

Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation

Year 1 Explanation of Terms

Term	Guidance	Example
Capital Letters	Capital letters are used for the names of people, places, and brands. The first word of a sentence begins with a capital letter.	M y brother enjoys playing football. It is almost J uly. I went to meet S teve today in A l W akra.
Exclamation Mark	A punctuation mark used at the end of a sentence to show exclamations, emotion (shock, anger, surprise), or to emphasize something.	What a beautiful day! (exclamation) Help! Oh no! I hate peas! (emotion) That work is brilliant! (emphasis)
Full Stop	This is a punctuation mark that is used to mark the end of a sentence.	We had lunch at the park.
Noun	This names a person, place, object, animal or idea.	girl, boy, people, classroom, supermarket, table, swing, pencil, cat, lion, insect, love, anger, kindness
Plural	To show there is more than one of something.	I saw many dogs on my walk.
Proper Noun	These are names given to particular people, places or objects.	Mike, Alice, Mrs Hiller (names of people) Main Street, London, Birmingham Scotland, Africa (names of places) Kleenex, Lego (names of objects)
Common Noun	A common noun is a non-specific person, place, or thing.	mother, father, baby, child (people) lion, tiger, bear, dog, cat, alligator, cricket, bird, wolf (animals) table, truck, book, pencil, iPad, computer, coat, boots (things)
Question Mark	This is a punctuation mark that goes at the end of a question sentence.	When is your birthday? Do you like chocolate? Where do you live?
Sentence	A set of words that is complete and makes sense on its own.	The duck sat on the nest.
Singular	When there is one of something.	I saw a dog on my walk.
Joining Words (Conjunctions)	Words which connect words, phrases, clauses or sentences are called conjunctions. The most common ones are 'and', 'or' and 'but'.	Mary went to the supermarket and bought oranges. I tried to hit the nail but hit my thumb instead. You can have peach ice cream or a brownie sundae.
Suffixes	Suffixes are a letter or group of letters added to the ending of words to change their meaning or	Are you jumping on the bed? I walked around the Pearl today. Who is the fastest runner?

	function. (-s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er, -est)	
Prefixes	A prefix is a group of letters placed before the root of a word. For example, the word “unhappy” consists of the prefix “un-” [which means “not”] combined with the root word “happy”; the word “unhappy” means “not happy.”	He was un happy when his toy broke. The meaning of the letter is un clear.