Doing NAPLAN online tests....



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You can take in a sheet of blank paper and a pen. And you will need a set of <u>headphones</u>.





Log-in goes like this....

First, plug in your earplugs or headphones, and enter your user name & password.

















Types of questions you may get....





The bell rang to signal the return to classes after lunch and Pat rushed to the art room. Her pottery dish had been fired in the kiln overnight and she was keen to check on it.

The be		ell rang.	Pat rushed to the art room.
	The pottery dish was fired in the kiln.		Pat checked on her pottery dish.
First event			
Second event			
Third event			
Fourth event			

Which two clauses could each complete this sentence correctly?				
The tea	cher is coming to visit me next week.			
	whose red-striped shirt			
	whom I had when I was eight			
	after my family moved away			
	who taught me all I know about music			
	which also worked at the animal shelter			



Seeing stars

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We are also imposing light on each other. A neighbour's garden light or lighting from a shop's window can intrude on our ability to sleep (known as 'light trespass'). The 'glare' of excessive lighting can also distract or momentarily blind us, for example, when driving. Light pollution also has an effect on the animals who share the planet with us, particularly nocturnal species, whose day-night rhythms may be disrupted.

So, what's the solution? After all, we also need to consider that light is important to keep us safe. Some groups and regions have begun to place controls on lighting by introducing 'lights-off' periods, and enforcing new regulations to reduce unshielded or poorly-designed lighting. Flagstaff (in Arizona in the United States) became the first official 'Dark Sky City' in 2001, recognised for its commitment to protecting that fragile balance between light and dark. It will be a long journey, but maybe there is an Scroll

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Choose the phrases that best complete the sentence below.



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'I can't see anything!' I yelled. Twelfth-birthday frustration was mounting because of the stubborn refusal of my brand new telescope to show anything other than a blur. I'd been promised awe-inspiring patterns and figures, those storybook constellations that would all make sense when seen from the eyepiece of a steady-mounted Newtonian reflector.

I'd caught the bug for sky watching during the news coverage of the Hale-Bopp comet in 1997. The television had been full of updates about the comet's progress and images of its spectacular tail. I was a willing slave to the wonders of astronomy and this new telescope was going to revolutionise my world.

My parents were no experts, which didn't improve matters, but on that first night they quietly helped me to set aside the perplexing gadget and use a much more user-friendly apparatus—my eyes. We sat and looked upward, then put out some blankets, and lay down and looked upward. It was a cloudless night and, lo and behold, the sky offered up its treasures to the naked eye. The Milky Way arched from horizon to horizon; Saturn, Scorpius, and the Southern Cross were so bright it seemed I could reach out and touch them.

As I looked into that apparent darkness, my eyes seemed to expand. And that was that—I was hooked.

The telescope soon came into its own, and became a trusty aide in my further explorations of the sky. I learned



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Choose something that you think should be reused or recycled, or kept forever.

It might be a part of the environment like a river or a mountain, or a resource such as water. It might be something made by humans such as a building or a machine. It could be something that you can't see or touch, like time, a talent, a value, a tradition or an opportunity.

- Start with an introduction.
 An introduction lets a reader know what you are going to write about.
- Write your opinions on the topic. Give reasons for your opinions. Explain your reasons.
- Finish with a conclusion. A conclusion sums up your reasons so that a reader is convinced of your opinions.

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Task 1 of 1

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Prompt

Finish

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But remember to:

- plan before you start
- use paragraphs
- write in sentences
- watch spelling and punctuation
- check your writing at the end



Navigating questions....



You can go forwards, backwards, or flag a question to come back to later. You can also zoom in or out, check the time remaining, listen to the audio, or change the screen colour.



Clicking on the grid at the top will let you look at all the questions you have already done, and go back to any you want to.



If you <u>change an answer</u>, you must de-select the old answer first.

Who is the most likely intended audience for this text?

scientists studying animal behaviour

residents of a local community

representatives from a local council

members of animal welfare groups



And in the numeracy test, a ruler, protractor and calculator can be used for some questions.

At different stages, you may see these boxes....

You have finished this section of the test.

You have **7** flagged questions You have **2** unanswered questions



After you click **Yes**, **I** want to start the next section, you will **NOT** be able to go back and see or change your answers in the section you have just finished.

Are you ready to start the next section?

No, I want to check my answers.

Yes, I want to start the next section.

You may see these:

- after the calculator section, in numeracy;
- after the spelling section, in the reading;

• when the level of questions is about to change.


At the end of the test....







Test rules....

Test rules are simple....

- no notes taken in;
- no mobile phones, calculators, or smartwatches; and
- no communicating with other students.

You can't access any other websites.

You <u>can</u> do working-out, or write notes, on a blank piece of paper.



If you break the test rules, or make a non-serious attempt....

You risk....

- being reported to NESA, the test organisers; and
- having your test stopped, and being moved to a different location.



Special conditions....

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If the test is interrupted (eg, from a power failure), you will not be disadvantaged.



For more practice, you can do the <u>demonstration test</u>, to see all the different kinds of questions.....



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