

# 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.

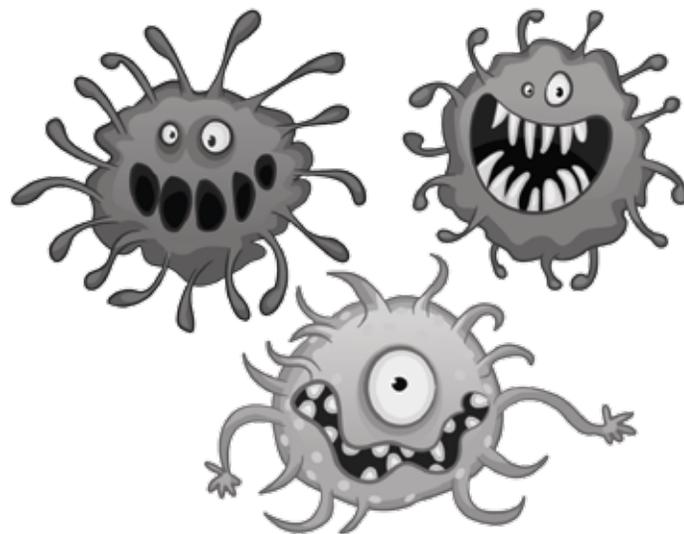
## Easy to Use and Standards-Based

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	<b>Language Standard 5.2</b> —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, <b>punctuation</b> , and spelling when writing.
3	capitalization	<b>Language Standard 5.2</b> —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English <b>capitalization</b> , punctuation, and spelling when writing.
4–7	parts of speech	<b>Language Standard 5.1</b> —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or <b>speaking</b> .
8	spelling	<b>Language Standard 5.2</b> —Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and <b>spelling</b> 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. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

Wouldnt you like to be treated like a queen?

1. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

If you were a naked mole rat perhaps you'd be the queen.

2. (Y) (N)

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

You can see these cute rodents at the Pacific Science center in Seattle.

3. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the complete subject in sentence A below.

A Worker rats dig burrows or gather food.

4. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the adjective in sentence A below.

A Worker rats dig burrows or gather food.

5. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the adjectives in sentence B below.

B Some rats take care of the queen.

6. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the complete predicate in sentence B below.

B Some rats take care of the queen.

7. (Y) (N)

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

humorous

humorrus

humerous

8. (Y) (N)

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Total



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If you like weird animals look up the Dumbo octopus.  
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2. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

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Its found deep in the ocean.  
.....

3. (Y) (N)

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

.....  
It gets its name from Walt Disney's flying elephant named dumbo.  
.....

5. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the preposition in sentence A below.

.....

6. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the possessive pronouns in sentence A below.

.....  
**A** Its fins resemble big ears on its head.  
.....

7. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the adjectives in sentence B below.

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8. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the adverb in sentence B below.

.....  
**B** Those big ears help it swim quickly.  
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**Total**

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

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behavior

.....  
behavior

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behaviour  
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Do you ever wonder how goods are moved around the world  
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1. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

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In 2013 a container ship set a new record for size.  
.....

2. (Y) (N)

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

.....  
Built by a danish shipbuilder, it is one of three identical ships.  
.....

3. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the helping verb in sentence A below.

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4. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the complete subject in sentence A below.

.....  
**A** The ship can carry 16,000 shipping containers.  
.....

5. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the complete predicate in sentence B below.

.....

6. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the verb in sentence B below.

.....  
**B** The builder plans to make an even bigger ship!  
.....

7. (Y) (N)

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

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spaccious                                  spaciouss                                  spacious  
.....

8. (Y) (N)

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**Total**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS**

Read and answer each question.

**SCORE**

1. (Y) (N)

1. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

If you are Irish, you may celebrate St. Patricks Day.

2. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

Its thought that St. Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland.

3. (Y) (N)

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

He was actually born in cumbria, England, and taken to Ireland as a slave.

5. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the verbs in sentence A below.

6. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the pronoun in sentence A below.

A After several years, he escaped and returned later as a missionary.

7. (Y) (N)

6. Underline the contraction in sentence B below.

8. (Y) (N)

7. Circle the proper noun in sentence B below.

B Also, snakes didn't exist in Ireland.

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Total

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

misunderstood

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misunderstude



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**DIRECTIONS**

Read and answer each question.

**SCORE**

1. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

Whats a pizza without tomato sauce?

1. (Y) (N)

2. Write the missing punctuation in the sentence.

When tomatoes were first brought to Europe they were thought to be deadly.

2. (Y) (N)

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

An explorer named cortez brought seeds from Mexico to Europe.

3. (Y) (N)

4. Underline the complete subject in sentence A below.

A The plant resembled deadly nightshade, a poisonous plant.

4. (Y) (N)

5. Circle the verb in sentence A below.

6. Underline the verbs in sentence B below.

7. Circle the plural noun in sentence B below.

B Doctors also worried that too much acid was deadly.

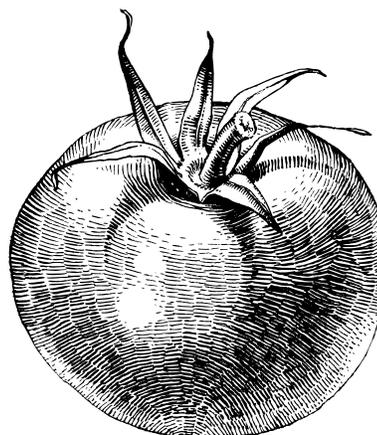
6. (Y) (N)

7. (Y) (N)

8. Circle the word below that is spelled correctly.

- cucumber
- cucummber
- cuccumber

8. (Y) (N)



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Total

# ANSWER KEY *(cont.)*

## Day 157

1. After decades of being called a planet, Pluto lost that label.
2. It's now called a *dwarf planet*.
3. Pluto was discovered in 1930 at the Lowell **Observatory** in Arizona.
4. Its
5. was
6. of
7. the, a, mythological
8. suitable

## Day 158

1. Venice, a city in Italy, is built on more than 100 islands.
2. To get around, you can ride in gondolas, water taxis, or water-buses.
3. Don't miss the Grand **Canal** if you visit.
4. a, winding, the
5. from the sky
6. is
7. Venice
8. picture

## Day 159

1. This salamander has many names, but the funniest is snot otter.
2. It has a large, flat body, and it has thick folds on its sides.
3. They can be found in the eastern United **States**.
4. Snot otters
5. shallow
6. eat
7. and
8. observe

## Day 160

1. If you like haunted houses, you should tour the Myrtles Plantation.
2. Built in 1796 in St. Francisville, Louisiana, it is said to have several ghosts.
3. The most famous ghost is **Chloe**, a former slave, who even shows up in pictures.
4. appear, ask, are, do
5. Other ghost slaves
6. plays by itself sometimes
7. plays
8. presence

## Day 161

1. The first U.S. president, George Washington, owned ten hound dogs.
2. Some of their names were Mopsey, Tipier, Sweetlips, and Searcher.
3. President Franklin D. **Roosevelt** had a sense of humor when it came to dog names.
4. He, his
5. named
6. was
7. His
8. choice

## Day 162

1. Since 1922, 3-D movies have been produced.
2. However, it took about 40 years for 3-D movies to get popular.
3. The Walt Disney **Company** began making 3-D movies in 1985.
4. Some movies
5. are
6. a
7. Moviegoers
8. grateful

## Day 163

1. Do you know how the Liberty Bell got its crack?
2. The bell, made of a mix of metals, cracked when tested.
3. It was recast twice, and the makers in **London** thought it was fine.
4. during
5. during the Revolutionary War
6. Philadelphia
7. the, famous
8. mysterious

## Day 164

1. "Eat your carrots. They're good for your eyes." your mother may say.
2. There's a story that may have helped spread that idea.
3. A **British** fighter pilot during World War II said carrots helped his night vision.
4. were
5. at
6. and
7. People
8. twilight

## Day 165

1. If you sneeze when you go outside, you're not alone.
2. Scientists aren't sure why one in three people do this.
3. Even **Aristotle**, who lived more than 2,000 years ago, wondered why.
4. so
5. your
6. you
7. Scientists
8. stubborn

## Day 166

1. Wouldn't you like to be treated like a queen?
2. If you were a naked mole rat, perhaps you'd be the queen.
3. You can see these cute rodents at the Pacific Science **Center** in Seattle.
4. Worker rats
5. Worker
6. Some, the
7. take care of the queen
8. humorous

## Day 167

1. If you like weird animals, look up the Dumbo octopus.
2. It's found deep in the ocean.
3. It gets its name from Walt Disney's flying elephant named **Dumbo**.
4. on
5. Its, its
6. Those, big
7. quickly
8. behavior

## Day 168

1. Do you ever wonder how goods are moved around the world?
2. In 2013, a container ship set a new record for size.
3. Built by a **Danish** shipbuilder, it is one of three identical ships.
4. can
5. The ship
6. plans to make an even bigger ship
7. plans
8. spacious

# ANSWER KEY *(cont.)*

## Day 169

1. If you are Irish, you may celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
2. It's thought that St. Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland.
3. He was actually born in **Cumbria**, England, and taken to Ireland as a slave.
4. escaped, returned
5. he
6. didn't
7. Ireland
8. misunderstood

## Day 170

1. What's a pizza without tomato sauce?
2. When tomatoes were first brought to Europe, they were thought to be deadly.
3. An explorer named **Cortez** brought seeds from Mexico to Europe.
4. The plant
5. resembled
6. worried, was
7. Doctors
8. cucumber

## Day 171

1. If you want to watch crystals grow, try making rock candy.
2. You'll need some string, a clean jar, a pencil, a spoon, sugar, and water.
3. **Boil** enough water to almost fill the jar, and stir in lots of sugar.
4. the, the, the, sugary
5. and
6. slowly
7. on the string
8. dissolve

## Day 172

1. There weren't many books for kids in colonial times.
2. If you were lucky, you got to go to school instead of work all day.
3. The first American schoolbook was the **New England Primer**.
4. and
5. included
6. For
7. their
8. ignorance

## Day 173

1. Belle Boyd didn't grow up intending to be a spy.
2. Union soldiers were staying at her father's hotel.
3. She charmed secrets from a Union soldier and passed them to **Confederate** generals.
4. was
5. for a month
6. She
7. England
8. disguise

## Day 174

1. For most families in the early 1950s, having a television was a big deal.
2. The shows were in black and white, and televisions didn't get great reception.
3. Kids liked to watch *The Howdy Doody Show* after school.
4. Many families
5. watched
6. the
7. because
8. electronic

## Day 175

1. Do you like to swim, hike, read, or play games in the summer?
2. Some kids think it's fun to get a job.
3. You can take a babysitting course from the American Red **Cross** at age 11.
4. your
5. needs
6. or
7. could also wash cars or do yard work
8. opportunity

## Day 176

1. Do you have a collection such as coins, rocks, or stamps?
2. It's fun to see how many different stamps you can collect.
3. You can get all kinds of stamps at any U.S. Post **Office**.
4. interesting
5. You, you
6. a
7. at
8. postage

## Day 177

1. If you want to learn a challenging game, try chess.
2. People play chess around the world, and it has even been played in outer space!
3. The first chessboard with light and dark squares was made in **Europe** in 1090.
4. have
5. Some schools
6. for
7. Chess
8. instruction

## Day 178

1. If you are in South Dakota, be sure to stop at Mount Rushmore.
2. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln were carved into the mountain.
3. The man with the big idea was Doane **Robinson**.
4. He
5. South Dakota
6. cost
7. nearly
8. successful

## Day 179

1. For hundreds of years, people didn't think the brain was that important.
2. If they thought about it at all, they believed that one's heart did the thinking.
3. In **Egypt**, the brain was scooped out through the nose before burial.
4. know
5. scientists
6. They
7. know, learn
8. intelligence

## Day 180

1. Maybe you have said, "It's raining cats and dogs."
2. You've probably never said that it is raining frogs.
3. Yet tiny frogs have rained down in such places as **Bromley**, England.
4. were
5. Scientists
6. frogs
7. You'd
8. astonishment