Academy Stars

Placement test

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Placement test teacher's notes and answer key

Administering the Placement test

The questions in the *Academy Stars* Placement test are all multiple choice and become progressively more difficult. Each question is worth one mark so the whole test of 60 questions carries a total of 60 marks. The Placement test is designed to be answered relatively quickly by the participant. It is expected that more able children will be able to answer all 60 questions in approximately 30 minutes. For less able children, allow a maximum of 45 minutes.

Children should only attempt as many questions as they feel they are able to answer within the time allowed. They should then be placed according to the scores on the Placement test and based on the assumption that they have attempted to answer as many of the 60 questions as they can. Below is a guide to suitable starting marks in *Academy Stars*, according to scores achieved.

The Placement test should be taken in a quiet room without any distractions. Children should be given a pencil and rubber and should answer the questions on their own without the use of a dictionary, the internet or any other assistance.

Score ranges

The following list of scores and levels is a guide only, so please use your own judgement when placing children. For example, if a child scores 19, it would make sense to put them in Level 3 rather than Level 2. If a child is only able to answer a few questions or no questions at all, it is best for them to begin their studies at Starter level.

Score	***Academy Stars***	
0–5	Starter level	
6–10	Level 1	(equivalent to CEFR Pre-A1 level)
11–20	Level 2	(equivalent to CEFR Pre-A1 level)
21–30	Level 3	(equivalent to CEFR A1 level)
31–40	Level 4	(equivalent to CEFR A1 level)
41–50	Level 5	(equivalent to CEFR A2 level)
51–60	Level 6	(equivalent to CEFR Pre-B1 level)

Answer key

1/B	2/B	3/D	4/A	5/D	6/A	7/A	8/C	9/D	10/B
11/D	12/B	13/B	14/B	15/C	16/A	17/D	18/D	19/B	20/C
21/D	22/C	23/A	24/D	25/C	26/D	27/C	28/D	29/C	30/B
31/C	32/A	33/A	34/B	35/B	36/B	37/A	38/C	39/B	40/D
41/A	42/B	43/A	44/A	45/A	46/C	47/B	48/A	49/B	50/B
51/A	52/B	53/D	54/D	55/C	56/C	57/A	58/D	59/C	60/B

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1



My name is Tom.
_____
a boy.

A It's **C** He's
B I'm **D** She's

2



Is it a bag?
_____

A No, it is. **C** No, it isn't.
B Yes, it is. **D** Yes, it isn't.

3



That's my
_____.
He's old.

A baby **C** brother
B family **D** grandpa

4



Are you
_____?
Yes, we are.

A hungry **C** cold
B angry **D** hot

5



A panda can
_____
a tree.

A jump **C** catch
B throw **D** climb

6



Where are the paints?
They're
_____
the box.

A in **C** under
B on **D** next to

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My rabbits have got small feet, long ears and two _____.

A eyes **C** arms
B tails **D** legs

8

What _____ you wear to school?



A black skirt and a white shirt.

A does **C** do
B are **D** is

9



There are two _____ in the room.

A wardrobes **C** lamps
B clocks **D** beds

10





I like _____ but I don't like bananas.

A tomatoes **C** mangoes
B coconuts **D** pears

11



There are lots of _____ in Australia but there aren't any pandas.

A bears **C** wolves
B camels **D** kangaroos

12



We _____ on Friday.

A go to school **C** play basketball
B do gymnastics **D** have a music lesson

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Whose _____ are these?

They're Jane's.

A guitar **C** camera
B glasses **D** headphones

14



Kirsty _____ her grandma on Saturdays.

A visit **C** don't visit
B visits **D** doesn't visit

15



What are John and Kate doing?

They _____ playing in the snow.

A is **C** are
B do **D** can

16



Is your brother sleeping?

No, he _____. He's reading a book.

A isn't **C** aren't
B don't **D** doesn't

17



I like making a snowman in _____.

A spring **C** autumn
B summer **D** winter

18



_____ you like some grapes?

Yes, please.

A Do **C** Can
B Are **D** Would

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19



Last night I was at home. I was in the _____. I made a cake with my mum.

A hall **C** bathroom
B kitchen **D** dining room

20



Last weekend, I _____ an art gallery with my mum and dad.

A visit **C** visited
B visits **D** visiting

21



At school I'm good at _____. We are making a website in my class.

A maths **C** social studies
B music **D** computer studies

22



We _____ have PE before lunch on Wednesday.

A once **C** always
B twice **D** three times

23



I often go to the _____ after school. I need to study.

A library **C** supermarket
B cinema **D** swimming pool

24



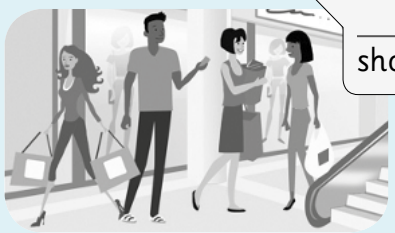
Last weekend we _____ sad. It was raining.

A is **C** was
B am **D** were

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There are _____ of shops in my city.

A some **C** a lot
B much **D** many

26



Dolphins are _____ than sharks.

A nice **C** worst
B good **D** friendlier

27



Did you _____ a good day yesterday?

Yes, I went to a restaurant with my friends.

A has **C** have
B had **D** having

28



Were there any windows in the cave?

No, there _____.

A are **C** wasn't
B aren't **D** weren't

29

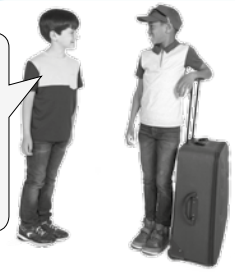


We're going swimming today. Don't forget your _____.

A glove **C** goggles
B trainers **D** tracksuit

30

_____ you going to France on holiday?



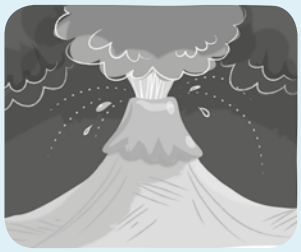
Yes, I am.

A Do **C** Can
B Are **D** Am

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Did you climb this _____ when you went to Italy?

Yes, we did.

A lake **C** volcano
B island **D** countryside

32



I _____ tie my shoelaces when I was seven.

A could **C** can
B was **D** did

33



Remember to take your _____. It's dark outside.

A safety vest **C** wheel
B brakes **D** gears

34



Do you like my cake?

Yes, it is _____ delicious than mine.

A most **C** much
B more **D** many

35



I've got a _____.

You shouldn't talk.

A earache **C** broken arm
B sore throat **D** stomach ache

36



Why _____ you buying a present?

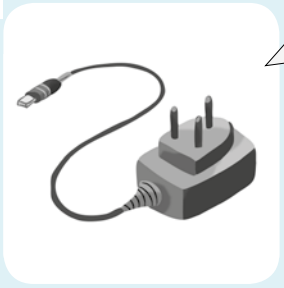
It was my mum's birthday.

A was **C** wasn't
B were **D** weren't

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Can I use this for my smartphone? Whose _____ is it?

It's my uncle's, but you can use it.

A charger **C** mouse
B laptop **D** screen

38



A fish has got tiny _____.

A fur **C** scales
B petals **D** feathers

39

What _____ if you put a marble in water?



It sinks.

A happen **C** happened
B happens **D** happening

40



He _____ cleaned his dad's car. Now he is tired.

A is **C** was
B did **D** has

41



We were having our English lesson when the ambulance _____.

A came **C** has come
B comes **D** was coming

42



_____ salad when I was a child, but I love it now.

A I'm not use to like **C** I don't used to like
B I didn't use to like **D** I didn't used to like

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Has Tom ever _____ before?

No, he hasn't. We should help him.

A put up a tent
B been kayaking
C swum with dolphins
D been in a hot-air balloon

44



How long have you been a _____?

For about five years.

A pilot
B dentist
C gardener
D paramedic

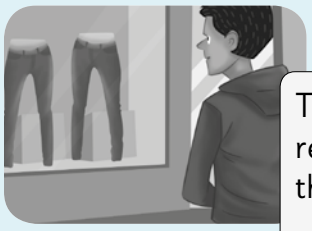
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Motorbikes aren't as _____ as planes.

A fast
B faster
C fastest
D more fast

46



I like your new jeans.

Thanks. They are really warm because they're made of _____.

A wood
B metal
C denim
D leather

47



I'm learning to play the guitar. One day I _____ a famous musician.

A am
B will be
C am being
D have been

48



My mum will be furious if I _____ call her.

A don't
B won't
C haven't
D shouldn't

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49



I'm really hungry. I haven't eaten _____ today.

A something **C** nothing
B anything **D** many

50



I'm sure that man stole my bag.

But we can't _____ that he did it at the moment.

A solve **C** borrow
B prove **D** behave

51



There are five different _____ of rhino in the world: black, white, Javan, greater one-horned and Sumatran.

A species **C** predators
B habitats **D** sanctuaries

52



I was happy when I got to my music lesson because my friend _____ her guitar to school.

A brought **C** has brought
B had brought **D** was bringing

53



How's the cake you made?

It tastes really _____! I think I put too much sugar in it.

A sour **C** bitter
B salty **D** sweet

54



They _____ the beach for hours! They must be tired.

A cleaned **C** have cleaned
B had cleaned **D** have been cleaning

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55



What are you doing on Saturday?

_____ a museum with my grandpa.

A I visit **C** I'm visiting
B I will visit **D** I have visited

56



Indoor skydiving was great, _____?

Yeah, I want to go again!

A was it **C** wasn't it
B didn't it **D** doesn't it

57



To _____ for the event you need to have a certain level of fitness.

A qualify **C** exercise
B achieve **D** persevere

58

What's wrong?



All my photos _____ from my laptop yesterday. I'm trying to get them back.

A delete **C** are deleted
B deleted **D** were deleted

59



I loved that film. The _____ were fantastic.

Yeah, especially the actor who played the hero.



A set **C** cast
B plot **D** script

60



If I had my own money, I _____ buy myself a smartphone.

A should **C** can
B would **D** will

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