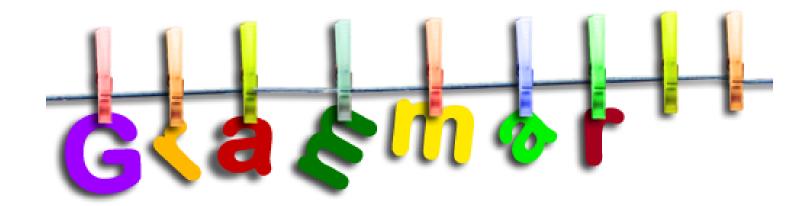
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Grammar Glossary: Year 3

Punctuation		
Term	Definition what it means	Examples
Apostrophe	An apostrophe is used to either: show a contraction when two words have been joined with one or more letters missed out (apostrophe for omission)	I + am = I'm Would + not = wouldn't We + are = we're
	 or to show that something belongs to a person (apostrophe for possession) Note the apostrophe is after the s if the noun is plural meaning more than one girl 	Jane's bag The boy's shoe The girls' coats
Capital Letter	A capital letter is used to show the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns (names of people or places).	This year the children at Carrant Brook Junior School will work very hard.
Comma	A comma is used for two reasons	I packed a T-shirt, shorts and pumps in my PE bag. During morning break, I always have a healthy snack.
	Note – when a clause is embedded into the sentence there is a comma at the beginning and at the end	The teacher, who was very friendly, welcomed the new students into the school.
Ellipsis	A ellipsis is three dots to show that something is incomplete or omitted. This is often used to add suspense at the end of a sentence.	James peered around the shadowy corner and saw
Exclamation Mark	An exclamation mark is used to show something is scary, sudden, loud or exciting. It can also mark an exclamation or interjection.	Bang! The hammer fell from his grip. How peculiar! What a great day!
Full stop	A full stop is used to show the end of a sentence.	The class listened carefully to the story at the end of the day.
Inverted commas	Mark the beginning and end of direct speech. Direct speech is when the author uses the speaker's original words. Inverted commas are also known as speech marks or quotation marks. Note: indirect speech or reported speech explains what was said but not using the exact words.	"What do you want?" I asked. Helen said, "I'm going home." e.g. Helen said that she was going home.
Question Mark	At the end of a question, a question mark is used instead of a full stop.	Do you want to go home? Are you happy?

Words Types		
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Adjective	An adjective is a word that is used to describe the noun in a sentence. It can go before or after the noun.	An enormous cat sprinted down the road. His claws were sharp .
Adverb	A word that is used to describe the verb, how, when, where or how often it happens.	The cat walked slowly along the path. Suddenly, a loud noise shattered the silence.
Conjunction	A conjunction is a word which is used to link clauses in a sentence. Conjunctions create cohesion, which means that they tie ideas together. There are two types of conjunction: co-ordinating conjunctions (create compound sentences) subordinating conjunctions (create complex sentences)	and but so yet orwhile, despite, when, because, although

Words Types		
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Noun	A noun is the name of an object, person, place or idea. There are different types: Proper nouns (people and places) Common nouns (things or objects) Collective nouns (groups) Abstract nouns (ideas, concepts, emotions) Note: When a group of words is used to describe the noun it becomes a noun phrase. A preposition is used to show time, place,	The Queen, England, Carrant Brook table, ruler, car choir, crowd, anger, happiness, love The bright-red race car was entered into the tournament. Above, beside, under, in the middle,
Preposition	position or direction. Many prepositions can also be used as adverbs.	around, to the right, before, after, until, along
Pronoun	A pronoun is a word used to replace a replace a noun or noun phrase in a sentence to avoid repetition. They can be: Personal pronoun Possessive pronoun Reflexive pronoun Relative pronoun	 I/me, you, he/him, she/her, we/us, Mine, yours, his, hers, theirs, ours Myself, herself, themselves Who/whom, whose, which, that

Sentence or Parts of a Sentence		
Term	Definition what it means	Examples
Sentence	A sentence is a group of words that convey meaning. Sentences are split into 4 categories: Statement Question Command Exclamation	 All school children must learn grammar. Do you want some chocolate? Put that pencil away. What an exciting day!
Simple sentence	A simple sentence has only one clause, which means that there is only one verb.	We ran for the bus. A soft, tortoise-shell cat slept peacefully.
Compound sentence	Has two or more clauses joined by <i>and, or, but, so.</i> Both clauses have a verb and would make sense on their own.	It was late but I wasn't tired.
Complex sentence	A complex sentence is made up of more than one clause, however at least one clause is a subordinate clause.	Although it was late, I wasn't tired.
Clause	A group of words that express meaning. A main clause contains a verb and it would make sense on its own.	It was raining. The boy sprinted home.
Relative clause	A relative clause gives extra information about somebody or something. Usually a relative clause begins with a relative pronoun, e.g. who or which .	The children, who were excited about their topic, could not wait to get to school. The school has a play area, which includes a new Trim Trail.
Subordinate clause	A subordinate clause is part of the sentence that relies on the main clause for sense or clarity, which means it does not make sense on its own. Subordinate clauses do not always need a subject and verb.	The weather, although rather cold, was pleasant enough. While we were waiting for lunch, we watched the ducks near the pond.

Verbs and Tenses		
Term	Definition what it means	Examples
Tense	In a sentence the form of the verb shows the time and whether the thing took place in the past, present or future.	Yesterday I played on the computer. I am playing on the computer now. Tomorrow I will play on the computer.

Other Grammatical Terms		
Term	Definition what it means	Examples
Plurals	A plural means more than one. Usually you make a noun into a plural by addings to the end of the word. Some plurals are irregular though so be careful!	pencil/pencils car/cars child/children sheep/sheep
Prefixes and Suffixes	A prefix is added to the beginning of a root word to change the meaning. A suffix is added to the end of a root word. Some words have both prefixes and suffixes	happy/unhappy honest/dishonest enjoy/enjoyment hope/hopeless unpredictable
Vowels and Consonants	All of the letters of the alphabet are organised into vowels and consonants.	Vowels: a e i o u Consonants: b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z