

Word classes

noun	The name of a person, place, thing or idea	water, footballs, honesty, love,
proper noun	The name of a specific person or place	Oldton Primary, Mrs Wesson
verb	An action, occurrence or state of being	walk, climb, happen, is, are
adjective	Modifies a noun	pink, fluffy, dangerous
adverb	Modifies a verb, adjective, other adverb or whole clause.	really, often, very
preposition	A word that explains where or when something is in relation to something else	beside, near, above, through, around, between
subordinating conjunction	Joins a main clause to a subordinate clause	even though, because, when, after, while, since
coordinating conjunction	Joins words or clauses of equal rank	for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so
modal verb	Used to show possibility, permission or ability	might, could, must, will, may, can, should, would
pronoun	A word that replaces a noun	she, him, her, then
possessive pronoun	Used to show possession (in place of a noun)	mine, his, yours, hers, his, ours
determiner	A word that introduces a noun.	a, an, the, those, many, three

Speech punctuation

“Hello,” said Gemma. Gemma said, “Hello.”
 “Help me!” shouted Gemma. Gemma shouted, “Help me!”
 “How are you?” asked Gemma. Gemma asked, “How are you?”

Contractions	Expanded form
don't	do not
I've	I have
we're	we are
I'll	I will

Tenses

Simple past: I wrote
 Simple present: I write
 Simple future: I will write

Verb form	Example	How to form it
Past progressive	I was writing / they were writing	I was / he was / she was / you were / we were / they were + present participle
Present progressive	I am writing / he is writing / they are writing	I am / he is / she is / you are / we are / they are + present participle
Past perfect	I had written	I had / he had / she had / you had / we had / they had + past participle
Present perfect	I have written / he has written	I have / you have / we have / they have / he has / she has + past participle
Past perfect progressive	I had been writing	I had / we had / you had / they had / he had / she had + been + present participle
Present perfect progressive	I have been writing / he has been writing	I have / you have / we have / they have / he has / she has + been + present participle

Functions of sentences

question	How are you today?
statement	I have a cat.
command	Wash the dishes.
exclamation	What a lovely day it is!

Subject, verb and object

Sally adopted a dog.

The photographer took some photos.

Fronted adverbials

We went to town last week.
Last week, we went to town.

Words as a verb or a noun

Use 'plant' as a verb and a noun

verb	Usually has 'to' 'I' or a modal verb before it.	I will plant an apple tree.
noun	Usually has 'a' or 'an' before it.	I have a plant in my room.

Relative clauses

The children, **who were all in year 6**, were tired.
The children **who were responsible** were told off.
The class **that performed best** won a prize.

Relative pronouns: who, which, where, when, that, whose

Active and passive

active	Subject performing action	They cancelled the show.
passive	Subject having action performed on it.	The show was cancelled.

Expanded noun phrases

There was a **tiny, brown mouse with quivering whiskers** hiding in the corner.

Some small, brightly wrapped sweets had been left in the box.

Synonyms and antonyms

happy		
synonym	Words with a similar meaning	glad, ecstatic, pleased, gleeful
antonym	Words with opposite meanings	sad, unhappy, miserable, glum

Punctuation

full stop	I have a cat.	colon	I wore a scarf: it was cold.
comma	Luckily, I moved.	semi-colon	I like chocolate; however, I try not to eat it too much.
exclamation mark	What a surprise that was!	question mark	What is it?
dash	It was snowing- we couldn't believe it!	hyphen	There was a man-eating plant there.
brackets	My teacher (Mr Brown) told me off.	apostrophe	I think that's Amelia's ball.