

ORAL TEST

1) Practice reading the following fragment aloud.

Jerome was called into his housemaster's **room** in the break between the second and the third class on a **Thursday** morning. He had no fear of trouble, for he was a warden – the name that the proprietor and headmaster of a rather **expensive** preparatory school **had chosen** to give to approved, reliable boys in the lower forms. **The** housemaster, Mr Wordsworth, sat **behind** his **desk** with an appearance of perplexity and apprehension. Jerome had **the** odd impression when he entered that he was a cause of **fear**.

'Sit down, Jerome,' Mr Wordsworth said. 'All going well with the trigonometry?'

'Yes, sir.'

'I've had a telephone call, Jerome. From your aunt. I'm afraid I **have** bad news for you.'

2) Describe the initial and final sounds in at least two of the words in bold.

3) Find one example of linking r and one example of vocalic juncture. Explain them.

4) What's the pronunciation of the words in red? Are the weak or strong forms? Why?

5) Look at the definite article THE (in blue) and decide if they are pronounced in the same way? Be ready to explain why.

6) Find two examples of inflectional endings and explain them.

WRITTEN TEST

There are eight (8) mistakes in the transcription below. Circle the mistakes and provide the correct version below.

The time had arrived about his eighth birthday when Jerome believed that his father either 'ran guns' or was a member of the British Secret Service. Now it occurred to him that his father might have been wounded in 'a hail of machine-gun bullets'.

Mr Wordsworth played with the ruler on his desk. He seemed at a loss how to continue. He said, 'You know your father was in Naples?'

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