English

## KS2 Grammar, Punctuation \& Spelling



## Glossary for Parents



## Easter Revision

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


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


| Noun | Naming words (person, animal, place, thing or idea). <br> Common nouns: general names for a person, place, thing or idea. E.g. boy, town, music, happiness. <br> Proper nouns: names for a specific person, place or thing. E.g. James, London, January. These always begin with a capital letter. <br> See also: pronouns | The cat was scared of the loud music. (Common nouns) <br> It is time to get some sleep. <br> (Common nouns) <br> Mr Thomas stood outside Connaught School last Friday. (Proper nouns) |
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| Noun phrases | These are a group of words that could be replaced with one noun. | All of the small dogs raced around the park. (This could be replaced with the noun ' $\underline{\text { dogs' }}$.) <br> Unfortunately, Simon dropped some of the fragile plates onto the floor. (This could be replaced with the noun 'plates'.) |
| Object | A noun, pronoun or noun phrase that is having something done to it. <br> See also: subject | The boy dropped a pen. (Verb, object) <br> He drank coffee. (Verb, object) <br> Amy pushed it over. (Verb, object) |
| Passive voice | Where the action comes before the agent. <br> (The passive voice often uses 'by' i.e. The $\qquad$ by. $\qquad$ ..) <br> See also: active voice | The ball was kicked by the boy. (Action before agent) <br> The window was smashed by the girl. (Action before agent) |
| Prefix | A letter or group of letters which is added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning. | do $\rightarrow$ undo <br> circle $\rightarrow$ semicircle <br> legal $\rightarrow$ illegal |
| Prepositions | Tell you where or when something is / was compared to something else. | He waited inside his car before going out in the rain. |
| Pronoun | Takes the place of a noun or noun phrase. They are often used to avoid repetition. E.g. I, me, you, he, it, we, us <br> Possessive pronouns: pronouns that indicate belonging. E.g. mine, yours, his, hers, theirs <br> Relative pronouns: introduce a relative clause. E.g. who, which, that | Steve left the book in Westgate. <br> He left it there. (Pronouns) <br> James and Becci read some books. <br> They read them. (Pronouns) <br> That is my book. <br> That is mine. (Possessive pronoun) <br> 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. <br> Command: This tells someone to do something. These often start with a verb. <br> Exclamation: Where you are saying something surprising or with force. These end with an exclamation mark. <br> Question: This asks for information. They often start with a question word. They must end with a question mark. <br> Statement: This gives information. It usually has the subject before the verb. It usually ends in a full stop. | Don't shout out. (Command) <br> Stop doing that. (Command) <br> What a surprise! (Exclamation) <br> Awesome! (Exclamation) <br> Is that yours? (Question) <br> I'm excited, are you? (Question) <br> I am hungry. (Statement) <br> Next week I am going abroad. (Statement) |
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| Singular and plural | Most nouns have a singular and plural form - singular for 'one' and plural for 'more than one'. <br> 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 pot }->2\mathrm{ pots 1 tooth }->2\mathrm{ teeth (Irregular) 1 fish }->2\mathrm{ fish (No change)``` |
| Standard English | The formal version of English. | I did my homework. (NOT 'I done') <br> We were walking home. (NOT 'We was') |
| Subject | The noun, pronoun or noun phrase that is doing what the verb says. <br> See also: object | The boy dropped a pen. (Subject, verb object) <br> He drank coffee. (Subject, verb) <br> Amy pushed it over. (Subject, verb) |
| Suffix | A letter or group of letters which is added to the end of a root word to change its meaning. | do $\rightarrow$ doing <br> agree $\rightarrow$ agreement <br> legal $\rightarrow$ legalise |
| Synonym | Two words that have a similar meaning to one another. | happy / cheerful big / large angry / furious |
| Verb | 'Doing' or 'being' words See also: modal verb | I jumped around the garden. <br> I have three pens. <br> She is tired but I am not. |


| Tenses |  |  |
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| Future (simple) | For an action which will happen in the future. <br> Usually uses 'will' and then the verb. | They will live in London. He will walk home. I will eat dinner. |
| Past (simple) | For an action which was completed in the past. <br> Usually uses verbs with the -ed suffix. | They lived in London. He walked home. <br> I ate dinner. (Irregular verb) |
| Present (simple) | For something that is happening now or generally happens frequently or regularly. Can describe habits or something that is generally true. | They live in London. (True) He walks home. (Happening now) I eat dinner. (Frequent habit) I visit Gran every Christmas. (Regular habit) |
| Progressive | The progressive tense is used for actions that are ongoing. <br> Present progressive: <br> Use the present form of 'to be' and the present form of the main verb, (an 'ing' ending). <br> Past progressive: <br> Use the past form of 'to be' and the present form of the main verb, (an 'ing' ending). | Present progressive: <br> I am walking. <br> She is going. <br> They are eating. (Irregular main verb) <br> Past progressive: <br> I was walking. <br> She was going. <br> They were eating. (Irregular main verb) |
| Perfect | The perfect tense is used for actions that started in the past and have either been completed or are continuing into the present. <br> Present perfect: <br> Use the present form of 'to have' and the past form of the main verb, (usually an 'ed' ending). <br> Past perfect: <br> Use the past form of 'to have' and the past form of the main verb, (usually an 'ed' ending). | Present perfect: <br> I have walked. <br> She has gone. (Irregular main verb) <br> They have eaten. (Irregular main verb) <br> Past perfect: <br> I had walked. <br> She had gone. (Irregular verb) <br> They had eaten. (Irregular verb) |


| Punctuation |  |  |
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| Term | Function | Examples |
| Apostrophes | For omission: Show you have omitted (missed out) some letters, often when joining words together. <br> See also: contractions. <br> For possession: Show that one thing belongs to another. | For omission: <br> have not $\rightarrow$ haven't <br> she will $\rightarrow$ she'll <br> For possession: <br> The tree's leaves. (The leaves belong to the tree.) <br> The trees' leaves. (The leaves belong to the trees.) |
| Brackets | Used to add extra information that is not essential. <br> The sentence should make sense even if the information in the brackets is ignored. | Mr Arnold (my new neighbour) shouted at my cat. <br> The tree in my garden (a large oak) was chopped down last night. |
| Capital letters | Used at the beginning of a sentence or for proper nouns. | Tomorrow Mrs $\underline{G r e e n}$ is going to walk to Bagshot. |
| 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. (explanation) <br> Spiders: small black creatures with eight legs. (definition) <br> I have three cats: Tom, Jerry and Smudge. (introduce a list) |
| Commas | 1. Separate items in a list <br> 2. Separate parts of a sentence i.e. clauses. | 1. I need to buy flour, eggs and milk. <br> 2. 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. <br> The girl finally arrived at my house only one hour late! |
| Exclamation marks | Show when something is surprising or said with force. | Wow! That's amazing! <br> Bang! That was loud! |
| Full stops | Used at the end of a sentence. | His name is Ben. I live in London. |


| Hyphen | Used to link two or more words <br> together, often to make the meaning <br> clearer. | I have five ten-pound notes. <br> The seven-year-old boy stood up. |
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| Inverted <br> commas | Go around speech (what someone has <br> said). <br> Speech always begins with a capital <br> letter, even if there is a reporting clause <br> first (e.g. Tom said, "Hi."). A comma is <br> used to introduce the speech. <br> The end punctuation goes before the <br> closing inverted commas. (e.g. "How are <br> you?" "That's great!" shouted Amy.) | "Hello," said mum. <br> Nathan shouted, "Where are you <br> going? We're late!" |
| Question <br> marks | Show that someone has asked a <br> question. | What is your name? |
| Semi-colons | Used to link two complete sentences on <br> the same theme. | She dropped the bag; it was heavy. |
| Where are you going? |  |  |

