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Y1 Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

This document contains the Y1 Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation appendix and should be used to support the planning, teaching and learning in Year 1.

Children will be taught spelling strategies within their English lessons as well as during phonics lesson.

Spelling lists will coincide with the school's key words lists.

Spelling and Phonics strategies

Revision of reception work

Statutory requirements

The boundary between revision of work covered in Reception and the introduction of new work may vary according to the programme used, but basic revision should include:

- all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent
- consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent
- vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent
- the process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds
- words with adjacent consonants
- guidance and rules which have been taught

Statutory
requirements
The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck
The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k
Division of words into syllables

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are usually spelt as ff , ll , ss , zz and ck if they come straight after a single vowel letter in short words. Exceptions : if, pal, us, bus, yes.	off, well, miss, buzz, back
	bank, think, honk, sunk
Each syllable is like a 'beat' in the spoken word. Words of more than one syllable often have an unstressed syllable in which the vowel sound is unclear.	pocket, rabbit, carrot, thunder, sunset

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
-tch	The /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as tch if it comes straight after a single vowel letter. Exceptions : rich, which, much, such.	catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch
The /v/ sound at the end of words	English words hardly ever end with the letter v , so if a word ends with a /v/ sound, the letter e usually needs to be added after the 'v'.	have, live, give
Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)	If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelt as -s. If the ending sounds like /Iz/ and forms an extra syllable or 'beat' in the word, it is spelt as -es.	cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches
Adding the endings – ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word	 -ing and -er always add an extra syllable to the word and -ed sometimes does. The past tense of some verbs may sound as if it ends in /Id/ (extra syllable), /d/ or /t/ (no extra syllable), but all these endings are spelt -ed. If the verb ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on. 	hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer, jumping, jumped, jumper
Adding –er and –est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word	As with verbs (see above), if the adjective ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on.	grander, grandest, fresher, freshest, quicker, quickest

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs

Some may already be known, depending on the programmes used in Reception, but some will be new.

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs
ai, oi
ay, oy
а–е
e–e
i–e
o–e
u–e
ar
ee
ea (/i:/)
ea (/ε/)
er (/3:/)
er (/ə/)
ir
ur

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
The digraphs ai and oi are virtually never used at the end of English words.	rain, wait, train, paid, afraid oil, join, coin, point, soil
ay and oy are used for those sounds at the end of words and at the end of syllables.	day, play, say, way, stay boy, toy, enjoy, annoy
	made, came, same, take, safe
	these, theme, complete
	five, ride, like, time, side
	home, those, woke, hope, hole
Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo') sounds can be spelt as u–e .	June, rule, rude, use, tube, tune
	car, start, park, arm, garden
	see, tree, green, meet, week
	sea, dream, meat, each, read (present tense)
	head, bread, meant, instead, read (past tense)
	(stressed sound): her, term, verb, person
	(unstressed <i>schwa</i> sound): better, under, summer, winter, sister
	girl, bird, shirt, first, third
	turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday

Vowel digraphs
and trigraphs
oo (/u:/)

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Very few words end with the letters oo , although the few that do are often words that primary children in year 1 will encounter, for example, <i>zoo</i>	food, pool, moon, zoo, soon

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs
oo (/ʊ/)
oa
oe
ou
ow (/aʊ/)
ow (/อช/)
ue
ew
ie (/aɪ/)
ie (/i:/)
igh
or
ore
aw
au
air
ear
ear (/ɛə/)
are (/εə/)

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
	book, took, foot, wood, good
The digraph oa is very rare at the end of an English word.	boat, coat, road, coach, goal
	toe, goes
The only common English word ending in ou is <i>you</i> .	out, about, mouth, around, sound
Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo') sounds can be spelt as u–e , ue and ew . If words end in the /oo/ sound, ue and ew are more common spellings than oo .	now, how, brown, down, town own, blow, snow, grow, show blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw
	lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried
	chief, field, thief
	high, night, light, bright, right
	for, short, born, horse, morning
	more, score, before, wore, shore
	saw, draw, yawn, crawl
	author, August, dinosaur, astronaut
	air, fair, pair, hair, chair
	dear, hear, beard, near, year
	bear, pear, wear
	bare, dare, care, share, scared

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Words ending –y (/i:/ or /I/)		very, happy, funny, party, family
New consonant spellings ph and wh	The /f/ sound is not usually spelt as ph in short everyday words (e.g. fat, fill, fun).	dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant when, where, which, wheel, while
Using k for the /k/ sound	The /k/ sound is spelt as k rather than as c before e , i and y .	Kent, sketch, kit, skin, frisky
Adding the prefix – un	The prefix un — is added to the beginning of a word without any change to the spelling of the root word.	unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock
Compound words	Compound words are two words joined together. Each part of the longer word is spelt as it would be if it were on its own.	football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry
Common exception words	Pupils' attention should be drawn to the grapheme-phoneme correspondences that do and do not fit in with what has been taught so far.	the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our – and/or others, according to the programme used

Y1 Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation appendix

Year 1: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)		
Word	Regular plural noun suffixes –s or –es [for example, dog, dogs; wish, wishes], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun	
	Suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. <i>helping</i> , <i>helped</i> , <i>helper</i>)	
	How the prefix <i>un</i> — changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives [negation, for example, <i>unkind</i> , or <i>undoing</i> : <i>untie the boat</i>]	
Sentence	How words can combine to make sentences	
	Joining words and joining clauses using and	
Text	Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	
Punctuation	Separation of words with spaces	
	Introduction to capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences	
	Capital letters for names and for the personal pronoun <i>I</i>	
Terminology for	letter, capital letter	
pupils	word, singular, plural	
	sentence	
	punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark	

Glossary of terms

Term	Guidance	Example
active voice	An active <u>verb</u> has its usual pattern of <u>subject</u> and <u>object</u> (in contrast with the <u>passive</u>).	Active: <i>The school arranged a visit</i> . Passive: <i>A visit was arranged</i> by the school.
adjective	The surest way to identify adjectives is by the ways they can be used: • before a noun, to make the noun's meaning more specific (i.e. to modify the noun), or • after the verb be, as its complement. Adjectives cannot be modified by other adjectives. This distinguishes them from nouns, which can be. Adjectives are sometimes called 'describing words' because they pick out single characteristics such as size or colour. This is often true, but it doesn't help to distinguish adjectives from other word classes, because verbs, nouns and adverbs can do the same thing.	The pupils did some really good work. [adjective used before a noun, to modify it] Their work was good. [adjective used after the verb be, as its complement] Not adjectives: The lamp glowed. [verb] It was such a bright red! [noun] He spoke loudly. [adverb] It was a French grammar book. [noun]
adverb	The surest way to identify adverbs is by the ways they can be used: they can modify a verb, an adjective, another adverb or even a whole clause. Adverbs are sometimes said to describe manner or time. This is often true, but it doesn't help to distinguish adverbs from other word classes that can be used as adverbials, such as preposition phrases, noun phrases and subordinate clauses.	Usha soon started snoring loudly. [adverbs modifying the verbs started and snoring] That match was really exciting! [adverb modifying the adjective exciting] We don't get to play games very often. [adverb modifying the other adverb, often] Fortunately, it didn't rain. [adverb modifying the whole clause 'it didn't rain' by commenting on it] Not adverbs: Usha went up the stairs. [preposition phrase used as adverbial] She finished her work this evening. [noun phrase used as adverbial] She finished when the teacher got cross. [subordinate clause used as adverbial]
adverbial	An adverbial is a word or phrase that is used, like an adverb, to modify a verb or	The bus leaves in five minutes. [preposition phrase as adverbial: modifies

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	clause. Of course, <u>adverbs</u> can be used as adverbials, but many other types of words and phrases can be used this way, including <u>preposition phrases</u> and <u>subordinate clauses</u> .	Ieaves] She promised to see him last night. [noun phrase modifying either promised or see, according to the intended meaning] She worked until she had finished. [subordinate clause as adverbial]
antonym	Two words are antonyms if their meanings are opposites.	hot – cold light – dark light – heavy
apostrophe	Apostrophes have two completely different uses: showing the place of missing letters (e.g. <i>I'm</i> for <i>I am</i>) marking possessives (e.g. <i>Hannah's mother</i>).	<u>I'm</u> going out and I <u>won't</u> be long. [showing missing letters] <u>Hannah's</u> mother went to town in <u>Justin's</u> car. [marking possessives]
article	The articles <i>the</i> (definite) and <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> (indefinite) are the most common type of <u>determiner</u> .	<u>The</u> dog found <u>a</u> bone in <u>an</u> old box.
auxiliary verb	The auxiliary verbs are: be, have, do and the modal verbs. They can be used to make questions and negative statements. In addition: be is used in the progressive and passive have is used in the perfect do is used to form questions and negative statements if no other auxiliary verb is present	They <u>are</u> winning the match. [be used in the progressive] Have you finished your picture? [have used to make a question, and the perfect] No, I <u>do</u> n't know him. [do used to make a negative; no other auxiliary is present] Will you come with me or not? [modal verb will used to make a question about the other person's willingness]
clause	A clause is a special type of <u>phrase</u> whose <u>head</u> is a <u>verb</u> . Clauses can sometimes be complete sentences. Clauses may be <u>main</u> or <u>subordinate</u> . Traditionally, a clause had to have a <u>finite</u> <u>verb</u> , but most modern grammarians also recognise non-finite clauses.	It was raining. [single-clause sentence] It was raining but we were indoors. [two finite clauses] If you are coming to the party, please let us know. [finite subordinate clause inside a finite main clause] Usha went upstairs to play on her computer. [non-finite clause]
cohesion	A text has cohesion if it is clear how the meanings of its parts fit together. Cohesive devices can help to do this. In the example, there are repeated	A visit has been arranged for <u>Year 6</u> , to the <u>Mountain Peaks Field Study Centre</u> , leaving school at 9.30am. This is an overnight visit. <u>The centre</u> has beautiful grounds and <i>a nature trail</i> . During the

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	references to the same thing (shown by the different style pairings), and the logical relations, such as time and cause, between different parts are clear.	afternoon, <u>the children</u> will follow the trail.
cohesive device	Cohesive devices are words used to show how the different parts of a text fit together. In other words, they create cohesion. Some examples of cohesive devices are: determiners and pronouns, which can refer back to earlier words conjunctions and adverbs, which can make relations between words clear ellipsis of expected words.	Julia's dad bought her a football. The football was expensive! [determiner; refers us back to a particular football] Joe was given a bike for Christmas. He liked it very much. [the pronouns refer back to Joe and the bike] We'll be going shopping before we go to the park. [conjunction; makes a relationship of time clear] I'm afraid we're going to have to wait for the next train. Meanwhile, we could have a cup of tea. [adverb; refers back to the time of waiting] Where are you going? [_] To school! [ellipsis of the expected words I'm going; links the answer back to the question]
complement	A verb's subject complement adds more information about its <u>subject</u> , and its object complement does the same for its <u>object</u> . Unlike the verb's object, its complement may be an adjective. The verb <i>be</i> normally has a complement.	She is <u>our teacher</u> . [adds more information about the subject, she] They seem very competent. [adds more information about the subject, they] Learning makes me <u>happy</u> . [adds more information about the object, me]
compound, compounding	A compound word contains at least two root words in its morphology; e.g. whiteboard, superman. Compounding is very important in English.	blackbird, blow-dry, bookshop, ice-cream, English teacher, inkjet, one-eyed, bone- dry, baby-sit, daydream, outgrow
conjunction	A conjunction links two words or phrases together. There are two main types of conjunctions: co-ordinating conjunctions (e.g. and) link two words or phrases together as an equal pair subordinating conjunctions (e.g. when) introduce a subordinate clause.	James bought a bat and ball. [links the words bat and ball as an equal pair] Kylie is young but she can kick the ball hard. [links two clauses as an equal pair] Everyone watches when Kyle does backflips. [introduces a subordinate clause] Joe can't practise kicking because he's injured. [introduces a subordinate clause]
consonant	A sound which is produced when the speaker closes off or obstructs the flow of	/p/ [flow of air stopped by the lips, then released]

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	air through the vocal tract, usually using lips, tongue or teeth. Most of the letters of the alphabet represent consonants. Only the letters a, e, i, o, u and y can represent VOWE sounds.	/t/ [flow of air stopped by the tongue touching the roof of the mouth, then released] /f/ [flow of air obstructed by the bottom lip touching the top teeth] /s/ [flow of air obstructed by the tip of the tongue touching the gum line]
continuous	See <u>progressive</u>	
co-ordinate, co-ordination	Words or phrases are co-ordinated if they are linked as an equal pair by a co-ordinating <u>conjunction</u> (i.e. and, but, or). In the examples on the right, the co-ordinated elements are shown in bold, and the conjunction is underlined. The difference between co-ordination and	Susan and Amra met in a café. [links the words Susan and Amra as an equal pair] They talked and drank tea for an hour. [links two clauses as an equal pair] Susan got a bus but Amra walked. [links two clauses as an equal pair] Not co-ordination: They ate before they met. [before introduces a subordinate
	<u>subordination</u> is that, in subordination, the two linked elements are not equal.	clause]
determiner	A determiner specifies a noun as known or unknown, and it goes before any modifiers (e.g. adjectives or other nouns). Some examples of determiners are: articles (the, a or an) demonstratives (e.g. this, those) possessives (e.g. my, your) quantifiers (e.g. some, every).	the home team [article, specifies the team as known] a good team [article, specifies the team as unknown] that pupil [demonstrative, known] Julia's parents [possessive, known] some big boys [quantifier, unknown] Contrast: home the team, big some boys [both incorrect, because the determiner should come before other modifiers]
digraph	A type of <u>grapheme</u> where two letters represent one <u>phoneme</u> . Sometimes, these two letters are not next to one another; this is called a split digraph.	The digraph \underline{ea} in \underline{ea} ch is pronounced /i:/. The digraph \underline{sh} in \underline{sh} ed is pronounced /ʃ/. The split digraph $\underline{i-e}$ in \underline{line} is pronounced /aɪ/.
ellipsis	Ellipsis is the omission of a word or phrase which is expected and predictable.	Frankie waved to Ivana and <u>she</u> watched her drive away. She did it because she wanted to do it .
etymology	A word's etymology is its history: its origins in earlier forms of English or other languages, and how its form and meaning have changed. Many words in English have	The word $school$ was borrowed from a Greek word $\acute{o}\div \ddot{v}\ddot{e}P$ ($skhol\acute{e}$) meaning 'leisure'. The word $verb$ comes from Latin $verbum$,

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	come from Greek, Latin or French.	meaning 'word'.
		The word <i>mutton</i> comes from French <i>mouton</i> , meaning 'sheep'.
finite verb	Every sentence typically has at least one verb which is either past or present tense. Such verbs are called 'finite'. The imperative verb in a command is also finite. Verbs that are not finite, such as participles or infinitives, cannot stand on their own: they are linked to another verb in the sentence.	Lizzie does the dishes every day. [present tense] Even Hana did the dishes yesterday. [past tense] Do the dishes, Naser! [imperative] Not finite verbs: I have done them. [combined with the finite verb have] I will do them. [combined with the finite verb will] I want to do them! [combined with the finite verb want]
fronting, fronted	A word or phrase that normally comes after the <u>verb</u> may be moved before the verb: when this happens, we say it has been 'fronted'. For example, a fronted adverbial is an <u>adverbial</u> which has been moved before the verb. When writing fronted phrases, we often follow them with a comma.	Before we begin, make sure you've got a pencil. [Without fronting: Make sure you've got a pencil before we begin.] The day after tomorrow, I'm visiting my granddad. [Without fronting: I'm visiting my granddad the day after tomorrow.]
future	Reference to future time can be marked in a number of different ways in English. All these ways involve the use of a <u>present-tense verb</u> . See also <u>tense</u> . Unlike many other languages (such as French, Spanish or Italian), English has no distinct 'future tense' form of the verb comparable with its <u>present</u> and <u>past</u> tenses.	He will leave tomorrow. [present-tense will followed by infinitive leave] He may leave tomorrow. [present-tense may followed by infinitive leave] He leaves tomorrow. [present-tense leaves] He is going to leave tomorrow. [present tense is followed by going to plus the infinitive leave]
GPC	See grapheme-phoneme correspondences.	
grapheme	A letter, or combination of letters, that corresponds to a single <u>phoneme</u> within a word.	The grapheme <u>t</u> in the words <u>ten</u> , <u>bet</u> and <u>ate</u> corresponds to the phoneme /t/. The grapheme <u>ph</u> in the word <u>dolphin</u> corresponds to the phoneme /f/.

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grapheme-phoneme correspondences	The links between letters, or combinations of letters (graphemes) and the speech sounds (phonemes) that they represent. In the English writing system, graphemes may correspond to different phonemes in different words.	The grapheme s corresponds to the phoneme /s/ in the word <u>see</u> , butit corresponds to the phoneme /z/ in the word <u>easy</u> .
head	See <u>phrase.</u>	
homonym	Two different words are homonyms if they both look exactly the same when written, and sound exactly the same when pronounced.	Has he <u>left</u> yet? Yes – he went through the door on the <u>left</u> . The noise a dog makes is called a <u>bark</u> . Trees have <u>bark</u> .
homophone	Two different words are homophones if they sound exactly the same when pronounced.	<u>hear, here</u> <u>some, sum</u>
infinitive	A verb's infinitive is the basic form used as the head-word in a dictionary (e.g. walk, be). Infinitives are often used: after to after modal verbs.	I want to <u>walk</u> . I will <u>be</u> quiet.
inflection	When we add -ed to walk, or change mouse to mice, this change of morphology produces an inflection ('bending') of the basic word which has special grammar (e.g. past tense or plural). In contrast, adding -er to walk produces a completely different word, walker, which is part of the same word family. Inflection is sometimes thought of as merely a change of ending, but, in fact, some words change completely when inflected.	dogs is an inflection of dog. went is an inflection of go. better is an inflection of good.
intransitive verb	A verb which does not need an object in a sentence to complete its meaning is described as intransitive. See 'transitive verb'.	We all <u>laughed</u> . We would like to stay longer, but we must <u>leave</u> .
main clause	A <u>sentence</u> contains at least one <u>clause</u> which is not a <u>subordinate clause</u> ; such a clause is a main clause. A main clause may contain any number of subordinate clauses.	It was raining but the sun was shining. [two main clauses] The man who wrote it told me that it was true. [one main clause containing two subordinate clauses.] She said, "It rained all day." [one main

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		clause containing another.]
modal verb	Modal verbs are used to change the meaning of other <u>Verbs</u> . They can express meanings such as certainty, ability, or obligation. The main modal verbs are will, would, can, could, may, might, shall, should, must and ought. A modal verb only has <u>finite</u> forms and has no <u>Suffixes</u> (e.g. <i>I sing – he sings</i> , but not <i>I must – he musts</i>).	I can do this maths work by myself. This ride may be too scary for you! You should help your little brother. Is it going to rain? Yes, it might. Canning swim is important. [not possible because can must be finite; contrast: Being able to swim is important, where being is not a modal verb]
modify, modifier	One word or phrase modifies another by making its meaning more specific. Because the two words make a <u>phrase</u> , the 'modifier' is normally close to the modified word.	 In the phrase primary-school teacher: teacher is modified by primary-school (to mean a specific kind of teacher) school is modified by primary (to mean a specific kind of school).
morphology	A word's morphology is its internal make-up in terms of <u>root words</u> and <u>suffixes</u> or <u>prefixes</u> , as well as other kinds of change such as the change of <i>mouse</i> to <i>mice</i> . Morphology may be used to produce different <u>inflections</u> of the same word (e.g. boy – boys), or entirely new words (e.g. boy – boyish) belonging to the same <u>word family</u> . A word that contains two or more root words is a <u>compound</u> (e.g. news+paper, ice+cream).	dogs has the morphological make-up: dog + s. unhelpfulness has the morphological make-up: unhelpful + ness where unhelpful = un + helpful and helpful = help + ful
noun	The surest way to identify nouns is by the ways they can be used after determiners such as the: for example, most nouns will fit into the frame "The matters/matter." Nouns are sometimes called 'naming words' because they name people, places and 'things'; this is often true, but it doesn't help to distinguish nouns from other word classes. For example, prepositions can name places and verbs can name 'things' such as actions. Nouns may be classified as common (e.g. boy, day) or proper (e.g. Ivan, Wednesday), and also as countable (e.g. thing, boy) or	Our doq bit the burglar on his behind! My big brother did an amazing jump on his skateboard. Actions speak louder than words. Not nouns: He's behind you! [this names a place, but is a preposition, not a noun] She can jump so high! [this names an action, but is a verb, not a noun] common, countable: a book, books, two chocolates, one day, fewer ideas

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noun phrase	non-countable (e.g. stuff, money). These classes can be recognised by the determiners they combine with. A noun phrase is a phrase with a noun as its head, e.g. some foxes, foxes with bushy tails. Some grammarians recognise oneword phrases, so that foxes are multiplying would contain the noun foxes acting as the head of the noun phrase foxes.	common, non-countable: money, some chocolate, less imagination proper, countable: Marilyn, London, Wednesday Adult foxes can jump. [adult modifies foxes, so adult belongs to the noun phrase] Almost all healthy adult foxes in this area can jump. [all the other words help to modify foxes, so they all belong to the noun phrase]
object	An object is normally a noun, pronoun or noun phrase that comes straight after the verb, and shows what the verb is acting upon. Objects can be turned into the subject of a passive verb, and cannot be adjectives (contrast with complements).	 Year 2 designed puppets. [noun acting as object] I like that. [pronoun acting as object] Some people suggested a pretty display. [noun phrase acting as object] Contrast: A display was suggested. [object of active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb] Year 2 designed pretty. [incorrect, because adjectives cannot be objects]
participle	Verbs in English have two participles, called 'present participle' (e.g. walking, taking) and 'past participle' (e.g. walked, taken). Unfortunately, these terms can be confusing to learners, because: they don't necessarily have anything to do with present or past time although past participles are used as perfects (e.g. has eaten) they are also used as passives (e.g. was eaten).	He is walking to school. [present participle in a progressive] He has taken the bus to school. [past participle in a perfect] The photo was taken in the rain. [past participle in a passive]
passive	The sentence It was eaten by our dog is the passive of Our dog ate it. A passive is recognisable from: the past participle form eaten the normal object (it) turned into the subject the normal subject (our dog) turned into an optional preposition phrase	A visit was arranged by the school. Our cat got run over by a bus. Active versions: The school arranged a visit. A bus ran over our cat. Not passive: He received a warning. [past

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	 with by as its head the verb be(was), or some other verb such as get. Contrast active. A verb is not 'passive' just because it has a passive meaning: it must be the passive version of an active verb. 	tense, active received We had an accident. [past tense, active had]
past tense	 Verbs in the past tense are commonly used to: talk about the past talk about imagined situations make a request sound more polite. Most verbs take a <u>Suffix</u> -ed, to form their past tense, but many commonly-used verbs are irregular. See also <u>tense</u>. 	Tom and Chris showed me their new TV. [names an event in the past] Antonio went on holiday to Brazil. [names an event in the past; irregular past of go] I wish I had a puppy. [names an imagined situation, not a situation in the past] I was hoping you'd help tomorrow. [makes an implied request sound more polite]
perfect	The perfect form of a verb generally calls attention to the consequences of a prior event; for example, he has gone to lunch implies that he is still away, in contrast with he went to lunch. 'Had gone to lunch' takes a past time point (i.e. when we arrived) as its reference point and is another way of establishing time relations in a text. The perfect tense is formed by: - turning the verb into its past participle inflection - adding a form of the verb have before it. It can also be combined with the progressive (e.g. he has been going).	She has downloaded some songs. [present perfect; now she has some songs] I had eaten lunch when you came. [past perfect; I wasn't hungry when you came]
phoneme	A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound that signals a distinct, contrasting meaning. For example: - /t/ contrasts with /k/ to signal the difference between tap and cap - /t/ contrasts with /l/ to signal the difference between bought and ball. It is this contrast in meaning that tells us there are two distinct phonemes at work. There are around 44 phonemes in English;	The word <i>cat</i> has three letters and three phonemes: /kæt/ The word <i>catch</i> has five letters and three phonemes: /katʃ/ The word <i>caught</i> has six letters and three phonemes: /kɔ:t/

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	the exact number depends on regional accents. A single phoneme may be represented in writing by one, two, three or four letters constituting a single grapheme.	•
phrase	A phrase is a group of words that are grammatically connected so that they stay together, and that expand a single word, called the 'head'. The phrase is a <u>noun phrase</u> if its head is a noun, a <u>preposition phrase</u> if its head is a preposition, and so on; but if the head is a <u>Verb</u> , the phrase is called a <u>clause</u> . Phrases can be made up of other phrases.	She waved to her mother. [a noun phrase, with the noun mother as its head] She waved to her mother. [a preposition phrase, with the preposition to as its head] She waved to her mother. [a clause, with the verb waved as its head]
plural	A plural <u>noun</u> normally has a <u>Suffix</u> –s or – es and means 'more than one'. There are a few nouns with different <u>morphology</u> in the plural (e.g. <i>mice</i> , <i>formulae</i>).	dogs [more than one dog]; boxes [more than one box] mice [more than one mouse]
possessive	 A possessive can be: a noun followed by an apostrophe, with or without s a possessive pronoun. The relation expressed by a possessive goes well beyond ordinary ideas of 'possession'. A possessive may act as a determiner. 	Tarig's book [Tariq has the book] The boys' arrival [the boys arrive] His obituary [the obituary is about him] That essay is mine. [I wrote the essay]
prefix	A prefix is added at the beginning of a word in order to turn it into another word. Contrast Suffix.	<u>over</u> take, <u>dis</u> appear
preposition	A preposition links a following <u>noun</u> , <u>pronoun</u> or <u>noun phrase</u> to some other word in the sentence. Prepositions often describe locations or directions, but can describe other things, such as relations of time. Words like <i>before</i> or <i>since</i> can act either as prepositions or as <u>conjunctions</u> .	Tom waved goodbye <u>to</u> Christy. She'll be back <u>from</u> Australia <u>in</u> two weeks. I haven't seen my dog <u>since</u> this morning. Contrast: I'm going, <u>since</u> no-one wants me here! [conjunction: links two clauses]
preposition phrase	A preposition phrase has a preposition as its head followed by a noun, pronoun or noun phrase.	He was <u>in bed</u> . I met them <u>after the party</u> .
present tense	<u>Verbs</u> in the present tense are commonly	Jamal goes to the pool every day.

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	used to: talk about the present talk about the <u>future</u> . They may take a suffix –s (depending on the <u>subject</u>). See also <u>tense</u> .	[describes a habit that exists now] He <u>can</u> swim. [describes a state that is true now] The bus <u>arrives</u> at three. [scheduled now] My friends <u>are</u> coming to play. [describes a plan in progress now]
progressive	The progressive (also known as the 'continuous') form of a <u>verb</u> generally describes events in progress. It is formed by combining the verb's present <u>participle</u> (e.g. <u>singing</u>) with a form of the verb <u>be</u> (e.g. <u>he was singing</u>). The progressive can also be combined with the <u>perfect</u> (e.g. <u>he has been singing</u>).	Michael is singing in the store room. [present progressive] Amanda was making a patchwork quilt. [past progressive] Usha had been practising for an hour when I called. [past perfect progressive]
pronoun	Pronouns are normally used like nouns, except that: they are grammatically more specialised it is harder to modify them In the examples, each sentence is written twice: once with nouns, and once with pronouns (underlined). Where the same thing is being talked about, the words are shown in bold.	Amanda waved to Michael. She waved to him. John's mother is over there. His mother is over there. The visit will be an overnight visit. This will be an overnight visit. Simon is the person: Simon broke it. He is the one who broke it.
punctuation	Punctuation includes any conventional features of writing other than spelling and general layout: the standard punctuation marks . , ; : ?! () " " ' ', and also wordspaces, capital letters, apostrophes, paragraph breaks and bullet points. One important role of punctuation is to indicate sentence boundaries.	<u>"I'</u> m_going_out,_Usha,_and_I_won <u>'</u> t_be_long <u>,"</u> <u>M</u> um_said <u>.</u>
Received Pronunciation	Received Pronunciation (often abbreviated to RP) is an accent which is used only by a small minority of English speakers in England. It is not associated with any one region. Because of its regional neutrality, it is the accent which is generally shown in dictionaries in the UK (but not, of course, in the USA). RP has no special status in the national curriculum.	
register	Classroom lessons, football commentaries and novels use different registers of the	I regret to inform you that Mr Joseph

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	same language, recognised by differences of vocabulary and grammar. Registers are 'varieties' of a language which are each tied to a range of uses, in contrast with dialects, which are tied to groups of users.	Smith has passed away. [formal letter] Have you heard that Joe has died? [casual speech] Joe falls down and dies, centre stage. [stage direction]
relative clause	A relative clause is a special type of subordinate clause that modifies a noun. It often does this by using a relative pronoun such as who or that to refer back to that noun, though the relative pronoun that is often omitted. A relative clause may also be attached to a clause. In that case, the pronoun refers back to the whole clause, rather than referring back to a noun. In the examples, the relative clauses are	That's the boy who lives near school. [who refers back to boy] The prize that I won was a book. [that refers back to prize] The prize I won was a book. [the pronoun that is omitted] Tom broke the game, which annoyed Ali. [which refers back to the whole clause]
	underlined, and both the pronouns and the words they refer back to are in bold.	
root word	Morphology breaks words down into root words, which can stand alone, and suffixes or prefixes which can't. For example, help is the root word for other words in its word family such as helpful and helpless, and also for its inflections such as helping. Compound words (e.g. help-desk) contain two or more root words. When looking in a dictionary, we sometimes have to look for the root word (or words) of the word we are interested in.	played [the root word is play] unfair [the root word is fair] football [the root words are foot and ball]
schwa	The name of a vowel sound that is found only in unstressed positions in English. It is the most common vowel sound in English. It is written as /ə/ in the International Phonetic Alphabet. In the English writing system, it can be written in many different ways.	/əlɒŋ/ [<u>a</u> long] /bʌtə/ [butt <u>er]</u> /dɒktə/ [doct <u>or]</u>
sentence	A sentence is a group of <u>words</u> which are grammatically connected to each other but not to any words outside the sentence. The form of a sentence's main clause shows whether it is being used as a statement, a question, a command or an exclamation.	John went to his friend's house. He stayed there till tea-time. John went to his friend's house, he stayed there till tea-time. [This is a 'comma splice', a common error in which a comma is used where either a full stop or a semi-

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	A sentence may consist of a single clause or it may contain several clauses held together by subordination or co-ordination. Classifying sentences as 'simple', 'complex' or 'compound' can be confusing, because a 'simple' sentence may be complicated, and a 'complex' one may be straightforward. The terms 'single-clause sentence' and 'multi-clause sentence' may be more helpful.	colon is needed to indicate the lack of any grammatical connection between the two clauses.] You are my friend. [statement] Are you my friend? [question] Be my friend! [command] What a good friend you are! [exclamation] Ali went home on his bike to his goldfish and his current library book about pets. [single-clause sentence] She went shopping but took back everything she had bought because she didn't like any of it. [multi-clause sentence]
split digraph	See <u>digraph</u> .	
Standard English	Standard English can be recognised by the use of a very small range of forms such as those books, I did it and I wasn't doing anything (rather than their non-Standard equivalents); it is not limited to any particular accent. It is the variety of English which is used, with only minor variation, as a major world language. Some people use Standard English all the time, in all situations from the most casual to the most formal, so it covers most registers. The aim of the national curriculum is that everyone should be able to use Standard English as needed in writing and in relatively formal speaking.	I did it because they were not willing to undertake any more work on those houses. [formal Standard English] I did it cos they wouldn't do any more work on those houses. [casual Standard English] I done it cos they wouldn't do no more work on them houses. [casual non-Standard English]
stress	A <u>syllable</u> is stressed if it is pronounced more forcefully than the syllables next to it. The other syllables are unstressed.	a <u>bout</u> <u>vis</u> it
subject	The subject of a verb is normally the noun, noun phrase or pronoun that names the 'do-er' or 'be-er'. The subject's normal position is: • just before the verb in a statement • just after the auxiliary verb, in a question. Unlike the verb's object and complement, the subject can determine	Rula's mother went out. That is uncertain. The children will study the animals. Will the children study the animals?

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	the form of the verb (e.g. <u>I</u> am, <u>you</u> are).	
subjunctive	In some languages, the <u>inflections</u> of a <u>verb</u> include a large range of special forms which are used typically in <u>subordinate</u> <u>clauses</u> , and are called 'subjunctives'. English has very few such forms and those it has tend to be used in rather formal styles.	The school requires that all pupils <u>be</u> honest. The school rules demand that pupils not <u>enter</u> the gym at lunchtime. If Zoë <u>were</u> the class president, things would be much better.
subordinate, subordination	A subordinate word or phrase tells us more about the meaning of the word it is subordinate to. Subordination can be thought of as an unequal relationship between a subordinate word and a main word. For example: • an adjective is subordinate to the noun it modifies • subjects and objects are subordinate to their verbs. Subordination is much more common than the equal relationship of co-ordination. See also subordinate clause.	biq dogs [big is subordinate to dogs] Biq dogs need long walks. [big dogs and long walks are subordinate to need] We can watch TV when we've finished. [when we've finished is subordinate to watch]
subordinate clause	A clause which is <u>Subordinate</u> to some other part of the same <u>Sentence</u> is a subordinate clause; for example, in <i>The apple that I ate was sour</i> , the clause <i>that I ate</i> is subordinate to <i>apple</i> (which it <u>modifies</u>). Subordinate clauses contrast with <u>co-ordinate</u> clauses as in <i>It was sour but looked very tasty</i> . (Contrast: <u>main clause</u>) However, clauses that are directly quoted as direct speech are not subordinate clauses. A suffix is an 'ending', used at the end of one word to turn it into another word. Unlike <u>root words</u> , suffixes cannot stand	That's the street where Ben lives. [relative clause; modifies street] He watched her as she disappeared. [adverbial; modifies watched] What you said was very nice. [acts as subject of was] She noticed an hour had passed. [acts as object of noticed] Not subordinate: He shouted, "Look out!" call – called teach – teacher [turns a verb into a
	on their own as a complete word. Contrast <u>prefix</u> .	noun] terror – terror <u>ise</u> [turns a noun into a verb] green – green <u>ish</u> [leaves <u>word class</u> unchanged]
syllable	A syllable sounds like a beat in a <u>word</u> . Syllables consist of at least one <u>vowel</u> , and	Cat has one syllable.

synonym	Two words are synonyms if they have the same meaning, or similar meanings. Contrast antonym. In English, tense is the choice between present and past verbs, which is special because it is signalled by inflections and normally indicates differences of time. In contrast, languages like French, Spanish and Italian, have three or more distinct tense forms, including a future tense. (See also: future.) The simple tenses (present and past) may be combined in English with the perfect and progressive.	Fairy has two syllables. Hippopotamus has five syllables. talk – speak old – elderly He studies. [present tense – present time] He studied yesterday. [past tense – past time] He studies tomorrow, or else! [present tense – future time] He may study tomorrow. [present tense + infinitive – future time] He plans to study tomorrow. [present tense + infinitive – future time] If he studied tomorrow, he'd see the
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		difference! [past tense – imagined future] Contrast three distinct tense forms in Spanish: Estudia. [present tense] Estudió. [past tense] Estudiará. [future tense]
	A transitive verb takes at least one object in a sentence to complete its meaning, in contrast to an intransitive verb, which does not.	He <u>loves</u> Juliet. She <u>understands</u> English grammar.
	A type of <u>grapheme</u> where three letters represent one <u>phoneme</u> .	H <u>igh</u> , p <u>ure</u> , pa <u>tch</u> , he <u>dge</u>
unstressed	See <u>stressed</u> .	
	The surest way to identify verbs is by the ways they can be used: they can usually have a tense, either present or past (see also future). Verbs are sometimes called 'doing words' because many verbs name an action that someone does; while this can be a way of recognising verbs, it doesn't distinguish verbs from nouns (which can also name actions). Moreover many verbs name states or feelings rather than actions. Verbs can be classified in various ways: for example, as auxiliary, or modal; as	He lives in Birmingham. [present tense] The teacher wrote a song for the class. [past tense] He likes chocolate. [present tense; not an action] He knew my father. [past tense; not an action] Not verbs: The walk to Halina's house will take an hour. [noun] All that surfing makes Morwenna so sleepy! [noun]

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	events.	
vowel	A vowel is a speech sound which is produced without any closure or obstruction of the vocal tract.	
	Vowels can form <u>syllables</u> by themselves, or they may combine with <u>consonants</u> .	
	In the English writing system, the letters <i>a</i> , <i>e</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>o</i> , <i>u</i> and <i>y</i> can represent vowels.	
word	A word is a unit of grammar: it can be selected and moved around relatively independently, but cannot easily be split. In punctuation, words are normally separated by word spaces.	headteacher or head teacher [can be written with or without a space] I'm going out. 9.30 am
	Sometimes, a sequence that appears grammatically to be two words is collapsed into a single written word, indicated with a hyphen or apostrophe (e.g. well-built, he's).	
word class	Every <u>word</u> belongs to a word class which summarises the ways in which it can be used in grammar. The major word classes for English are: <u>noun</u> , <u>verb</u> , <u>adjective</u> , <u>adverb</u> , <u>preposition</u> , <u>determiner</u> , <u>pronoun</u> , <u>conjunction</u> . Word classes are sometimes called 'parts of speech'.	
word family	The words in a word family are normally related to each other by a combination of morphology, grammar and meaning.	teach – teacher extend – extent – extensive grammar – grammatical – grammarian

