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- C It was the biggest store in town.
- D There were games, trains, and dolls.

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Focus**Language Arts Skills**

- choosing a correctly formed sentence
- choosing the best sentence to complete a paragraph
- combining sentences
- choosing the best sentences to support a topic sentence
- identifying the simple predicate of a sentence
- choosing the correct form of a word
- identifying correct capitalization and punctuation

Test-taking Skills

- working methodically
- skimming items
- prioritizing items
- using context to find the answer
- understanding unusual item formats

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Say Open your book to Lesson 2a on page 16.

Check to see that the students have found the right page.

Say In this lesson, you will answer questions about correct English. When you answer a question, mark the circle for the answer you think is right. Be sure your answer circle is completely filled in with a dark mark. Put your finger under the Sample at the top of the page.

Check to see that the students have found the Sample.

Say Read the question for the Sample. Find the answer that is a complete and correct sentence. (pause) The first answer is correct. Mark the circle for answer A in the rows at the bottom of the page. Be sure your answer circle is completely filled in with a dark mark.

Check to see that the students have marked the correct circle. Explain why answer A is correct and the other choices are wrong.

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16 Answer rows: S ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 1 ○ ○ ○ ●
2 ○ ○ ○ ●

***TIPS**

Say Now let's look at the tip.

Read the tip aloud to the students.

Say You don't have to answer the questions in the order they appear on a test. Skim the items in a section and answer the easiest ones first. This will build your confidence and make sure you answer the questions you know. After you have answered the easy questions, go back and do the harder ones.

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A The bus ride will take about an hour.

- A** ride. Will
- B** ride? will
- C** ride, will
- D** Correct as it is

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B **F** Rudy gave Janet a gift.

- G** We can leave now but, the party isn't until seven.
- H** Do you think she will be surprised?
- J** This cake looks wonderful?



Be sure you know if you are to look for correct or incorrect capitalization and punctuation.

For Numbers 1 and 2, decide which punctuation mark, if any, is needed in the sentence.

1 The puppy couldn't find the food dish

- A** ,
- B** .
- C** ?
- D** None

2 "This is fun, answered Lettie.

- F** ,
- G** ?
- H** "
- J** None

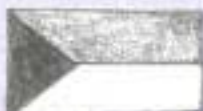
For Numbers 3 and 4, choose the answer that is written correctly and shows the correct capitalization and punctuation.

- 3** **A** The tennis courts are full
- B** Venus put our names on the list.
- C** Did you remember your racket.
- D** This can of tennis balls is new?

- 4** **F** Tell Mrs Jensen I called.
- G** Miss. Richards will be late.
- H** Our coach is Mr. Wanamaker
- J** Dr. Cullinane was here earlier.

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Which of these number sentences would help you find the total number of flags?



A $5 + 3 = \square$

C $5 \times 3 = \square$

B $5 - 3 = \square$

D $5 \div 3 = \square$



- Read the problem carefully. Look for key words, numbers, and figures.
- Think about what you are supposed to do before you start working.
- Stay with your first answer. Change it only if you are sure it is wrong and another answer is better.

