KS2 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling



Glossary for Parents





Grammar		
Term	Function	Examples
Active voice	Where the <u>subject</u> performs the <u>action</u> . <u>See also</u> : passive voice	The <u>boy kicked</u> the ball. (<u>Subject</u> , <u>action</u>) <u>She smashed</u> the window. (<u>Subject</u> , <u>action</u>)
Adjective	A word that <u>describes a thing</u> (the <u>noun</u> or <u>pronoun</u>).	The <u>boy</u> is <u>tall</u> . (<u>noun</u> , <u>adjective</u>) <u>She</u> is <u>happier</u> than him. (<u>pronoun</u> , <u>adjective</u>) The <u>green</u> <u>bird</u> is <u>happy</u> . (<u>noun</u> , <u>adjective</u>)
Adverb	A word that <u>describes or adds meaning</u> to words other than nouns. They often tell us <u>how</u> , <u>when</u> or <u>where</u> something happened.	He ran quickly . (adverb) <u>Sometimes</u> it rains. (adverb) He <u>soon</u> learnt how to do it. (<u>adverb</u>)
Adverbial phrases	A group of words that could be replaced with one adverb. These can go at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of a sentence.	The girl talked <u>at the top of her voice</u> . (This could be replaced with the adverb ' <u>loudly</u> '.) <u>At around seven o' clock</u> , we walked home. (This could be replaced with the adverb ' <u>later</u> '.)
Antonyms	Two words that mean the opposite of one another.	dark / light tall / short above / below
Clause	A group of words built around a verb.Sentences can be made of one or more clauses.Main clause: This is the most important clause in a sentence. It must make sense by itself.Subordinate clause: This depends on the main clause to make sense. It cannot be a sentence by itself.	I'll walk to the town, before it gets dark. (Main clause, subordinate clause)As soon as he gets home, we can start cooking. (Subordinate clause, main clause)The man, who was nearly thirty years old, walked along the beach. (Main clause, relative clause,)

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	Relative clause: This is a type of	
	subordinate clause and begins with a	
	relative pronoun, e.g. that, which, who.	
	It tells us more about the noun .	
Conjunction	Words that link ideas together.	I like vegetables and fruit.
		(Coordinating conjunction).
	Coordinating conjunction: This links two	
	words or phrases together as an equal	Do you want tea or coffee?
	pair. E.g. and, but, so, or	(Coordinating conjunction).
	Subordinating conjunction: This	I like pineapple, <u>although</u> I don't have
	introduces a subordinate clause. E.g.	it very often. (<u>Subordinating</u>
	although, because, unless, even though	<u>conjunction</u>).
		I don't buy strawberries, <u>unless</u> they
		are reduced. (Subordinating
		conjunction).
Contractions	Two words shortened to make one	∣ will → I'll
	word.	
		she would → she'd
	Use an apostrophe to show where	
	letters are missing.	John has → John's
	(Not often found in formal style writing)	
		will not → won't
Determiners	A word or words that come before a	Pass me <u>a</u> pen.
	noun or noun phrase. It makes it	
	clearer what – or how many – the noun	Pass me <u>the</u> pen.
	refers to.	
		Pass me that pen.
		Pass me <u>some</u> pens.
		Pass me <u>three</u> pens.
Direct speech	This is where the <u>exact words</u> that were	"Hello," said mum. (Exact words
	spoken are written inside a pair of	spoken.)
	inverted commas.	
		Nathan shouted, "Where are you
	There is usually also a reporting clause	going? We're late!" (Exact words
	that tells you who said / shouted (etc.)	spoken.)
	the words.	- <u></u> -,
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Modal verbs	These go before another verb and tell	I <u>will</u> go to town. (This is a <u>certainty</u> .)
	us how possible / likely something is.	
		I <u>could</u> go to town. (This is a
	Modal verbs can indicate <u>certainty</u> –	possibility.)
	something is <u>definitely</u> going to happen	
	(must, will, shall).	Later on, we <u>shall</u> go running. (This is
		a <u>certainty</u> .)
	Modal verbs can indicate possibility –	
	something <u>might</u> happen (can, could,	Later on, we <u>may</u> to go to town. (This
	independent court	

	may, might, ought, should, would)	is a possibility.)
Noun	Naming words (person, animal, place,	The cat was scared of the loud music .
	thing or idea).	(<u>Common nouns</u>)
		It is time to got some along
	<u>Common nouns:</u> general names for a person, place, thing or idea. E.g. boy,	It is <u>time</u> to get some <u>sleep</u> . (Common nouns)
	town, music, happiness.	
	Proper pound, pames for a specific	Mr Thomas stood outside Connaught
	<u>Proper nouns:</u> names for a specific person, place or thing. E.g. James,	School last Friday. (Proper nouns)
	London, January. These always begin	
	with a capital letter .	
	<u>See also</u> : pronouns	
Noun	These are a group of words that could	All of the small dogs raced around
phrases	be replaced with <u>one noun</u> .	the park. (This could be replaced with the noun ' dogs' .)
		with the four <u>aogs</u> .y
		Unfortunately, Simon dropped <u>some</u>
		of the fragile plates onto the floor.
		(This could be replaced with the noun ' plates' .)
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Object	A <u>noun</u> , <u>pronoun</u> or <u>noun phrase</u> that is	The boy <u>dropped</u> a pen . (Verb,
	having something <u>done to</u> it.	<u>object)</u>
	<u>See also:</u> subject	He <u>drank</u> coffee. (<i>Verb</i> , object)
		Amy <i>pushed</i> it over.(<i>Verb</i> , <u>object</u>)
Passive voice	Where the action comes before the	The ball was kicked by the boy.
	agent.	(<u>Action</u> before <u>agent</u>)
	(The passive voice often uses 'by' i.e. The	The window <i>was smashed</i> by the girl.
	was by)	(Action before agent)
	<u>See also</u> : active voice	·
Prefix	A letter or group of letters which is	do → <u>un</u> do
	added to the <u>beginning of a root word</u>	
	to change its meaning.	circle → <u>semi</u> circle
		legal → <u>il</u> legal
Prepositions	Tell you where or when something is /	He waited inside his car before going
	was compared to something else.	out <u>in</u> the rain.

Pronoun	Takes the place of a <u>noun</u> or <u>noun</u> <u>phrase</u> . They are often used to avoid repetition. E.g. I, me, you, he, it, we, us	<u>Steve</u> left the <u>book</u> in <u>Westgate</u> . <u>He</u> left <u>it there</u> . (<u>Pronouns</u>)
	Possessive pronouns: pronouns that indicate <u>belonging</u> . E.g. mine, yours, his, hers, theirs	James and Becci read some books. They read them. (Pronouns) That is <u>my book</u> .
	Relative pronouns: introduce a relative clause. E.g. who, which, that	That is mine. (Possessive pronoun) This pen, which has a blue lid, is brand new. (Relative pronoun)
Sentence	A sentence is made up of one or more main clauses. There are different types of sentences.	Don't shout out. (Command) Stop doing that. (Command)
	<u>Command:</u> This tells someone to do	What a surprise! (Exclamation)
	something. These often start with a verb.	Awesome! (Exclamation)
	Exclamation: Where you are saying something surprising or with force. These end with an exclamation mark.	Is that yours? (Question) I'm excited, are you? (Question)
	Question: This asks for information. They often start with a question word. They must end with a <u>question mark</u> .	I am hungry. (Statement) Next week I am going abroad.
	<u>Statement</u>: This gives information. It usually has the subject before the verb . It usually ends in a full stop .	(Statement)
Singular and plural	Most nouns have a singular and plural form – singular for 'one' and plural for	1 pot → 2 pot <u>s</u>
	'more than one'.	1 tooth → 2 <u>teeth</u> (Irregular)
	Usually nouns can be changed to plural by adding 's'. Some words have irregular plural forms and others stay the same for singular and plural.	1 fish → 2 fish (No change)
Standard English	The formal version of English.	<u>I did</u> my homework. (<u>NOT</u> 'I <u>done</u> ')
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Subject	The <u>noun</u> , <u>pronoun</u> or <u>noun phrase</u> that is <u>doing</u> what the verb says.	The <u>boy</u> <u>dropped</u> a pen. (Subject, <u>verb</u> object)
	<u>See also:</u> object	He drank coffee. (Subject, verb)

		Amy <i>pushed</i> it over. (Subject, verb)
Suffix	A <u>letter</u> or group of letters which is added to the <u>end of a root word</u> to	do → do <u>ing</u>
	change its meaning.	agree → agree <u>ment</u>
		legal → legal <u>ise</u>
Synonym	Two words that have a similar meaning to one another.	happy / cheerful
		big / large
		angry / furious
Verb	'Doing' or 'being' words	I <u>jumped</u> around the garden.
	<u>See also</u> : modal verb	l <u>have</u> three pens.
		She <u>is</u> tired but I <u>am</u> not.

Tenses		
Term	Function	Examples
Future (simple)	For an action which <u>will</u> happen in the future.	They <u>will</u> live in London.
	Usually uses ' will' and then the verb .	He <u>will</u> walk home.
	·	l <u>will</u> eat dinner.
Past (simple)	For an action which <u>was completed</u> in the past.	They live<u>d</u> in London.
	Usually uses verbs with the -ed suffix.	He walk<u>ed</u> home .
		I ate dinner. (Irregular verb)
Present	For something that is happening now or	They <u>live</u> in London. (True)
(simple)	generally happens frequently or	He walk<u>s</u> home. (Happening now)
	regularly. Can describe habits or	l eat dinner. (Frequent habit)
	something that is generally true.	l visit Gran every Christmas. (Regular habit)

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	Punctuation		
Term	Function	Examples	
Apostrophes	For omission:Show you have omitted(missed out) some letters, often whenjoining words together.See:contractions.For possession:Show that one thingbelongs to another.	For omission: have not → haven't she will → she'll For possession: The tree's leaves. (The leaves belong to the tree.) The trees' leaves. (The leaves belong to the trees.)	
Brackets	Used to add extra information that is not essential. The sentence should make sense even if the information in the brackets is ignored.	Mr Arnold (my new neighbour) shouted at my cat. The tree in my garden (a large oak) was chopped down last night.	
Capital letters	Used at the <u>beginning of a sentence</u> or for <u>proper nouns</u> .	<u>T</u> omorrow <u>M</u> rs <u>G</u> reen is going to walk to <u>B</u> agshot.	
Colons	Used before a definition or an explanation about something or to introduce a list.	I know what to do: I'll use a bucket and spade. <i>(explanation)</i> Spiders: small black creatures with eight legs. <i>(definition)</i> I have three cats: Tom, Jerry and Smudge. <i>(introduce a list)</i>	
Commas	 Separate <u>items in a list</u> Separate <u>parts of a sentence i.e.</u> <u>clauses.</u> 	 I need to buy flour, eggs and milk. Tom, who is my friend, met me in town. 	
Dashes	Used to separate parts of a sentence.	The men – all fifty of them – started to run towards the new shop. The girl finally arrived at my house – only one hour late!	
Exclamation marks	Show when something is <u>surprising</u> or said with <u>force</u> .	Wow! That's amazing! Bang! That was loud!	

Full stops	Used at the <u>end of a sentence</u> .	His name is Ben.
		l live in London.
Hyphen	Used to link two or more words together, often to make the meaning clearer.	I have five <u>ten-pound</u> notes. The <u>seven-year-old</u> boy stood up.
Inverted commas	Go around <u>speech</u> (what someone has said).	" <u>Hello</u> ," said mum.
	Speech always begins with a capital letter, even if there is a <u>reporting clause</u> first (e.g. <u>Tom said</u> , "Hi."). A comma is used to introduce the speech.	Nathan shouted, " <u>Where are you</u> going? We're late!"
	The <u>end punctuation</u> goes before the closing inverted commas. (e.g. "How are you <u>?</u> " "That's great <u>!</u> " shouted Amy.)	
Question marks	Show that someone has asked a question.	What is your name? Where are you going?
Semi-colons	Used to link two complete sentences on the same theme.	She dropped the bag; it was heavy. Mr Philips was tired; he hadn't slept well the previous night.