



Key Stage One
Grammar and Punctuation
Glossary Guide
For parents

Year One - Grammar Glossary

| Grammar Term | What does it mean? |
|---------------------------|--|
| capital letter | Capital letters are used at the beginning of sentences. They are used for days of the week, months of the year . They are also used for names of people and places. |
| exclamation mark ! | An exclamation mark comes at the end of an exclamation. It shows that the sentence is about something urgent or surprising , or shows anger. An exclamation mark also comes at the end of a command. A command is a sentence which gives you an instruction. |
| full stop . | A full stop comes at the end of a sentence. It shows that the sentence is complete and finished. |
| letter | There are 26 letters in the alphabet. There are 5 vowels and 21 consonants. |
| plural | A plural normally has the suffix -s or -es. It means more than one. |
| punctuation | Punctuation marks are used in sentences to make meaning clear. Punctuation can change the meaning of the sentence. Let's eat Granny! Let's eat, Granny! |

Year One - Grammar Glossary

| Grammar Term | What does it mean? |
|---------------------|--|
| question mark ? | A question mark comes at the end of a sentence which is asking a question. |
| sentence | A sentence tells you something, asks you something or exclaims something. All sentences start with a capital letter and end with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark. |
| singular | The word <i>singular</i> refers to a quantity of one. <i>Singular</i> contrasts with <i>plural</i> , which refers to more than one. |

Year Two - Grammar Glossary

| Grammar Term | What does it mean? |
|--------------|--|
| adjective | <p>An adjective gives more information about a noun.</p> <p>The little, green bird pecked the juicy apple.</p> <p>The little and green gives more information about the bird and juicy gives more information about the apple.</p> |
| adverb | <p>An adverb gives more information about a verb, an adjective or another verb. An adverb tells you how, where, when and how often something happens.</p> <p>Later, a cat crept up the tree as the brown owl eagerly pecked the apple twice and ate it noisily.</p> <p>Later gives more information about when the cat crept up. Noisily and eagerly give more information about how the cat ate. Twice tells us how often.</p> |
| apostrophe | <p>An apostrophe can be used to show that a letter, or letters, have been missed out (a contraction).</p> <p>I didn't pick up the pen I won't eat my dinner.</p> <p>They can show possession.</p> <p>Ben's hat. The girls' room.</p> |
| comma | <p>A comma can be used to separate things in a list.</p> <p>I like to eat pears, apples, grapes and nuts.</p> <p>A comma can be used to show a break in a sentence.</p> <p>I like swimming, but I love ice skating.</p> |

Year Two - Grammar Glossary

| Grammar Term | What does it mean? |
|--------------|---|
| command | <p>Commands are sentences that tell you to do something. They are urgent or angry and can be very short.</p> <p>Help me! Stop that!</p> |
| exclamation | <p>Exclamations are sentences said with anger, amusement, shock or urgency. They end with an exclamation mark.</p> <p>That's amazing! Go away! Be quick!</p> |
| noun | <p>A noun names a person or a thing. A common noun is a noun that refers to people or things in general.</p> <p>dog tree chair car</p> <p>A proper noun is a noun that identifies a particular person, place or thing. Proper nouns begin with capital letters</p> <p>James London Valley Gardens Friday</p> |
| noun phrase | <p>A noun phrase is 2 or more words that act as a noun. Noun phrases describe and give more information clearly.</p> <p>seed is a noun tiny seed is a noun phrase</p> |
| question | <p>Questions are sentences that ask you something. They end with a question mark.</p> <p>What did you have for dinner?</p> |

Year Two - Grammar Glossary

| Grammar Term | What does it mean? |
|-----------------------------|--|
| statement | <p>Statements are sentences that tell you something. They end with a full stop.</p> <p>A rainbow has seven colours. They are beautiful to look at.</p> |
| tense (past and present) | <p>The verb in a sentence shows the tense. The tense shows when the actual action takes place. The present tense is used to describe something that is happening now.</p> <p>The bird <u>pecks</u> the apple. He <u>is</u> the team captain.</p> <p>The past tense is used to describe something that has already happened.</p> <p>The bird <u>pecked</u> the apple. He <u>was</u> team captain.</p> |
| suffix | <p>A suffix is a letter or group of letters that can be added to the end of a root word. Different suffixes have different meanings .</p> <p>fast + er = faster joy + ful = joyful sad + ness= sadness jump+ed = jumped</p> |
| verb | <p>A verb names an action.</p> <p>The bird <u>pecked</u> the apple and <u>ate</u> it as it <u>sat</u> on the branch.</p> |