

Year 2 Practice Paper 1

English

30 questions · 4 options each (A–D) · plus a writing task · 55 minutes

How to use this booklet

- Read each text carefully, then answer the questions that follow it. Every question has four answers, A, B, C and D. Choose the one best answer.
- The last 15 questions are about spelling, punctuation, grammar and words. They do not have a text.
- You have 40 minutes for the 30 questions. You will not lose marks for a wrong answer, so try every question.
- After the questions there is a writing task. Allow about 15 minutes for it.

TEXT 1 — STORY

Questions 1–5

Pip Learns to Slide

Pip was a little penguin who lived on a cold, white island. All of his friends loved to slide on their tummies down the icy hill. Pip did not like it. The hill looked too steep, and his tummy felt wobbly just thinking about it.

One morning, his friend Coco waved a flipper. “Come with me, Pip. I will go first,” she said. Pip took a deep breath and lay down on the ice. Whoosh! He zoomed down the hill, past the rocks and the snowy bushes, and landed in a soft pile of snow.

“Again!” laughed Pip. He climbed back up the hill with a big smile on his face.

1. Where did Pip live?

- A in a warm, sandy cave
- B on a green, grassy hill
- C on a cold, white island
- D on a small, rocky boat

2. Why did Pip not like sliding at first?

- A His friends told him to stay away.
- B The ice was too soft to slide on.
- C He felt scared of the steep hill.
- D He wanted to play with the rocks.

3. What did Pip do right after he took a deep breath?

- A He climbed back up the hill.
- B He landed in a pile of snow.
- C He waved a flipper at Coco.
- D He lay down on the ice.

4. In the story, the word “zoomed” means

- A walked slowly
- B stopped for a rest
- C jumped up high
- D went very fast

5. How did Pip feel at the end of the story?

- A tired and ready to go home
- B happy and keen to go again
- C cross with his friend Coco
- D scared of the steep hill

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ENGLISH — 30 QUESTIONS

Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

1	C	2	C	3	D	4	D	5	B	6	A
7	D	8	A	9	C	10	A	11	C	12	B
13	A	14	A	15	C	16	D	17	B	18	B
19	A	20	B	21	B	22	D	23	C	24	B
25	D	26	D	27	A	28	D	29	C	30	C

1. Where did Pip live? [Detail]

Correct answer: C — on a cold, white island

- What is the question asking? It asks for a fact that the text states.
- Go back to the text and find the evidence: "Pip was a little penguin who lived on a cold, white island."
- The first sentence tells us where Pip lived.
- So the correct answer is C (on a cold, white island).
- Why the other options are wrong:
- A (in a warm, sandy cave): The story says Pip's home was cold and white, not warm and sandy.
- B (on a green, grassy hill): The hill was icy, and Pip lived on an island.
- D (on a small, rocky boat): The story does not say Pip lived on a boat.

LOS: Reading: finding information stated in the text

KEY TAKEAWAY

Go back to the text and find the exact words that answer the question, then match them to an option.

2. Why did Pip not like sliding at first? [Inference]

Correct answer: C — He felt scared of the steep hill.

- What is the question asking? It asks what the clues in the text show.
- Go back to the text and find the evidence: "The hill looked too steep, and his tummy felt wobbly just thinking about it."
- A wobbly tummy and a steep hill show that Pip was scared.
- So the correct answer is C (He felt scared of the steep hill).
- Why the other options are wrong:
- A (His friends told him to stay away.): No friend told him that. They all loved sliding.
- B (The ice was too soft to slide on.): The text calls the hill icy, not soft.
- D (He wanted to play with the rocks.): The rocks are only something he passed.

LOS: Reading: working out what the text suggests