

KS2 Grammar Terminology

Clause: a phrase containing a verb

Direct Speech: words directly spoken by a character

Noun: an object, place or name

Proper noun: a title, person's or place name, days, months (these have a capital letters)

Pronoun: replaces a noun e.g. *she, he, it, her, him*

Plural noun: more than one of a noun e.g. *cats*

Expanded noun phrase: adding extra detail about the noun

Adjective: a describing word, such as colour, shape, texture or size

Verb: a 'doing' word e.g. *run, sing, talk, walk, write*

Adverb: adds more detail to the verb e.g. *running slowly / singing joyfully*

Fronted adverbials: adverbial phrase appearing before the verb

Preposition: shows how a noun relates to other words in the sentence e.g. *on, in, during, between*

Prefix: a group of letters at the start of a word e.g. **dis**agree

Suffix: a group of letters at the end of the word e.g. taller / politeness / calling

Conjunction: a word which links two words or phrases together e.g. *and, but, so*

Present tense: doing something now e.g. *I talk / I see*

Present perfect: The perfect form of a verb generally calls attention to the consequences of a prior event; e.g. *he has gone to lunch* implies that he is still away

Continuous tense: the 'ing' form of the verb e.g. *I am talking/ she is seeing...*

Past tense: a completed action e.g. *I talked / I saw*

Punctuation: generic term for full stops, apostrophes, exclamation marks and question marks etc

Possessive s: a noun followed by an apostrophe to show belonging

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Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar A guide for Lower KS2 Parents Autumn 2020



Dear Parents,

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) is tested nationally in Year Two and in Year Six. At the end of each key stage, all children will be assessed on their ability to recall their knowledge and understanding in these areas so it is vital that we work together to prepare them for this. Quality teaching of SPaG in school and your support at home, will give your child the best possible chance of success.

For your child to do well in the SPaG tests, they don't just have to be good at writing; they also need a technical understanding of how the English language works, including the correct grammatical terminology appropriate to their year group. We understand that supporting your child with learning SPaG can be challenging so we hope you will find this reference and glossary helpful and keep it to help you support your child with their learning.

***Please note that children are expected to be secure in the previous year's objectives as well as their own.**

Curriculum expectations in Year 3

- Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes e.g. *super-*, *anti-*, *auto-*
- Use of the determiners *a* or *an* according to the next word
- Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning e.g. *solve*, *solution*, *solver*, *dissolve*, *insoluble*
- Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions e.g. *when*, adverbs e.g. *soon* or prepositions e.g. *before*
- Introduction to paragraphs, headings and sub-headings to aid presentation
- Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past e.g. *He has gone out to play* contrasted with *He went out to play*
- Inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Curriculum expectations in Year 4

- Plural and possessive *-s*
- Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms e.g. *we were* instead of *we was*
- Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases e.g. *the teacher* expanded to: *the strict maths teacher with curly hair*
- Fronted adverbials e.g. Later that day, *I heard the bad news.*
- Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech
- Apostrophes to mark plural possession e.g. *the girl's name* versus *the girls' name*
- Use of commas after fronted adverbials