**

There are 4 rows and 7 columns.  $4 \times 7 = 28$

1 row has 7 pots.

2 rows have  $7 + 7 = 14$  pots.

3 rows have  $7 + 7 + 7 = 21$  pots.

4 rows have  $7 + 7 + 7 + 7 = 28$  pots.

**Question 3 Answer = 2 out of 6 parts**

On the colour wheel, there are 2 shaded parts. (Red and Orange)

Altogether, there are 6 parts on the wheel. (Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Violet, Green).

Ralph painted 2 out of 6 parts.

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**Sample 1**

**Question 1 Lars Hoylen**

Scott Park Cinema presents a new movie **directed** by Lars Hoylen.  
The new movie is ‘Lucy’s Holiday’.

**Question 2 Session times**

The movie will be shown Monday to Friday at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. These are the session times.

**Question 3 suitable for everyone**

The symbol (G) is “recommended for all ages”.  
Another way of saying this is “suitable for everyone”.

**Question 4 twice**

The movie will be shown Monday to Friday at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.  
Therefore, it is shown twice on Mondays.

**Question 5 an advertisement**

This passage is trying to persuade people to see the new movie. It is an advertisement.

**Sample 2**

**Question 1 Splinter**

Mr Drake spoke to a paper boy called Splinter (LINE 3)  
The paper boy Splinter spoke to Mr Drake. (LINE 9)

**Question 2 The box was the wrong size**

Splinter says : “Your box is the wrong size Mr Drake.” (LINES 9 AND 10)

**Question 3 folding the paper**

Mr Drake says : “Papers can be folded to fit any space.” (LINES 12 AND 13)

**Question 4 take time to do a good, honest job**

Mr Drake says : “none of you (meaning, modern day children) will take the time to do a good, honest job.” (LINES 14 AND 15)

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## Discovery of a Pirate Cave

Weaselpop and I were walking along the beach. The tide was in so there was only a little bit of sand. We had to walk close to the cliffs.

We saw a cave near the big rocks. Weaselpop said it was where pirates sleep. I could see a long way through the opening. I think they put their treasure under the ground. They found it on an island, put it on their ship and carried it into the cave.

I hope I can find the cave again because, if I do, I'll be rich. The pirates buried gold, necklaces and diamonds in the sand. I don't think that anyone else will find it because it is down very deep.

Next time Weaselpop and I find the cave we are going to dig up the treasure. It will be easy to move the sand because the water over it has made it soft. Then we will give it all to Granma.

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