



Literacy Assessment

All our courses are written and delivered in English, and will require certain standards of literacy and numeracy. If you are in any doubt at all, we recommend that you attempt the following self-assessment. You can find the answers at the end.

You are allowed thirty minutes to complete the test. You are not permitted to use a dictionary. The test has been designed to test your basic literacy skills and includes spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question 1

Goalkeeper is an example of a compound word. Match each word on the left with an appropriate word on the right to create six compound words.

Space	Cup
Butter	Pot
Home	Ship
Dare	Board
Tea	Devil
Skate	Made

Question 2

Select the most suitable adverb for the gap in this sentence.

Why does that doctor have to talk so? You can hear him in the next room!

suddenly	loudly	quickly	carefully
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Question 3

Select the most appropriate word to complete this sentence.

The Health Care Assistant asked the doctor to a prescription.

write	rite	right	wright
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Question 4

Select the right pronoun to correctly finish this sentence.

That patient has been waiting for a long time because arrived very early.

her	it	he	them
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Question 5

Fill the gaps in the following sentence with “they’re”, “there” or “their” as appropriate.

..... waiting in the room over until doctor is ready to see them.

Question 6

Fill the gaps in the following sentence with “to”, “too” or “two” as appropriate.

At the weekly meeting, of the nurses complained that their uniforms were large fit them properly.

Question 7

Select an antonym from the list which means the opposite of the underlined word in the following sentence.

It is very hard to become a doctor.

soft	weak	easy	difficult
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Question 8

Select a synonym from the list which means the same as the underlined word in the following sentence.

The pharmacy can be found close to the surgery.

opposite	far	around	near
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Question 9

The word below is spelt phonetically. Write the correct spelling next to it.

Resepshun

Question 10

Rewrite the following sentence with punctuation and capital letters.

postmenopausal women with a higher intake of artificially sweetened beverages may have a higher risk of stroke coronary heart disease (CHD) and all-cause mortality according to new research published in stroke magazine

Question 11

Rewrite the sentence below, replacing the underlined verb with the past tense.

For example: The meeting room door is open. The meeting room door was open.

The receptionists at the surgery are very polite.

Question 12

Choose the correctly spelt word from the available choices to complete the following sentence.

Nobody liked it when patients came to the diabetic clinic.

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Answers

Question 1

Spaceship; Buttercup; Homemade; Daredevil; Teapot; Skateboard

Question 2

Loudly

Question 3

Write

Question 4

He

Question 5

They're waiting in the room over there until their doctor is ready to see them.

Question 6

At the weekly meeting, two of the nurses complained that their uniforms were too large to fit them properly.

Question 7

Easy

Question 8

Near

Question 9

Reception

Question 10

Postmenopausal women with a higher intake of artificially sweetened beverages may have a higher risk of stroke, coronary heart disease (CHD) and all-cause mortality, according to new research published in *Stroke* magazine.

Question 11

The receptionists at the surgery were very polite.

Question 12

Aggressive