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Quiz Bank for Middle School Group



Part I Surprise Me (2 minutes)

The Surprise Me Talent Show could be any form, such as storytelling, speech, singing, dubbing, and drama, etc. Each participant needs to present English skills in the show.

The costumes and any props/materials involved in the performance should be prepared by the participants.

The judge may ask you some questions before/after the talent show. Please answer the questions in complete sentences in English.

Here are some examples below. The samples are for reference only.

A. Participant's talent show, costumes and personal information.

-What's your name?

-My name is Catherine.

-How old are you?

-I am 14 years old.

B. Questions from Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)

The judge will ask you some questions. Please answer the questions in complete sentences in English.

Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)

1. -What do you think of your English teacher? -I think she is really kind and helpful because...

2. -What do you usually do while you surf the internet? -I usually search for some information I need for the project in school.

3. -What did you do last week? -I went to a museum with my family to learn about the development of technology.

4. -Why did you choose this topic for your speech? -I chose this topic because...

5. -Which country would you like to study abroad in? -I want to study in...because...

6. -Do you have any online courses? What do you think of online courses? -I have some online courses, I think...

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7. -Do you think that English will be useful for you in the future? -I think English will be extremely useful for my study and work in the future. It can help me learn about different cultures, make a lot of friends and earn more money in the future.
8. -How do you spend your holiday? -I usually spend my holidays reading, listening to music and playing tennis etc.
9. -What do you think is the best way to travel to Beijing? -I think it is good for me to take a plane to travel to Beijing because...
10. -Do you like music? -Yes, I do. I have been playing the violin since I was 5 years old and I am really good at it. I like classical music and pop music. Music can make me relaxed and happy.
11. -What kind of TV program do you enjoy watching? -I enjoy watching a talk show with my friend because...
12. -What is your favorite subject? Why? -My favorite subject is...because...
13. -Do you like reading? What is your favorite book? And why? -I like reading. My favorite book is...because...
14. -How often do you go shopping with your friends? -I go shopping with my friends once a week.
15. -What do you enjoy doing with your family? -I enjoy having a picnic with my family on weekends.

Part II Convince Me (Spelling and Impromptu Speech)

The judge will read or show the definition or clue of one word based on Word Bank. The first letter is already there.

There is one space for each other letters in the word. Participants need to spell the word within 15s, then use it to make a 60s speech after 15s preparation. The judge will ring the bell when the participant can't spell the word within 15 seconds or spells the word incorrectly. The judge will give the participant the correct word then the participant will have 15s to prepare for a 60s speech.

Sample answer A

6 points

Judge: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C.

Participant: It is C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

The curtains in my bedroom are really old and dirty as they were bought when I was 6 years old. Thus, my dad bought new curtains for my bedroom last week as my birthday present, which it's colorful. They look soft and comfortable. My brother helped me hang them over the window. They go well with the overall style of my bedroom. I like withdrawing them and enjoying reading and eating some snacks beside the window when it's rainy. So does my brother. How relaxing it is! **(4 points)**

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*The speech is not wordy, logical, and coherent, and without any grammatical mistakes.

Sample answer B

5 points

Judge: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C.

Participant: It's C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

The curtains in my bedroom is really old and dirty as they bought when I was 6 years old. So that my dad buy new curtains for my bedroom last week as my birthday present which I like very much. They look soft and comfortable. My brother helped me hang them over the window. They go well with the overall style of my bedroom. I like withdrawing them, and enjoy reading and eating some snacks beside the window when it's rainy. So does my brother. How relaxing it is! **(3 points)**

*The speech is not wordy, logical and coherent, but with some grammatical errors.

Sample answer C

4 points

Judge: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C.

Participant: It's C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

The curtains in my bedroom is really old and dirty as they bought when I was 6 years old. So that my dad buy new curtains for my bedroom last week as my birthday present which I like very much. They look soft and comfortable. My brother help me hang them over the window. They go well with the overall style of my bedroom. **(2 points)**

*Generally, the speech is basically logical, but the content is not rich enough and there are some grammatical mistakes.

Sample answer D

3 points

Judge: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C.

Participant: It's C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

My dad buy curtain. I like withdrawing them and enjoying reading beside the window when it's rainy. **(1 point)**

*The speech is too short to present the participant's ability in using English. **(1 point)**

Sample answer E

2 points

Judge: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C.

Participant: It's C-U-R-T-A-I-N-S, curtains. **(2 points)**

*Fail to make a speech.

Sample answer F

0 points

Judge: You close these at night so people can't see through your windows. It starts with C.

participant: It's C-.....**(0 points)**

*Fail to spell the word and make a speech.

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Word Bank for Middle School Group

Definition	Word	
It means that you are not in the place where you are expected to be, especially at school or work.	A _ _ _ _ _	Absent
It's a person who keeps or examines the records of money received, paid, and owed by a company.	A _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Accountant
It means that you respect and approve of someone or their behaviour.	A _ _ _ _ _	Admire
It's an opinion that someone offers you about what you should do in a particular situation.	A _ _ _ _ _	Advice
It's an adjective; it means that you are worried and nervous.	A _ _ _ _ _	Anxious
It means to start to be seen or to be present.	A _ _ _ _ _	Appear
It's the way a person or thing looks to other people.	A _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Appearance
It means to request something, usually officially, especially in writing.	A _ _ _ _	Apply
It's the art and practice of designing and making buildings.	A _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Architecture
It means to try to hurt or defeat using violence.	A _ _ _ _ _	Attack
It's a signature, especially of a famous person.	A _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Autographs
It means to stay away from someone or something.	A _ _ _ _	Avoid
It's a sport in which two or four people hit a shuttlecock over a high net.	B _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Badminton
They are the bags, cases, etc. that you take with you when you travel.	B _ _ _ _ _	Baggage
It's a product that is extremely popular and has sold in very large numbers.	B _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Bestseller
It's the life story of a person written by someone else.	B _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Biography

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It's a light and pleasant wind.	B _ _ _ _ _	Breeze
It's an adjective; it means that it's damaged, no longer able to work.	B _ _ _ _ _	Broken
It's a set of wires, covered by plastic, that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.	C _ _ _ _	Cable
It means to recognize an important occasion by taking part in an activity that makes it special.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Celebrate
It's a period of 100 years.	C _ _ _ _ _	Century
It's a person or animal who has beaten all other competitors in a competition.	C _ _ _ _ _ _	Champion
It means to make or become different.	C _ _ _ _ _	Change
It means to ask an amount of money for something, especially a service or activity.	C _ _ _ _ _	Charge
It's a university where you can study for an undergraduate degree.	C _ _ _ _ _ _	College
It's an adjective; it means that it's relaxed and free from pain.	C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Comfortable
It's a performance of music by one or more musicians.	C _ _ _ _ _ _	Concert
It's an adjective; it means that it's full of people.	C _ _ _ _ _ _	Crowded
It's a person who imagines how something could be made and draws plans for it.	D _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Designer
It means to grow or change into a more advanced, larger, or stronger form.	D _ _ _ _ _ _	Develop
It's the fact of not being easy to do or understand.	D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Difficulty
It's an adjective; it means lacking one or more of the physical or mental abilities that most people have.	D _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Disabled
It's an adjective; it means unhappy because someone or something was not as good as you hoped or expected.	D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Disappointed
It means to find information, a place, or an object, especially for the first time.	D _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Discover

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It means to talk about a subject with someone and tell each other your ideas or opinions.	D _ _ _ _ _	Discuss
It means to arrange something or a collection of things so that it can be seen by the public.	D _ _ _ _ _	Display
It's an adjective; it means that feeling ashamed or shy.	E _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Embarrassed
It's the power and ability to be physically and mentally active.	E _ _ _ _ _	Energy
It's a person whose job is to design or build machines, engines, or electrical equipment.	E _ _ _ _ _ _	Engineer
It's a flat, usually square or rectangular, paper container for a letter.	E _ _ _ _ _ _	Envelope
It's a reason that you give to explain why you did something wrong.	E _ _ _ _ _	Excuse
It's a person with a high level of knowledge or skill relating to a particular subject or activity.	E _ _ _ _ _	Expert
It's an adjective; it means something or animals are no longer existing.	E _ _ _ _ _ _	Extinct
It's a special meal with very good food or a large meal for many people.	F _ _ _ _	Feast
It's the type of book or story that is written about imaginary characters and events and not based on real people and facts.	F _ _ _ _ _	Fiction
It's an adjective; it means not allowed to do something, especially by law.	F _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Forbidden
It's a person who comes from another country.	F _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Foreigner
It's an adjective; it means that feeling fear or worry.	F _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Frightened
It's the items such as chairs, tables, and beds that are used in a home or office.	F _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Furniture
It means to get something that is useful, or that gives you an advantage, especially over a period of time.	G _ _ _	Gain
It's a room or building that is used for showing or selling works of art.	G _ _ _ _ _ _	Gallery
It's a building where a car or cars are kept, esp. one that is next to or part of a house.	G _ _ _ _ _	Garage

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It's a person, either real or imaginary, who is extremely large and strong.	G _ _ _ _	Giant
the fact of finishing a degree or other course of study at a university or school.	G _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Graduation
It's a person whose job is showing a place or a particular route to visitors.	G _ _ _ _	Guide
It's an adjective; if you feel like this, you feel that you have done something wrong.	G _ _ _ _ _	Guilty
It's an electrical device, usually held in the hand and used for drying a person's hair.	H _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Hairdryer
It's an adjective; it means that someone is always putting a lot of effort and care into your work.	H _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Hardworking
It's a line of words printed in large letters as the title of a story in a newspaper.	H _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Headline
It's a device that produces heat.	H _ _ _ _ _	Heater
It's the distance from the top to the bottom of something, or the quality of being tall.	H _ _ _ _ _	Height
It's a web page that you choose to appear on your computer screen when you first connect to the internet.	H _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Homepage
It's a holiday taken by a couple immediately after their marriage.	H _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Honeymoon
It's the work of keeping a house clean and tidy.	H _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Housework
It means to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what that person or thing is.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Identify
It's an occasion when something gets better or when you make it better.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Improvement
It means to (make something) become larger in amount or size.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Increase
It's the companies and activities involved in the process of producing goods for sale, especially in a factory.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Industry
It's a food that is used with other foods in the preparation of a particular dish.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Ingredient
It means to hurt or cause physical harm to a person or animal.	I _ _ _ _ _	Injure

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It's a type of small animal with six legs, a body divided into three parts, and often two pairs of wings, for example, an ant, or butterfly.	I _ _ _ _ _	Insect
It means to state or demand forcefully, esp. despite opposition.	I _ _ _ _ _	Insist
It means to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it.	I _ _ _ _ _	Inspire
It's an object, such as a piano, guitar, or drum, that is played to produce musical sounds.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Instrument
It's an adjective; it means showing the ability to understand and learn well.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Intelligent
It's an occasion when something is put into use or brought to a place for the first time.	I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Introduction
It means to design and/or create something that has never been made before.	I _ _ _ _ _	Invent
It's a piece of land completely surrounded by water.	I _ _ _ _ _	Island
It's a person who writes news stories or articles for a newspaper or magazine or broadcasts them on television.	J _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Journalist
It's the act of traveling from one place to another, especially in a vehicle.	J _ _ _ _ _	Journey
It's an electronic musical instrument similar to a piano.	K _ _ _ _ _ _	Keyboard
It's a room or building with scientific equipment for doing scientific tests or for teaching science.	L _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Laboratory
It's a person in control of a group, country, or situation.	L _ _ _ _ _	Leader
It's a group of teams playing a sport who take part in competitions between each other.	L _ _ _ _ _	League
It's the time when you are not working or doing other duties.	L _ _ _ _ _	Leisure
It's a connection between documents on the internet.	L _ _ _	Link
It's an adjective; it means you are unhappy because you are not with other people.	L _ _ _ _ _	Lonely
It means not firmly held or fastened in place.	L _ _ _ _	Loose

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It's an adjective; it means that it's great comfort, especially as provided by expensive and beautiful things.	L _ _ _ _ _	Luxury
It's the person who is responsible for managing an organization.	M _ _ _ _ _	Manager
It means to discover the exact size or amount of something.	M _ _ _ _ _	Measure
It's someone whose job is repairing the engines of vehicles and other machines.	M _ _ _ _ _	Mechanic
It's the treatment for illness or injury, or the study of this.	M _ _ _ _ _	Medicine
It's the state of belonging to an organization.	M _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Membership
It's the ability to remember information, experiences, and people.	M _ _ _ _ _	Memory
It's a short piece of information that you give to a person when you cannot speak to them directly.	M _ _ _ _ _	Message
It's a structure or building that is built to honour a special person or event.	M _ _ _ _ _ _	Monument
It's a building where objects of historical, scientific, or artistic interest are kept.	M _ _ _ _ _	Museum
It's an adjective; it means that it's bad or very unpleasant.	N _ _ _ _	Nasty
It's an adjective; it means that it's relating to or typical of a whole country and its people, rather than to part of that country or to other countries.	N _ _ _ _ _ _	National
It's a large system consisting of many similar parts that are connected together to allow movement or communication between or along the parts.	N _ _ _ _ _	Network
It's an adjective; it means that it's ordinary or usual; the same as would be expected.	N _ _ _ _ _	Normal
It's the information or a warning given about something that is going to happen in the future.	N _ _ _ _ _	Notice
It means to to cut a body open for medical reasons in order to repair, remove, or replace an unhealthy or damaged part.	O _ _ _ _ _ _	Operate
It's an occasion or situation that makes it possible to do something that you want to do or have to do.	O _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Opportunity
It's an adjective; it means that it's completely different.	O _ _ _ _ _ _	Opposite

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It's an adjective; it means that causing emotional or physical pain.	P _ _ _ _ _	Painful
It's freedom from war and violence, especially when people live and work together happily without disagreements.	P _ _ _ _	Peace
It's the highest, strongest, or best point, value, or level of skill.	P _ _ _	Peak
It's an area of water smaller than a lake, often artificially made.	P _ _ _	Pond
It's a large printed picture, photograph, or notice that you stick or pin to a wall or board.	P _ _ _ _ _	Poster
It's an adjective; it means that having finished a training course, or having particular skills, etc.	Q _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Qualified
It's a problem in an exam that tests a person's knowledge or ability.	Q _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Question
It's a system of tracks that trains travel along.	R _ _ _ _ _ _	Railway
It's the cause of an event or situation or something that provides an excuse or explanation.	R _ _ _ _ _	Reason
It means to become or to make something become smaller in size, amount, degree, importance, etc..	R _ _ _ _ _	Reduce
It's an amount of money that is given back to you, especially because you are not happy with a product or service.	R _ _ _ _ _	Refund
It's a fixed amount of money that you pay regularly for the use of a room, car, etc. that someone else owns.	R _ _ _	Rent
It means to take the place of something.	R _ _ _ _ _ _	Replace
It means to help someone or something out of a dangerous, harmful, or unpleasant situation.	R _ _ _ _ _	Rescue
admiration felt or shown for someone or something that you believe has good ideas or qualities.	R _ _ _ _ _ _	Respect
It's a large machine at a fair that turns round and has wooden or plastic animals or vehicles on which children ride.	R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Roundabout
It's a small creature similar to an insect that lives in hot, dry areas of the world and has a long body and a curved tail with a poisonous sting.	S _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Scorpion
It means to cry or say something loudly and usually on a high note.	S _ _ _ _ _	Scream

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It's a flat surface on a television, or as part of a computer, on which pictures or words are shown.	S _ _ _ _ _	Screen
It's an adjective; it means that someone who is selfish only thinks of their own advantage.	S _ _ _ _ _	Selfish
It's an adjective; it means that you are not joking or intended to be funny.	S _ _ _ _ _	Serious
It's a flat, narrow board with two small wheels under each end, which a person stands on and moves forward by pushing one foot on the ground.	S _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Skateboard
It's an empty area that is available to be used.	S _ _ _ _	Space
It's an adjective; it means that it's unusual and unexpected, or difficult to understand.	S _ _ _ _ _	Strange
It's a large, rectangular container with a handle, for carrying clothes and possessions while travelling.	S _ _ _ _ _ _	Suitcase
It's a natural ability to be good at something, especially without being taught.	T _ _ _ _ _	Talent
It's (the study and knowledge of) the practical, especially industrial, use of scientific discoveries.	T _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Technology
It's the written words in a book, magazine, etc., not the pictures.	T _ _ _	Text
It's adjective; it means something (held or kept together) firmly or closely.	T _ _ _ _	Tight
It's a tall, narrow structure, often square or circular, that either forms part of a building or stands alone.	T _ _ _ _	Tower
It's the process of learning the skills you need to do a particular job or activity.	T _ _ _ _ _ _	Training
It's very valuable thing, usually in the form of a store of precious metals, precious stones, or money.	T _ _ _ _ _ _	Treasure
It means to believe that someone is good and honest and will not harm you.	T _ _ _ _	Trust
It's an adjective; it means that you are not excited or not wanting to become involved.	U _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Uninterested
It's everything that exists, esp. all physical matter, including all the stars and planets in space.	U _ _ _ _ _ _	Universe
It means to make someone worried, unhappy, or angry.	U _ _ _ _	Upset

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It's adjective; it means it's very important and needing attention immediately.	U _ _ _ _ _	Urgent
It's someone who uses a product, machine, or service.	U _ _ _	User
It's a space without any gas or other matter in it.	V _ _ _ _ _	Vacuum
It's an adjective; it means that it's worth a lot of money.	V _ _ _ _ _ _	Valuable
It's a person who does not eat meat for health or religious reasons.	V _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Vegetarian
It's a machine, usually with wheels and an engine, used for transporting people or goods, especially on land.	V _ _ _ _ _ _	Vehicle
It's an occasion when you win a game, competition, election, war, etc.	V _ _ _ _ _ _	Victory
It's an extremely small piece of organic material that causes disease in humans, animals, and plants.	V _ _ _ _	Virus
It means all the words that exist in a particular language or subject.	V _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Vocabulary
It's a place on the Internet with one or more pages of information about a subject.	W _ _ _ _ _ _	Website
It's Saturday and Sunday, when many people do not work.	W _ _ _ _ _ _	Weekend
It's an adjective; it means that it's known or recognized by many people.	W _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Well-Known
It's an adjective; it means that it's extremely good.	W _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Wonderful
It's an adjective; it means that having a particular value, especially in money.	W _ _ _ _	Worth
It means to cover or surround something with paper, cloth, or other material.	W _ _ _	Wrap
It's the period of your life when you are young, or the state of being young.	Y _ _ _ _	Youth
It's great enthusiasm or eagerness.	Z _ _ _ _	Zeal
It's a line or pattern that looks like a Z or a row of Zs joined together.	Z _ _ _ _ _	Zigzag