SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE
ENGLISH (HL)
HOME LANGUAGE
OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 1

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2026

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. Read the instructions slowly and carefully to your learners.
2. When you read the instructions, make sure learners follow in their booklets. You must also read the instructions twice.
3. Try not to explain the questions and allow learners to answer independently in the spaces provided below.
4. Once learners have answered the questions independently, move on to read the next question.
5. Follow the same procedure throughout the whole paper without ever guiding the learners toward the correct answers.
6. There are 8 questions in this paper, and it is out of 25 marks.
7. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

NAME OF LEARNER:	
SCHOOL:	GRADE:

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QUESTION ONE:

Choose the correct picture to complete the sentences below. Put a tick on the right picture.

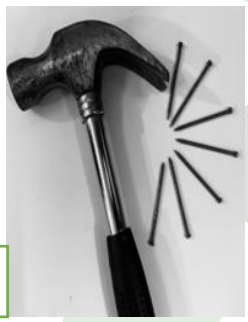
1.1 A _____ spins a web.

(1)

1.2 I like to eat _____.

(1)

1.3 I sit on a _____ .



(1)

1.4 We decorate the cake with _____. Underline the correct answer.

a) icing
b) hammers
c) buttons
d) nails

(1)

Marks: 4

QUESTION TWO:

Tick the correct answer:

2.1 Spiders are usually smaller bigger **than humans.**

2.2 A spider has eight six **legs**

(2)

Marks: 2

QUESTION THREE:

Write the starting letter of these words:

3.1

3.2

_____ _____

(2)

Marks: 2

QUESTION FOUR:

Read the nursery rhyme, "Little Miss Muffet" below and answer the questions that follow:

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,

Eating her curds and whey;

Along came a spider,

Who sat beside her

And frightened Miss Muffet away.

4 Place a cross next to the correct answer

4.1 Who sat on a tuffet? (1)

Little Tuffet	
Little Miss Muffet	
Little Miss Edna	

4.2 What was Miss Muffet eating? (Choose 2 answers) (2)

curds	
noodles	
whey	

4.3 What came beside Miss Muffet? (1)

An ant	
A spider	
A snake	

4.4 How did Miss Muffet feel when the creature sat beside her? (1)

Scared	
Happy	
Joyful	

Marks: 5

Read the nursery rhyme, "Itsy Bitsy Spider" below and answer the questions that follow:

The itsy bitsy spider crawled up the water spout.

Down came the rain, and washed the spider out.

Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain,

And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.

QUESTION FIVE:

5 Place a cross next to the correct answer

5.1 Who got washed by the rain? (1)

The spider	
The sun	
The spout	

5.2 What dried up all the rain? (1)

rain	
the sun	
the spider	

5.3 Where was the spider? (1)

Up the spout	
On the window	
In the drain	

5.4 Why was the spider washed out? (1)

because of the rain	
because of the sun	
because of the spout	

Marks: 4

QUESTION SIX:

6. Rewrite the sentences below with capital letters and full stops.

6.1 miss muffet enjoys her curds

_____

(3)

6.2 the spider climbs up the spout

_____

(2)

Marks: 5

QUESTION SEVEN:

7. Nouns are naming words.

7.1 Choose the correct noun/s from the options below:

The spider is climbing high.

a) The

b) spider

c) is

d) climbing **(1)**

Verbs are doing words or actions.

7.2 Choose the verb in the sentence below.

Little Miss Muffet eats her curd.

a) Miss

b) eats

c) curd

d) Little

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION EIGHT:

8. Solve the riddle below:

8.1 I am a tiny neighbour who catches bugs that fly about, using a web that's like silky thread.

_____

(1)

Marks: 1

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 25