

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Terminology

Letter

The English alphabet is made up of 26 Letters. Each letter has a letter name and a sound. 'A' and 'Z' are the first and last letters of our alphabet, these should be known in order.



Capital Letter

A capital letter is a letter from the alphabet. They are used at the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns – person, place, personal pronoun 'I' or specific thing

Jack

Scotland

Jack Russell

(the name of a dog breed)



Plural Word

A word that refers to more than one person or thing. The spelling rule must be used for adding -s or -es.

cats

foxes



Sentence

A sentence is a collection of words joined together, beginning with a capital letter, leaving spaces between each word and ending with punctuation. Sentences can be joined together using 'and'.

The man went to market.

He bought a cow.

The man went to market **and** he bought a cow.



Full Stop

A full stop is used at the end of sentence. This tells the reader to take a pause.

The man took his prize pig to the market.



Singular Word

A word that refers to only one person or thing.

cat

Beth



Word Spelling

A word is a group of sounds joined together to form a word. Spelling is important as this helps the reader to understand the writing. Some words are common exception words and cannot be 'sounded out'.

c-a-t

f-l-igh-t

was (common exception)



Punctuation Marks

Punctuation marks are important because they show the reader where sentences start and end. They also help to change how the reader understands the writing.



Noun

A noun is a word that names a person, place or thing.

Sam went to the **playground**.
She played with the **ball**.

Question Mark

A question mark is used at the end of a sentence that asks a question.

What time is lunch?

Omitted Apostrophe

An apostrophe would be used in place of a missing letter. This is when two words have been joined together to create a shorter word, known as a contraction.

I + will = **I'll**

I + am = **I'm**

we + will = **we'll**



Exclamation Mark

An exclamation mark is used after a word or sentence to express a strong feeling or excitement or anger.

"Wow! Look up there!"

Tom shouted.

"Ouch! That hurt!" Sam yelled as he sat on a pin.

Prefixes and Suffixes

Words where no change is needed to the root words can be changed to add -ing, -ed, -er and -est.

Buzzing **Started** **Higher**
Brightest

Compound Word

Compound words are two or more words joined together to make a new word.

fair + ground = **fairground**

