Year 4 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Glossary

New to Year 4

Adverbial Word or phrase used like an adverb. They may also be preposition phrases and subordinate

clauses.

Determiner Specifies a noun. Some examples articles (the, a, or an) possessives (my, your) quantifiers

(some, very) demonstratives (this, those).

Fronted Adverbial A word or phrase that normally comes after the verb often followed by a comma. (The day

after tomorrow, I'm visiting my granddad.

Possessive A noun followed by an apostrophe with or without s or a possessive pronoun.

Year 3 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Glossary

Taught in Year 3

Homophones Words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings e.g. blue, blew.

Preposition Often describe locations or directions but can describe other things like in relation to time. I haven't seen my dog

since yesterday.

Inverted commas Punctuation marks that go around the words that are actually spoken in a piece of writing " "

Year 2 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Glossary

Taught in Year 2

Adverb A word that describes a verb, usually ending in -ly. For example, she ran quickly.

Apostrophe (')

An apostrophe is a mark used to show that a letter has been left out. Example: he is can be written he's.

Apostrophes are also used to show ownership. Examples: the cat's bowl, the cats' bowls.

Imperative verb A verb that commands or tells the reader or listener to do something e.g. Write neatly! Cut, mix.

Command A sentence starting with an imperative verb. For example Sit down quick.

Comma A punctuation mark used to break up sentences so that they are easier to understand. They can be used in lists.

Coordinating Conjunction A word which joins sentences or parts of sentences e.g FANBOYS For And Nor But Or Yet So

Noun A word that names a person, place or thing. E.g she/he, town/city, table/animals.

Proper noun A name of a person, place or thing. These start with a capital letter E.g Bill, Gainsborough

Statement A type of sentence. For example I went to the park.

Subordinating Conjunction A word or group of words which joins sentences or parts of sentences e.g. when, because, if that.



Year 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Glossary

Taught in Year 1

Adjective A word that describes a noun e.g. a blue balloon.

Coordinating Conjunction A word or group of words which joins sentences or parts of sentences e.g. FANBOYS For And Nor But Or Yet So

Exclamation markA punctuation mark used at the end of a sentence to show strong feelings e.g. Help! Wow!

Full stop A mark used to end a sentence, when the sentence is not a question or exclamation e.g. Miss Marina likes cake.

Pronouns Words which stand in the place of a noun e.g. I, we, he, she.

Question mark Used at the end of a question e.g. Where is my bag?

Singular Just one. E.g fox

Plural More than one. E.g fox/foxes

PrefixesLetters added to the beginning of the word which change the meaning e.g. un, pre, dis

Suffixes

Letters added to the end of a word to change the meaning e.g. -ed, -ing, -er.

Time connectives

Connectives which show order e.g. next, then, suddenly, after that, just then.

Verb An action word e.g. run, walk, shout.

