

KS1 English Quiz - Writing - Guess the Missing Word (Questions)

Writing - Guess the Missing Word helps children in KS1 read a sentence and notice what is wrong with it. By being able to spot missing words, children will be able to develop their sentence level skills. This will enhance their editing abilities, as requested in the National Curriculum for Year 2 pupils. It will also give them a firm foundation when it comes to English and literacy.

Sometimes, we think too fast and our hands can't keep up. When this happens, we forget words or think we have written everything but then find out we haven't. That's why editing, or reading through our work, is so important. Have a look at these sentences and see what is missing.

1. Which sentence is missing a word?



- I went to the circus and it fun.
- The circus came to town.
- I went to the circus and it was fun.
- I bought a ticket for the circus.

2. Which sentence is missing a word?



- The volcano erupted.
- The lava poured down the side of the volcano.
- The island was full volcanic rock.
- The lava was very hot.

3. Which sentence is missing a word?



- Please turn the radio on.
- I love listening to music.
- I keep a radio in my bedroom.
- The speakers on my radio broken.

4. Which sentence is missing a word?



- Butterflies come in a variety of colours.
- Butterflies start off as caterpillars.
- Butterflies are insects.
- Butterflies delicate creatures.

5. Which sentence is missing a word?



- I've lost my teddy bear.
- My teddy bear is best friend.
- I have fifteen teddy bears.
- I love teddy bears, especially brown ones.

6. Which sentence is missing a word?



- My television used to be black and white but now it's in colour.
- My television used to be black and white but now in colour.
- My television used to be really heavy but now it's flat screen.
- My television is my favourite object in my living room.

7. Which sentence is missing a word?



- Octopuses have eight legs.
- Octopuses have legs.
- Octopuses squirt poisonous.
- Octopuses squirt poisonous ink.

8. 'We went the zoo.' Which word is missing?



- to
- the
- go
- went

9. Which sentence is missing a word?



- I love playing basketball.
- I am the best basketball in the school.
- I love bouncing the ball.
- I enjoy watching basketball.

10. Which sentence is missing a word?



- It illegal to sell or damage coral.
- Coral takes a very long time to grow.
- Coral is very brittle.
- Coral reefs have been around for millions of years.

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- The circus came to town.
- I went to the circus and it was fun.
- I bought a ticket for the circus.

It should say 'I went to the circus and it was fun.' If you join a circus, never whistle backstage as that's considered to be bad luck.

2. Which sentence is missing a word?



- The volcano erupted.
- The lava poured down the side of the volcano.
- The island was full volcanic rock.
- The lava was very hot.

The word that is missing is 'of'. The sentence should say, 'The island was full of volcanic rock.' Before the lava comes out of the volcano it is called magma.

3. Which sentence is missing a word?



- Please turn the radio on.
- I love listening to music.
- I keep a radio in my bedroom.
- The speakers on my radio are broken.

Here we are missing the word 'are'. It should say, 'The speakers on my radio are broken.' Often, it's the small words we forget.

4. Which sentence is missing a word?



- Butterflies come in a variety of colours.
- Butterflies start off as caterpillars.
- Butterflies are insects.
- Butterflies are delicate creatures.

It should say, 'Butterflies are delicate creatures.' Butterflies are very delicate and if you're lucky enough to have one land on you, then you need to be careful and try not to touch its wings.

5. Which sentence is missing a word?



- I've lost my teddy bear.
- My teddy bear is best friend.
- I have fifteen teddy bears.
- I love teddy bears, especially brown ones.

We are missing the word 'my'. It should say, 'My teddy bear is my best friend.' Some teddy bears can cost millions of pounds but luckily the ones we see in our local shops are much cheaper.

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The word we are missing is 'it's'. The first answer is the correct sentence. Televisions first went on sale in the late 1920s.

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Did you spot that the last answer was correct whereas the third answer was missing the word 'ink'? Octopuses normally squirt ink if they think they are in danger; they use it to defend themselves.

8. 'We went the zoo.' Which word is missing?



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The sentence should read, 'We went to the zoo.' The most common words that are forgotten are 'to' and 'the'.

9. Which sentence is missing a word?



- I love playing basketball.
- I am the best basketball in the school.
- I love bouncing the ball.
- I enjoy watching basketball.

It should say, 'I am the best basketball player in the school.'
In America, all professional basketball teams belong to the NBA (National Basketball Association).

10. Which sentence is missing a word?



- It illegal to sell or damage coral.
- Coral takes a very long time to grow.
- Coral is very brittle.
- Coral reefs have been around for millions of years.

It should say, 'It is illegal to sell or damage coral.' The reason it is illegal is because it is so precious and many animals and organisms need it to survive.