

Upper Key Stage 2



Helping Your Child With Grammar

Grammar is the way in which words are put together to form proper sentences

'It should be clear... that the purpose of teaching grammar is not simply the naming of parts of speech, nor is it to provide arbitrary rules for 'correct' English. It is about making children aware of key grammatical principles and their effects, to increase the range of choices open to them when they write.'

-Grammar for Writing

Grammatical features your child will learn about.

Grammar	Definition	Example
Modal Verb	To show if we believe something is certain, probable or possible – or not! Examples: 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. This ride may be too scary for you.
Cohesion	Writing is cohesive if it is clear how the meanings of its parts fit together. For example if you start writing in the past tense you should stay writing in the past tense to keep the writing cohesive.	I went to the market this morning and I bought a drink; then, I went to the supermarket a few hours later and purchased another drink.
Ambiguity	When a word has more than one meaning.	The vicar married my sister. The fisherman went to the bank. 'Someone complimented me on my driving today. They left a note on my windscreen; it said 'Parking Fine.' That was nice.'
Active voice	Verbs can be active. In an active sentence the subject carries out the action.	The dog bit Ben.

Passive voice	Verbs can be passive. In a passive sentence the subject is on the receiving end of the action.	Ben was bitten by the dog.
Relative pronoun Year 5	Word used to introduce a relative clause- who, whom, which, that	The train was late, which annoyed me greatly. This is Nick who can play the piano.
Subject Year 6	The noun or pronoun that is carrying out the action in the sentence.	The dog broke the window. The children ripped the paper.
Object Year 6	The object in a sentence that is having the action done to it.	The dog broke the window . The children ripped the paper .

Punctuation that your child will be using in their writing:

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<p>Brackets ()</p> <p>Dashes -</p> <p>Commas ,</p>	<p>Used to separate information that is not essential to the meaning of the rest of the sentence</p>	<p>Mount Everest (8848m) is the highest mountain in the world.</p> <p>Thousands of people- like the man in this photograph- have been left homeless</p>
<p>Commas ,</p>	<p>Used to make the meaning of sentences clearer.</p> <p>Used to clarify meaning/ avoid ambiguity</p>	<p>The school has a vegetable garden in which the children grow cabbages, onions, potatoes and carrots.</p>
<p>Semi colon ;</p> <p>Colon :</p> <p>Dash -</p>	<p>Used to mark the break between two main clauses</p>	<p>The road runs through a beautiful wooded valley; the railway line follows it.</p>
<p>Colon :</p>	<p>Used to introduce lists</p>	<p>The price includes: Flight, accommodation and excursions</p>
<p>Bullet points</p>	<p>Used to draw attention to important information so that the reader can find the key information quickly</p>	
<p>Hyphens</p>	<p>Used either: at the end of a line when a word has been divided</p> <p>or</p> <p>to link two parts of word</p>	<p>Good-hearted</p> <p>Man-eating</p>