

PSAT Writing and Language Practice Test 2: Conventions of Standard English

1. What is the correct plural of bush?

- A. Bush
- B. Bushs
- C. Bushes
- D. Bushies

2. Subjects ____ to their king to show respect.

- A. bow
- B. bou
- C. baw
- D. beau

3. We saw a ____ in the woods while hiking.

- A. bair
- B. baer
- C. bare
- D. bear

4. Which of the following is correct?

- A. May
- B. Spring
- C. easter

D. sunday

5. Fill in the blank with the correctly capitalized form.

My favorite book in the Harry Potter series is _____.

- A. *harry potter and the prisoner of azkaban*
- B. *Harry Potter and the prisoner of azkaban*
- C. *Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban*
- D. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

6. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Rome, Italy
- B. rome, Italy
- C. rome, italy
- D. Rome, italy

7. What is the sentence with the correct use of punctuation?

- A. Who is he.
- B. Who is he:
- C. Who is he?
- D. Who is he!

8. What is the correct use of a period in the following sentence?

- A. She had a bad day
- B. She had a bad day.
- C. She had. a bad day.

D. She. Had. A. bad. Day.

9. What is missing from the following sentence?

He asked, When is the assignment due?

- A. There should be quotation marks.
- B. There needs to be a semicolon after asked.
- C. There should be a comma after assignment.
- D. Nothing is missing.

ANSWER KEY

- 1. **C.** With a word ending in -sh, add -es. **See Lesson: Spelling.**
- 2. **A.** People *bow*, or bend down, to show respect. **See Lesson: Spelling.**
- 3. **D.** *Bear* is the correctly spelled form of the animal. **See Lesson: Spelling.**
- 4. **A.** May. Months, days, and holidays need to be capitalized, and seasons do not need to be. **See Lesson: Capitalization.**
- 5. **D.** Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Short prepositions, conjunctions, and articles are not capitalized in publication titles. **See Lesson: Capitalization.**
- 6. **A.** Rome, Italy. Cities and countries are capitalized. **See Lesson: Capitalization.**

7. C. *Who is he?* Who is a common word that begins a question, and the question mark is placed at the end of a question. **See**

Lesson: Punctuation.

8. B. *She had a bad day.* A period is only used at the end of a sentence, and not anywhere in between. **See Lesson: Punctuation.**

9. A. *There should be quotation marks.* Direct quotes from someone else should be enclosed in quotation marks. **See Lesson: Punctuation.**

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