

Parent's Guide to Grammar



Year group	Grammar	Picture clue	Definition	Example
R	sentence		A group of words that are put together to mean something – must include a verb.	<u>The sky is blue.</u> <u>Today is Monday</u> . <u>Her dress looked beautiful.</u>
1	noun		Name of a person, place or thing. 4 types Common – table, cat (1) Proper – John, England (1) Collective – pride, gaggle, flock (3) Abstract – love, bravery (4)	The cat sat on the table. John lives in England. Lions live together in a pride. Can you feel the love?
1	adjective	big little short long thin thick	A word that describes a noun.	The dog was enormous and very fierce.
1	verb	LIGHTS. CAMERA ACTION	An action or doing word. Some verbs are irregular – see – saw / seen catch - caught	She waited patiently. She has been waiting She waits
1	singular		Singular forms refer to one thing - noun.	Cat Church Child Tooth
1	plural		 Plural forms refer to more than one – noun. Plural usually marked by addition of - s, es Some plurals are irregular. Some nouns are mass nouns and do not change in the plural. 	cats churches teeth / feet fish, sheep





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1	conjunction	E COLOR	Used to join two ideas together within one sentence.	He needed his coat because it was cold. The curtains danced in the wind while the windows crashed.		

1	preposition		A word that shows the position of a noun.	The box was under the table. I was inside the house. The clouds above
2	pronoun		A word in place of a noun. Avoids repetition.	They were on the bus. He sat down quietly.
2	adverb	PLACE YOUR AD HERE	Adverbs give extra meaning to a verb, an adjective or a whole sentence.	I really enjoyed the party. (adverb + verb) She's really nice. (adverb + adjective) He works really slowly. (adverb + adverb) Really, he should know better. (adverb + sentence)
2	connectives	ر کی	Used to join a new sentence to the previous.	We went to the park and played on the swings. Then we had an ice cream.
2	imperative		To express the action of the subject	He sat quietly on the chair. Next, slowly turn the tap on.
2	present tense		Writing which expresses events happening now	Joyce is skipping and singing a song. Rex is looking out of the car window. Rosie looks confused!
2	past tense	PAST	Writing which expresses events that have already occurred.	Joyce skipped and sang a song. Rex looked out of the car window.





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2	suffix	SLOW	A group of letters added to the end of a word to change its grammatical use.	assess <u>ment</u> quick <u>ly</u> beauti <u>ful</u>	
2	prefix	DONE	A group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its grammatical use.	<u>dis</u> miss <u>un</u> tidy <u>in</u> edible	
3	determiner	deter mine	Words used with nouns – this book, my friend, a book, the book. They limit the reference to the noun. They include articles (a / an, the), possessive pronouns, demonstratives (this / that, those / these) and quantifiers (some, many, no etc) and numbers.	This book is yours. I've got some sweets. I will have an apple. Which colour do you prefer?	
3	clause		 Contains a subject and a verb. There are two types of clauses 1) Independent- this can stand alone. 2) dependent-works only as a whole sentence. It could begin with after, although, because, if, when, while. 	Independent She can leave the office now Dependent clause because she finished work early.	
3	phrase		A small group of closely related words with <u>no verb</u> .	If you can At the museum propositional phrases: In the house Under water Out of here	
3	paragraph	P	A section of a piece of writing. A new paragraph marks a change of focus, change of time, change of place or change of speaker. Should be marked by a new line and a <u>clear</u> indent.		





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			Name of a person, place or thing.	The cat sat on the table.
		W	4 types	John lives in England.
3	Collective noun		Common – table, cat (1)	Lions live together in a
	noun		Proper – John, England (1)	pride.
			Collective – pride, gaggle,	Can you feel the love?
			flock (3) Abstract – love, bravery (4)	
			Introduce a relative clause –	The train was late, which
3	relative		who, whom, which, that,	annoyed me greatly.
J	pronoun	VV		This is Sam, <mark>who</mark> can play the piano.
			The noun or pronoun that is	The dog broke the window.
2	a sub-la a (carrying out the action in the sentence.	The children ripped the
3	subject			paper.
		ADENI	The object in the sentence that	The dog broke the window.
3	object	OPEN	is having the action done to it.	The children ripped the
	-			paper.
			A clause with a subject and a	Although I was scared, I
	subordinate	Con a Mark	verb but cannot stand alone, so is in addition to the main	crept inside.
4	clause	can't stand alone	clause.	I crept inside is the main
				clause as it can stand alone and still make sense.
	relative		A clause (with verb) using	Polly's hair, which was long
	clause	\ \ /	who, whom, which, whose to	and brown, hung loosely
4		, VV ,	relate it back to the subject but that cannot stand alone.	around her head.
				The boy was funny, <u>which</u>
			Tell who owns something	made me smile. They can be in front of a
4	possessive	OWN IT!		noun or after:
	pronoun			my pen / That pen is mine.
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, teadennes		% *	Adverbials of manner – how	Shouted loudly He drove as fast as possible.
4	adverbial		Adverbial of place – where Adverbials of time – When / how often Adverbials of probability – How certain we are	I saw him over there. They start work at six thirty. In a minute, I will start. Perhaps we should go. He will certainly say yes.
			Name of a person, place or	The cat sat on the table.
4	Abstract noun		thing. 4 types Common – table, cat (1) Proper – John, England (1) Collective – pride, gaggle, flock (3) Abstract – love, bravery (4)	John lives in England. Lions live together in a pride. Can you feel the love?
4	fronted adverbial	<u>FRONTED</u>	The use of an adverb to begin a sentence to make the sentence more interesting.	On the table stood a vase of flowers. Next to the window was a bookcase. At the end of the lane, Bob paused.
4	article	an	A, an or the!! A sub-category of determiners.	an elephant a bear the teddy
5	modal verb	CONCA SWOLLA STORE	To show if we believe something is certain, probable or possible – or not! can/could, may/might, shall/should, will/would, must/ought	Perhaps I should stay behind. Can I get you a drink? Sam will be here soon. I must go now.
5	cohesion		The structure rules that allow ideas to be compiled together. If you start writing in the past tense you would stay writing in the past tense to keep the writing in cohesion.	I went to the market this morning and bought a soda; then, I went to the store a few hours later and purchased another root beer.





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	C	- 051	possible meanings within a	sister.
		CONFUSED	single word.	The fisherman went to the
		UNCLEAS		bank.
5	ombiquity	FERDLEN		
5	ambiguity	DISORIENTED BEWILDERED		"You know, somebody
				actually complimented me
				on my driving today. They left a little note on the
				windscreen; it said, 'Parking
				Fine." So that was nice."
			Verbs can be active or	<u>Active -</u>
			passive.	The dog bit Ben.
		E		The subject is performing
6	active	Stores -	In an active sentence the	the action.
O	voice	O BAL	subject performs the action. In a passive sentence the	Passive -
			subject is on the receiving end	Ben was bitten by the dog.
		8	of the action.	The subject is on the
				receiving end of the action.
6	passive voice	See above	See above	See above
	VOICE			