

Example SPAG test questions

1. Circle all the **conjunctions** in the sentences below.

Once Harry had checked the weather forecast, he set off on his walk.

Whilst climbing up the mountain, he was unaware of the dangers ahead.

He needed to turn back immediately since a storm was coming.

1 mark

2. Tick one box in each row to show if the underlined clause is a **main clause** or a **subordinate clause**.

Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause
Billie, <u>who was nine years old</u> , loved to play tennis.		✓
Billie's mum bought her a tennis racket <u>so that she could play more often</u> .		✓
<u>Billie could not play tennis with her friend Lana</u> because Lana did not have a racket.	✓	

1 mark

3. Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active voice** or the **passive voice**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.	✓	
Fish are eaten by otters.		✓
Usually, otters are playful creatures.	✓	

1 mark

4. Tick one box in each row to show how the **modal verb** affects the **meaning** of the sentence.

Sentence	Modal verb indicates certainty	Modal verb indicates possibility
It will be very cold tomorrow.	✓	
John might have missed the train.		✓
Ann can speak six languages.	✓	
You could finish your work by the end of the lesson.		✓

1 mark

5. Re-write this sentence as direct speech:

David told his mother he was truly sorry.

“I’m truly sorry,” David told his mother.

or

David told his mother, “I’m truly sorry.”

1 mark