

Key English Skills Age 5–6 Answers

Page 5: Activities

A

1. No
2. Yes
3. No
4. Yes
5. Yes

B

1. animal
2. eater
3. voice
4. house
5. elephant

C

house
animal
voice
elephant

Page 6: Initial Sounds

A

c (cat)
b (bucket)
r (rabbit)
p (panda)
j (jug)
s (sock)
f (frog)
q (queen)
t (table)
w (watch)
n (nest)
d (dog)
m (monkey)
k (kite)
g (goat)
h (horse)

Page 7: Capital Letters

A

T	t
B	b
M	m
D	d
Z	z
G	g
S	s
H	h
R	r
Q	q
F	f
I	i
X	x
L	l
P	p

B

1. Ann was reading a book.
2. My daddy ate an egg.
3. An elephant is a very big animal.
4. I fell off my chair.
5. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
6. I need an umbrella for the rain.
7. My mum is a teacher.

C

1. Here comes the bus.
2. It is a very sunny day.
3. We love ice cream.
4. The children are playing.
5. Your bag is in the hall.

Page 9: Activities

A

1. Yes
2. No
3. No
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. Yes
8. Yes

B

h	e	l	b	o	k	g	c
f	a	n	h	m	c	r	o
l	r	r	a	m	f	a	l
o	s	f	e	g	o	s	o
w	i	n	t	e	r	s	u
e	e	s	u	m	m	e	r
r	s	p	r	i	n	g	d
s	c	s	e	r	o	p	s

Page 10: Initial Sounds**A**

- b (ball)
- f (fish)
- g (goat)
- m (mask)
- h (hippo)
- d (donkey)
- f (fox)
- b (bed)
- c (cake)
- n (net)
- d (duck)

B

- bun
- fan
- peg
- bag
- cat
- tiger
- panda
- fox
- lion
- fish
- hippo
- rabbit

Page 11: Using Words**A**

1. Ann is going to school.
2. Jim can run fast.
3. My teacher is very nice.
4. I live in a house.
5. It is a sunny day.
6. I can read a story.

B

1. of
2. of
3. off
4. of
5. of
6. off

Page 13: Activities**A**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes
6. No

B

- crow
- house
- cheese
- fox
- tree
- roof

C

1. The crow saw some **cheese**.
2. A **fox** saw the crow.
3. The fox told the crow that she was **pretty**.
4. The fox **ate** the cheese.
5. The crow was a **silly** bird.
6. The fox was a **clever** animal.

Page 14: Vowel Sounds**A**

- a (ant)
- i (pin)
- a (bat)
- i (bin)
- i (six)
- a (map)
- i (fin)
- a (rat)
- a (pan)

B

- tap
- jam
- mat
- tin
- man
- fan

Page 15: Full Stops

A

1. I want to look at the television.
2. He asked me about the book.
3. I fell off my bike.
4. My mum gave it to me.
5. I am waiting for the bus.
6. She pushed me into the water.

B

1. The boy ran across the road.
2. My name is Tom.
3. His mum is in hospital.
4. The house was burnt down.
5. We will meet at the shop.
6. He eats too many sweets.

Page 17: Activities

A

1. No
2. Yes
3. No
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Yes

B

1. The **farmer** was poor.
2. The farmer found the pot in a **field**.
3. The neighbour thought the wife had **tricked** him.
4. The farmer's **wish** came true.
5. The pot was full of **silver** coins.
6. The neighbour threw the snakes down the **chimney**.

C

neighbour
wish
coins
pot

Page 18: Vowel Sounds

A

hen
cot
web
mop
bus
sun
egg

pup
log

B

pot
rug
box
ten
nut

Page 19: Capital Letters

A

1. Today is Ben's birthday.
2. Tom and Emma like running.
3. Halah and Bahir went to school.
4. Jim and Pat are in the park.
5. Lin is playing with Kim.
6. I have a fish called Spot.

B

Ben
Jim
Kim
Bahir
Tom

Page 21: Activities

A

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. No
6. Yes

B

The rich man gave his **son** a **pansa**.
Sanjay met a **girl** on the way to **market**.
Sanjay **bought** a **watermelon**.
Sanjay and the girl got **married**.

Page 22: Revision

A

h (hedgehog)
u (umbrella)
l (lion)
s (sock)
p (pencil)
i (igloo)
b (balloon)
o (orange)

B
 wig
 net
 cup
 fox
 ten
 bin
 box
 jug
 sun

Page 23: Capital Letters

- A**
1. Latif lives in Cairo.
 2. I live in England.
 3. Kim went to Paris.
 4. It is cold in Iceland.
 5. Ben loves going to Hong Kong.

B

y	E	n	g	l	a	n	d
I	N	k	o	N	T	o	o
c	A	e	l	n	o	k	C
e	f	E	w	d	k	C	u
l	r	l	a	Y	y	a	b
a	i	Y	r	v	o	i	a
n	c	n	a	T	i	r	c
d	a	A	s	i	a	o	k

Page 25: Activities

- A**
1. No
 2. Yes
 3. No
 4. Yes
 5. No
 6. Yes
- B**
1. The King of England sent an **army** to Scotland.
 2. Robert the Bruce **lost** six times.
 3. He saw a **spider** in a cave.
 4. The spider did not **give** up.
 5. The spider gave Robert the Bruce **hope**.
 6. The King of England **went** back home.

C
 Scotland
 cave
 spider
 England

Page 26: Initial Blends

- A**
- pl (plate)
 - dr (drum)
 - sk (skate)
 - fl (flower)
 - st (stairs)
 - cl (clown)
 - tr (train)
 - st (stop)

B
 crab
 stag
 flag
 pram
 star

Page 27: Capital Letters

- A**
1. Peter got a new coat on tuesday.
 2. I will have a present for you on friday.
 3. may is my favourite month.
 4. My birthday is in march.
 5. Dad's birthday is in july.
 6. Ann got a big balloon on monday.

- B**
1. On Monday we start school.
 2. January is the first month of the year.
 3. Sunil's birthday is in August.
 4. It is my birthday on Sunday.
 5. I am going on holiday in May.
 6. Mum went to the doctor on Tuesday.

Page 29: Activities

- A**
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. No
 4. Yes
 5. No
 6. No

B

1. The boy was looking after **sheep**.
2. The boy was on a **hill**.
3. The boy was **bored**.
4. The boy cried **wolf!**
5. The people did not **go**.
6. The wolf killed the **sheep**.

Page 30: Phonics**A**

- cl (clock)
- tr (trumpet)
- sw (swing)
- gr (grapes)
- cr (crayon)
- br (bridge)
- dr (dragon)
- tr (trolley)

B

- frog
- drum
- crab

Page 31: Grammar**A**

1. Ann and ① are going home.
2. ① am getting a new coat.
3. Abid and ① have the same birthday.
4. ① have a cousin called Pat.
5. My sister and ① have long hair.
6. ① can hear the music playing.

B

1. Tom and I are going fishing.
2. I like drawing pictures.
3. I will buy you a pencil.
4. You and I can run.
5. Mina and I lost the race.
6. I am going on holiday.

Page 33: Activities**A**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes
6. Yes

B

- turnip
- old man
- cat
- dog

Page 34: Word Families**A**

- hat: mat, bat, cat
- fun: sun, bun, run
- hop: mop, pop, top
- hug: jug, rug, mug
- den: ten, hen, pen
- but: hut, nut, cut
- gap: map, cap, tap
- win: pin, fin, bin
- pan: can, man, van

Page 35: Grammar**A**

Child should have traced over the question marks.

B

1. Where are you?
2. Who is there?
3. Why are you angry?
4. Is Tom at home?
5. How are you?
6. What time is it?

C

1. Where is my coat?
2. The cat is asleep.
3. Is it a good book?
4. What is it?
5. The baby is happy.
6. The frog is jumping.

Page 37: Activities**A**

1. No
2. No
3. Yes
4. No
5. No
6. Yes

B

- mouse
- lion
- rope

tree
king
paw

C

1. A lion is a wild **cat**.
2. The lion is the king of the **jungle**.
3. The lion walked into a **trap**.
4. The mouse **nibbled** the rope.
5. The lion **thanked** the mouse.

Page 38: Phonics

A

plum
dress
grass
black
grapes
drum
dragon
brush
plant

B

1. I saw a **dragon** in his cave.
2. I was hungry and ate some **grapes**.
3. I swept the floor with the **brush**.
4. Amira wore a green **dress**.
5. I gave the **plant** some water.
6. Coal is **black**.

Page 39: Questions

A

1. Where is my homework?
2. Who is going to your party?
3. When are you going on holiday?
4. Why are you digging over there?

B

1. **Where** did you put the sweets?
2. **Why** is Anna crying?
3. **Who** is ringing the bell?
4. **What** is in that jar?
5. **When** did Mansa go to town?
6. **How** do you do?

C

1. **Example:** My name is Katie.
2. **Example:** I live in London.
3. **Example:** I go to school Monday to Friday.
4. **Example:** I go to school to learn.

Page 41: Activities

A

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. No
4. No
5. Yes
6. Yes

B

lantern
fan
wives
wind chimes

Page 42: Word Endings: 'ck'

A

rock
lock
neck
sack
duck

B

lick
back
peck
Jack
sick
pick
luck
suck
pack

Page 43: Grammar

A

1. Tom is going to school.
2. Tomorrow we are going to town. **OR** We are going to town tomorrow.
3. I will be seven in June. **OR** In June I will be seven.
4. My friend Emma is in Spain. **OR** Emma is my friend in Spain.
5. I have a banana for lunch. **OR** For lunch I have a banana.
6. I go on holiday on Friday. **OR** On Friday I go on holiday.

B

1. The book **was** lost.
2. The boys **were** very hungry.
3. The dishes **were** broken.
4. Ann **was** small but Sam and Dan **were** much bigger.
5. They **were** very glad to be home.
6. We **were** at the shop.

Page 45: Activities**A**

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes
6. Yes

B

h	u	m	i	s	h	q	u
u	s	a	s	t	l	u	f
n	w	n	s	r	s	e	o
t	i	i	t	i	g	e	r
g	m	m	r	p	p	k	e
p	m	a	o	e	t	m	s
u	e	l	n	s	n	m	t
e	r	s	g	e	u	b	s

Page 46: Word Endings: 'ing'**A**

king
wing
ring
sing

B

try – trying
drink – drinking
sing – singing
call – calling
walk – walking
talk – talking
tell – telling
eat – eating
sleep – sleeping
fix – fixing
read – reading

C

1. I am **trying** to read my book.
2. Abdul is **playing** a game.
3. Emma is **eating** her lunch.
4. Mum is **singing** a song.
5. The baby is **sleeping** in her cot.
6. Dad is **talking** to Uncle Ben.

Page 47: Grammar**A**

1. I live in town.
2. Tom and Meg are eating.
3. We have no school on Saturday.
4. I am going shopping today.
5. Ben and Sam are going to Spain.
6. Aditi will be seven in June.

B

1. Tom knows **where** Emma is.
2. We **were** told to go home.
3. **Where** are you going?
4. Ben and Sam **were** at the match.
5. I can't see **where** my hat is.
6. You and I **were** the best at reading.

Page 49: Activities**A**

1. No
2. Yes
3. No
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes

B

Once there was a **prince** who wanted to marry a **real** princess. One wet, windy **night**, a princess knocked on the **door**. She said she was a real **princess**. The **queen** did not think she was a real princess. She made up a **bed** for the princess but put three **peas** on it. She put twenty **mattresses** on top of the three peas. The next morning the princess told the queen that she had slept very **badly**. She said that there had been something very **hard** under her. Then the queen knew that the **princess** was a real princess. The prince had found his real princess and they got **married**.

Page 50: Phonics

A

cr (crab)
dr (dress)
fr (fridge)
pr (princess)
cr (crane)
tr (train)
br (bread)
cr (crocodile)
gr (grapes)
pr (prince)
tr (triangle)

B

drum
flag
stamp
clock
star
plum
grass
glass

Page 51: Questions

A

1. Where is your sister today?
2. What are you eating?
3. Will we play football on Saturday?
4. Who ate all my dinner?
5. Why is Tom still in bed?
6. Do you like apples and oranges?

B

1. **Where** are you going on holiday?
2. **Who** did you talk to?
3. **How** is your broken leg?
4. **Why** did you take my apple?
5. **When** will the dinner be ready?
6. **What** did you do with the book?

C

1. I know all my tables.
2. Do you have any sweets left?
3. He does not know his spellings.
4. What is your name?
5. Where do you live?
6. The window is broken.

Page 53: Activities

A

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes
6. No

B

Sometimes chimpanzees are called 'chimps'. Chimps are friendly, **playful** animals. They have strong hands and feet for **swinging** from branch to **branch**. A mother chimp carries the baby chimp until it is **five** months old. Then it learns how to **walk** but stays by its mother until it is **four** years old. Chimps **comb** each other's hair with their lips, teeth and fingers. This helps them to get rid of dust and **insects**. When chimps meet each other they kiss, rub noses or **smile**. They are **clever** animals and can be taught tricks.

Page 54: Word Endings: 'ss', 'll'

A

well
gull
hill
kiss
mess
bell
hiss
full

B

1. Jack and Jill went up the **hill**.
2. Emma wants to **pass** her test.
3. The baby gave her doll a **kiss**.
4. I heard a **bell** ringing.

C

1. There is no water in the **well**.
2. Ben **fell** off the wall.
3. Fu passed the **ball** to Lian.
4. '**Tell** Sam to go to the shop,' said Mum.

Page 55: Capital Letters

A

1. My birthday is next Tuesday.
2. I went with Sam to Paris.
3. My favourite day is New Year's Day.
4. Lions live in Africa.
5. I am going to Japan in June.
6. Frank comes from Australia.

B

1. Tom's birthday is in April.
2. When I go to Pakistan I will buy you a present.
3. Penguins live in Antarctica.
4. Tonga is in the Pacific Ocean.
5. Last Monday I went for a walk.
6. I went to Jafar's house on Wednesday.

Page 57: Activities

A

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Sheep eat together | → | is called a ewe. |
| Some sheep live | → | in the spring. |
| The mother sheep | → | the sheep's wool. |
| The father sheep | → | is called a ram. |
| Lambs are born | → | on hill farms. |
| The farmer shears | → | and rest together. |

B

1. No
2. No
3. Yes
4. No
5. No
6. No
7. Yes
8. No

C

lamb
ewe
ram
sheep

Page 58: Phonics

A

hand
tent
wasp
lamp
mask
fist
jump

pump
belt
band
milk
nest

B

1. The wasp stung Ben.
2. The baby bird hid in the nest.
3. I need a pump for the flat tyre.
4. The little boy got lost in the shop.
5. I made a castle in the sand.
6. The camel has one hump.

Page 59: Compound Words

A

- | | | |
|-------|---|--------|
| sea | → | cake |
| pan | → | keeper |
| night | → | gull |
| goal | → | mare |

seagull
pancake
nightmare
goalkeeper

- | | | |
|--------|---|-------|
| post | → | berry |
| house | → | mint |
| pepper | → | work |
| goose | → | card |

postcard
housework
peppermint
gooseberry

B

1. (step)(mother) = step + mother
2. (green)(house) = green + house
3. (news)(paper) = news + paper
4. (sea)(sick) = sea + sick
5. (pine)(apple) = pine + apple
6. (cart)(wheel) = cart + wheel
7. (light)(house) = light + house
8. (kid)(nap) = kid + nap

Page 61: Activities

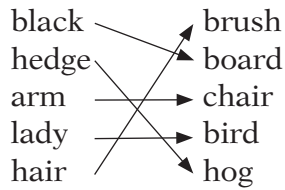
A

- No
- No
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No

B

- spines
- summer
- animal
- garden
- hibernation
- snails
- spring
- hedgehog

homework
milkman
football
farmhouse
teapot



blackboard
hedgehog
armchair
ladybird
hairbrush

B

- basketball = basket + ball
- lighthouse = light + house
- keyhole = key + hole
- snowman = snow + man
- rainbow = rain + bow
- starfish = star + fish
- raindrop = rain + drop
- blindfold = blind + fold

Page 62: Final Blends

A

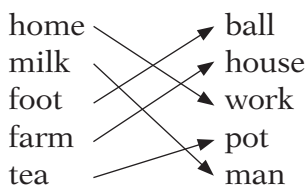
desk
mask
tent
wind
belt
dump
test
tank

B

s	u	l	k	g	d	e	i
p	k	u	l	h	e	l	p
e	f	s	e	n	d	m	c
s	t	r	o	w	i	n	k
t	m	i	s	t	e	j	s
y	n	s	l	d	e	n	t
o	x	k	h	u	v	o	i
b	e	s	t	b	u	m	p

Page 63: Compound Words

A



Page 65: Activities

A

Once there was _____ to have a drink.
She could not get _____ down into the jug.
The water moved up _____ stones into the jug.
The crow kept dropping _____ higher in the jug.
The crow was able _____ a very thirsty crow.
The crow pushed her beak _____ near the water.

B

Top left picture: The crow saw an old jug with water in it.

Top right picture: The crow dropped a stone into the jug.

Bottom left picture: The crow pushed her beak down into the jug.

Bottom right picture: At last the crow was able to have a drink.

Page 66: Final Blends

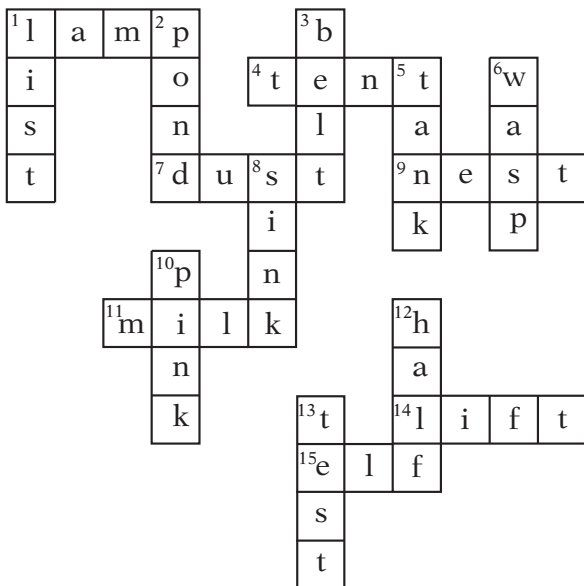
A

Across:

1. lamp
4. tent
7. dust
9. nest
11. milk
14. lift
15. elf

Down:

1. list
2. pond
3. belt
5. tank
6. wasp
8. sink
10. pink
12. half
13. test



Page 67: Grammar

A

1. Ben went to see his friend Emma.
2. Jacob will be in Lagos on Saturday.
3. My birthday is in April.
4. I am going to Dubai in March.
5. Bob is six and so am I.
6. This Sunday I am having a party.

B

1. How is your uncle today?
2. I will be seven in March.
3. Where is the other show?
4. Why are you so angry?
5. What is wrong with you?
6. Meg won the race.

Page 69: Activities

A

1. No
2. No
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. No

B

1. A fox fell into a well.
2. The sheep ran away.
3. The rabbit would not help the fox.
4. The fox put the bucket into the well.

C

fox
rabbit
sheep
goat

Page 70: Word Endings: 'all'

A

tall
wall
ball
fall
call
hall

B

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. The tall man is to make a call. | Yes |
| The ball will fall off the wall. | No |
| 2. The cat is in the hall. | No |
| The ball is in the hall. | Yes |
| 3. The small dog has a ball. | Yes |
| The tall girl is in the hall. | No |
| 4. The small ball is on the wall | Yes |
| If I fall, I will call. | No |

Page 71: Using Words

A

1. I **would** like to go to Egypt on holiday.
2. The table is made of **wood**.
3. Pabla **would** not eat his lunch.
4. The **wood** has lots of flowers in it.
5. Who **would** like more cake?
6. She **would** not play with me.

B

1. (sun)(set) = sun + set
2. (pass)(port) = pass + port
3. (track)(suit) = track + suit
4. (trap)(door) = trap + door
5. (sun)(flower) = sun + flower
6. (black)(bird) = black + bird
7. (super)(market) = super + market
8. (scare)(crow) = scare + crow

Page 72: Reading

A

Meg and Tom were in **town**. The circus parade came up the **road**. The **clowns** came first. They had baggy **trousers** and tall red **hats**. Everybody laughed at the **clowns**. Along came a big **van**. The **lions** were in the **van**. The elephant has a long **trunk**. 'Please **Mum** and **Dad**, may we go to the **circus**?' asked Meg and Tom.

Page 73: Activities

A

1. Tom and Meg were in **town**.
2. The **circus** came up the road.
3. The **clowns** came first.
4. The clowns had **baggy** trousers.
5. Everybody **laughed** at the clowns.
6. There were **lions** in the van.
7. An **elephant** has a long trunk.
8. The circus makes me **happy**.

B

e	l	e	p	h	a	n	t
j	l	r	o	a	d	y	r
m	i	k	l	v	a	n	o
t	o	w	n	c	d	a	u
r	n	e	i	r	e	u	s
u	h	n	l	o	s	a	e
n	p	a	r	a	d	e	r
k	g	e	l	o	w	n	s

C

hats
clowns
trousers

Page 74: Word Endings: 'Y'

A

holly
teddy
sunny
baby
sandy
mummy
nappy
bunny

B

1. Tom has a new yellow **teddy**.
2. The **baby** is crying.
3. I saw a **bunny** hopping in the park.
4. There are red berries on the **holly**.
5. It is a very **sunny** day.
6. Our baby has a clean **nappy**.
7. The beach is nice and **sandy**.
8. My **mummy** has a necklace.

Page 75: Grammar

A

1. (c)hristmas(d)ay is in(d)ecember.
2. (m)y dog's name is (m)olly.
3. (i)gave (t)ed a book for(c)hristmas.
4. (i)have a goldfish called(j)aws.
5. (b)en went to(l)ondon with(e)mma.
6. (m)um said(i)had to play with(t)om.

B

1. What did the rabbit say to the fox?
2. I have an apple for my lunch.
3. Why did the chicken cross the road?
4. When will the hedgehog wake up?

C

1. They put on **their** coats.
2. The rabbit is over **there**.
3. We are going **there** on Monday.
4. I see a mouse over **there**.
5. I like **their** teacher.
6. **Their** cat's had kittens.

Page 77: Activities**A**

1. They took the donkey to market.
2. Everyone laughed at them.
3. Later they met a farmer.
4. They walked behind the donkey.

B

donkey
old man
son
market
farmer
girls

Page 78: Phonics**A**

drum
star
frog
sock
flag
king
ring
bell
well
mask
holly

Page 79: Grammar**A**

1. Pancho's birthday is in December.
2. My friend's name is Molly.
3. I gave Ted a book on Friday.
4. Mum said I had to play with Ramesh.
5. Ben went to Mombasa with Emma.

B

1. The goldfish bowl is over **there**.
2. The children went to the park on **their** bikes.
3. **Their** dog had puppies.
4. I see a cat over **there**.
5. **There** is a frog in **their** garden pond.

Page 80: Puzzle Page**A**

Across:

1. bucket
6. chicks
7. sheep
8. dog
9. eggs
11. cat

Down:

1. brush
2. tractor
3. ship
4. ink
5. hens
10. goat

