Year 8 English January Mock

Revision Resource

Topics to Revise:

Descriptive Writing

Key Information:

You will be asked to write a description; you can use a picture for ideas if you want to.

Tips for Success:

- Plan your response.
- Keep the assessment criteria in mind when you are writing:

Writing Assessment Criteria

1. Content & Organisation

- **Clear purpose**: Does your writing match the task (descriptive or narrative)?
- **Engaging opening**: Start with something that grabs attention.
- **Logical structure**: Does your writing flow? Beginning → middle → end.
- **Paragraphs**: Use them to organise ideas clearly.
- **Variety of sentence types**: Mix short and long sentences for effect.

2. Language

- **Show, don't tell**: Use description instead of just stating facts.
- **Sensory details**: Include what you see, hear, smell, feel, and taste.
- **Figurative language**: Use similes, metaphors, personification.
- **Ambitious vocabulary**: Choose precise, interesting words.
- **Tone and mood**: Does your language create the right atmosphere?

3. Technical Accuracy

- **Spelling**: Check tricky words.
- **Punctuation**: Use full stops, commas, and try colons or semi-colons for variety.
- **Grammar**: Make sure sentences make sense.
- **Capital letters**: For names and sentence starts.

4. Impact

- **Reader effect**: Will your writing make the reader imagine the scene?
- **Variety**: Avoid repeating the same words or ideas.
- **Clarity**: Is it easy to follow and understand?

Recommended Activities:

1. **Label** the model response with the assessment criteria.

Model

Silent and still, the forest lay beneath a thick blanket of snow, each tree standing like a soldier dressed in white. Around me, the air was sharp and cold, biting at my cheeks as I stepped forward. Beneath my boots, snow crunched loudly, the sound echoing in the stillness like breaking glass. Above, a pale silver sky glowed faintly while flakes drifted lazily down, swirling like tiny dancers. I could taste the icy freshness on my tongue, and the faint scent of pine lingered in the air. For a moment, it felt as though the world had paused, frozen in pure, glittering beauty

2. **Now write your own practice paragraph in response to this question. Remember to use the assessment criteria when you are writing.**

   Write a description of a beautiful place from your imagination. You may choose to use the picture provided for ideas.

My paragraph:

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Topics to Revise:

Algebra

- Difference between equation, expression, and formula
- Writing expressions for real-life situations
- Solving simple linear equations
- Rearranging formulas (changing the subject)

Ratio & Proportion

- Writing ratios in the form $n:1$
- Sharing amounts in a given ratio
- Converting ratios to fractions

Number Skills

- Comparing numbers using inequalities
- Writing and interpreting inequalities
- Using the laws of indices

Estimation & Rounding

- Rounding to nearest 10, 100, and 1000
- Rounding to decimal places
- Estimating sums by rounding

Standard Form & Powers

- Converting between standard form and ordinary numbers
- Simple calculations in standard form

Coordinates & Graphs

- Plotting points on a grid
- Completing tables for linear functions
- Drawing straight-line graphs
- Finding the gradient of a line

Tips for Success:

- Revise key topics: Use your revision list and focus on areas you find tricky.
- Practice without a calculator: The paper is non-calculator, so get comfortable with mental arithmetic and written methods.
- Memorise key facts: Times tables, square numbers, and basic algebra rules.
- Complete your weekly homework on Sparx Maths.