

MY FIRST GRAMMAR PASSPORT

Curriculum 2014

SENTENCES

A sentence can be:

- A statement
eg. *This is the first page of a booklet.*
- A question
eg. *How are you today?*
- An exclamation
eg. *What a lovely surprise!*
- A command
eg. *Look at the board, please.*



SPEECH MARKS/INVERTED COMMAS

When we write stories we use speech marks (inverted commas) to show that someone is speaking.



“My name is Lucy,” she said.

“How wonderful!” he exclaimed.

Danny said, “Let’s play football.”

CAPITAL LETTERS

We use a capital letter to start every sentence and for the names of people, places, days and months.

*We live in **M**eadow **R**oad, **T**aunton.*

*Our **U**ncl**e** **D**an is visiting us next **T**uesday.*

PAST AND PRESENT TENSES

If a sentence tells us about things that have already happened, we use the **PAST TENSE**.

*Anna **stroked** the rabbit.*

*Sam **was stroking** the cat.*

If a sentence tells us about things that are happening now, we use the **PRESENT TENSE**.

*Jack **sits** near the window.*

*Alice **is sitting** next to me.*



APOSTROPHES TO SHORTEN WORDS

When we shorten some words we use an apostrophe to replace the missing letters.

*did not **didn't***

*you are **you're***

*I am **I'm***

APOSTROPHES TO SHOW OWNERSHIP

We use an apostrophe to show that a thing belongs to someone or something.

*That is **David's** bag.*

*The **bag's** zip was broken.*



WORD CLASSES

Noun – names a person, place or thing

***Tom** has a **cat** that loves **milk**.*

Sometimes a group of words can act like a noun. This is called a **noun phrase**.

*She sat in **her favourite chair**.*

Adjective – describes a noun

*The **clever** wizard cast a **wicked** spell.*

Verb – a doing or being word

*I **walk** to school every day.*

*The giant **was** hungry.*

Adverb – describes how something was done

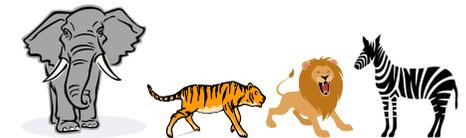
*She walked **slowly**.*

*They sang **loudly**.*

COMMAS IN LISTS

We use a comma to separate things in a list.

We went to the zoo and saw elephants, tigers, lions and zebras.



We don't need a comma before the 'and' at the end of the list.

Apples, pears, bananas and oranges are all good for you.