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| GRAMMAR - YEAR 1 |

Word - singular,
plural

A word is a unit of grammar: it can be selected and moved around relatively independently, but cannot easily be split.
In punctuation, words are normally separated by word spaces. Sometimes, a sequence that appears grammatically to be two words is collapsed into a single written word, indicated with a hyphen or apostrophe (e.g. well-built, he's).
headteacher or head teacher [can be written with or without a space]
I'm going out. 9.30 am

## SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GRAMMAR - YEAR 2



| Word | Formation of nouns using suffixes such as -ness, -er and by compounding [for <br> example, whiteboard, superman] <br> Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less (A fuller list of <br> suffixes can be found in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1) <br> Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives and the use of -ly in Standard English <br> to turn adjectives into adverbs |
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| Sentence | Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, <br> but) <br> Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue <br> butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon] |
| Text | How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a <br> statement, question, exclamation or command |
| Punctuation | Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout <br> writing. <br> Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark <br> actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting] |
| Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for <br> example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted <br> commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"] |  |
| Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' |  |
| names] |  |


|  | noncountable (e.g. stuff, money). These classes can be recognised by the determiners they combine with. | verb, not a noun] Common, countable: <br> a book, books, two chocolates, one day, fewer ideas Common, non-countable: money, some chocolate, less imagination Proper, countable: Marilyn, London, Wednesday |
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| Noun phrase | A noun phrase is a phrase with a noun as its head, e.g. some foxes, foxes with bushy tails. Some grammarians recognise one-word phrases, so that foxes are multiplying would contain the noun foxes acting as the head of the noun phrase foxes. | Adult foxes can jump. [adult modifies foxes, so adult belongs to the noun phrase] <br> Almost all healthy adult foxes in this area can jump. [all the other words help to modify foxes, so they all belong to the noun phrase] |
| Sentence | A sentence is a group of words which are grammatically connected to each other but not to any words outside the sentence. The form of a sentence's main clause shows whether it is being used as a statement, a question, a command or an exclamation. A sentence may consist of a single clause or it may contain several clauses held together by subordination or co-ordination. Classifying sentences as 'simple', 'complex' or 'compound' can be confusing, because a 'simple' sentence may be complicated, and a 'complex' one may be straightforward. The terms 'single clause sentence' and 'multi-clause sentence' may be more helpful. | john went to his friend's house. He stayed there till teatime. <br> You are my friend. [statement] <br> Are you my friend? [question] <br> Be my friend! [command] <br> What a good friend you are! [exclamation] <br> Ali went home on his bike to his goldfish and his current library book about pets. [single-clause sentence] <br> She went shopping but took back everything she had bought because she didn't like any of it. [multi-clause sentence] |
| Compound | A compound word contains at least two root words in its morphology; e.g. whiteboard, superman. Compounding is very important in English. | blackbird, blow-dry, bookshop, icecream, English teacher, inkjet, oneeyed, bone-dry, baby-sit, daydream, outgrow |
| Adjective | The surest way to identify adjectives is by the ways they can be used: <br> - before a noun, to make the noun's meaning more specific (i.e. to modify the noun), or <br> - after the verb be, as its complement. Adjectives cannot be modified by other adjectives. This distinguishes them from nouns, which can be. Adjectives are sometimes called 'describing words' because they pick out single characteristics such as size or colour. This is often true, but it | The pupils did some really good work. [adjective used before a noun, to modify it] <br> Their work was good. [adjective used after the verb be, as its complement] <br> Not adjectives: <br> The lamp glowed. [verb] |


|  | doesn't help to distinguish adjectives from other word classes, | It was such a bright red! [noun] <br> He spoke loudly. [adverb] It was a French grammar book. [noun] |
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| Adverb | The surest way to identify adverbs is by the ways they can be used: they can modify a verb, an adjective, another adverb or even a whole clause. Adverbs are sometimes said to describe manner or time. This is often true, but it doesn't help to distinguish adverbs from other word classes that can be used as adverbials, such as preposition phrases, noun phrases and subordinate clauses. | Usha soon started snoring loudly. [adverbs modifying the verbs started and snoring] <br> That match was really exciting! [adverb modifying the adjective exciting] <br> We don't get to play games very often. [adverb modifying the other adverb, often] <br> Fortunately, it didn't rain. [adverb modifying the whole clause 'it didn't rain' by commenting on it] <br> Not adverbs: <br> - Usha went up the stairs. [preposition phrase used as adverbial] <br> - She finished her work this evening. [noun phrase used as adverbial] <br> - She finished when the teacher got cross. [subordinate clause used as adverbial] |
| Verb tense Present and past | In English, tense is the choice between present and past verbs, which is special because it is signalled by inflections and normally indicates differences of time. In contrast, languages like French, Spanish and Italian, have three or more distinct tense forms. The simple tenses (present and past) may be combined in English with the perfect and progressive. | He studies. [present tense present time] <br> He studied yesterday. [past tense - past time] <br> He studies tomorrow, or else! [present tense - future time] <br> He may study tomorrow. [present tense + infinitive future time] <br> He plans to study tomorrow. [present tense + infinitive future time] <br> If he studied tomorrow, he'd see the difference! [past tense - imagined future] |
| Apostrophe | Apostrophes have two completely different uses: <br> - showing the place of missing letters (e.g. I'm for I am) <br> - marking possessives (e.g. Hannah's mother). | I'm going out and I won't be long. [showing missing letters] <br> Hannah's mother went to town in Justin's car. [marking possessives] |

Comma

A punctuation mark, used especially as a mark of separation within the sentence Commas separate ideas, add pauses, and help you to list things clearly.

The pet store has
cats, dogs, hamsters, fish, and
turtles. (Listing things)

I really wanted cereal this
morning, but I didn't have any
milk. (Connecting clauses)

Well, if you really want pancakes, I guess I can make them. (Creating pauses)

## SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GRAMMAR - YEAR 3



| Word | Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes [for example super-, anti-, auto-] <br> Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, a rock, an open box] <br> Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble] |  |
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| Sentence | Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of] |  |
| Text | Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, <br> He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play] |  |
| Punctuation | Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech |  |
| Terminology | preposition, conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks') |  |
| Preposition | A preposition links a following noun, pronoun or noun phrase to some other word in the sentence. <br> Prepositions often describe locations or directions, but can describe other things, such as relations of time. <br> Words like before or since can act either as prepositions or as conjunctions. | Tom waved goodbye to Christy. <br> She'll be back from Australia in two weeks. <br> I haven't seen my dog since this morning. <br> Contrast: I'm going, since noone wants me here! [conjunction: links two clauses] |

$\left.\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Conjunction } & \begin{array}{l}\text { A conjunction links two words or phrases } \\ \text { together. } \\ \text { There are two main types of conjunctions: } \\ \text { co-ordinating conjunctions (e.g. and) link } \\ \text { two words or phrases together as an } \\ \text { equal pair } \\ \text { subordinating conjunctions (e.g. when) } \\ \text { introduce a subordinate clause. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Kylie is young but she can kick } \\ \text { the ball hard. [links two } \\ \text { clauses as an equal pair] }\end{array} \\ \text { [links the words bat and ball } \\ \text { Everyone watches when Kyle } \\ \text { does back-flips. [introduces a } \\ \text { subordinate clause] }\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{l}\text { Joe can't practise kicking }\end{array}\right\}$

|  | Most of the letters of the alphabet represent consonants. Only the letters $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$ and y can represent vowel sounds. | /t/ [flow of air stopped by the tongue touching the roof of the mouth, then released] <br> /f/ [flow of air obstructed by the bottom lip touching the top teeth] <br> /s/ [flow of air obstructed by the tip of the tongue touching the gum line] |
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| Consonant letter vowel | A vowel is a speech sound made with your mouth fairly open, the nucleus of a spoken syllable. <br> A consonant is a sound made with your mouth fairly closed. | Vowels are a ,e, i, o, u <br> Consonants are $\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}$, $h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v$, $w, x, y, z$ |
| Vowel letter | A vowel is a speech sound which is produced without any closure or obstruction of the vocal tract. Vowels can form syllables by themselves, or they may combine with consonants. In the English writing system, the letters $a, e, i, o, u$ and $y$ can represent vowels. |  |
| Inverted comma | Inverted commas are punctuation marks that are used in writing to show where speech or a quotation begins and ends. <br> They are usually written or printed as ' ' or " ". <br> Inverted commas are also sometimes used around the titles of books, plays, or songs, or around a word or phrase that is being discussed. | "I shall give you some wool to make a new sweater", said the white lamb to the little girl. <br> The Head boy of the school declared, "I am going to leave the school." |

## SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GRAMMAR - YEAR 4



| Word | The grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s Standard English <br> forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were <br> instead of we was, or I did instead of I done] |
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| Sentence | Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and <br> preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with <br> curly hair) <br> Fronted adverbials [for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.] |
| Text | Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme <br> Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid <br> cohesion and avoid repetition |
| Punctuation | Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for <br> example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted <br> commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"] <br> Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' <br> names] |


|  | Use of commas after fronted adverbials |  |
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| Terminology | determiner pronoun, possessive pronoun adverbial |  |
| Determiner | A determiner specifies a noun as known or unknown, and it goes before any modifiers (e.g. adjectives or other nouns). Some examples of determiners are: <br> - articles (the, a or an) <br> - demonstratives (e.g. this, those) <br> - possessives (e.g. my, your) <br> - quantifiers (e.g. some, every). | the home team [article, specifies the team as known] <br> a good team [article, specifies the team as unknown] that pupil [demonstrative, known] <br> Julia's parents [possessive, known] <br> some big boys [quantifier, unknown] <br> Contrast: home the team, big some boys [both incorrect, because the determiner should come before other modifiers] |
| Pronoun | Pronouns are normally used like nouns, except that: <br> They are grammatically more specialised It is harder to modify them In the examples, each sentence is written twice: once with nouns, and once with pronouns (underlined). <br> Where the same thing is being talked about, the words are shown in bold. | Amanda waved to Michael. She waved to him. <br> John's mother is over there. His mother is over there. The visit will be an overnight visit. This will be an overnight visit. Simon is the person: Simon broke it. He is the one who broke it. |
| Possessive Pronoun | A possessive can be: <br> - a noun followed by an apostrophe, with or withouts <br> - a possessive pronoun. The relation expressed by a possessive goes well beyond ordinary ideas of 'possession'. A possessive may act as a determiner. | Tariq's book [Tariq has the book] <br> The boys' arrival [the boys arrive] <br> His obituary [the obituary is about him] <br> That essay is mine. [I wrote the essay] |
| Adverbial | An adverbial is a word or phrase that is used, like an adverb, to modify a verb or clause. Of course, adverbs can be used as adverbials, but many other types of words and phrases can be used this way, including preposition phrases and subordinate clauses. | The bus leaves in five minutes. [preposition phrase as adverbial: modifies leaves] <br> She promised to see him last night. [noun phrase modifying either promised or see, according to the intended meaning] <br> She worked until she had finished. [subordinate clause as adverbial] |


| SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GRAMMAR - YEAR 5 |  |  |
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| Word | Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes [for example, -ate; ise; -ify] |  |
| Sentence | Relative clauses beginning with who, which, w omitted relative pronoun <br> Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs modal verbs [for example, might, should, will, | re, when, whose, that, or an <br> r example, perhaps, surely] or ust] |
| Text | Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [fo firstly] <br> Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbial place [for example, nearby] and number [for exa [for example, he had seen her before] | example, then, after that, this, <br> of time [for example, later], ple, secondly] or tense choices |
| Punctuation | Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthe meaning or avoid ambiguity | Use of commas to clarify |
| Terminology | modal verb, relative pronoun relative clause pare ambiguity | hesis, bracket, dash cohesion, |
| Modal verb | Modal verbs are used to change the meaning of other verbs. They can express meanings such as certainty, ability, or obligation. The main modal verbs are will, would, can, could, may, might, shall, should, must and ought. <br> A modal verb only has finite forms and has no suffixes (e.g. I sing - he sings, but not I must he musts). | I can do this maths work by myself. <br> This ride may be too scary for you! <br> You should help your little brother. <br> Is it going to rain? Yes, it might. <br> Canning swim is important. [not possible because can must be finite; contrast: Being able to swim is important, where being is not a modal verb] |
| Relative pronoun | A relative pronoun is a word that's used to begin a relative clause. <br> A few examples of relative pronouns include 'who', 'that', 'whose', 'which', and 'whom'. | Joe baked his mum a Victoria sponge cake, who was very pleased with her Mother's Day present. <br> The paints that I bought are going to be used on wood.' <br> The book, which was in terrible condition, was a fantastic read.' <br> The dog, whose collar was loose, ran away and found his own way home.' |


|  |  | The parents spotted a lady in a suit, whom they assumed to be the head teacher.' |
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| Relative clause | A relative clause is a special type of subordinate clause that modifies a noun. It often does this by using a relative pronoun such as who or that to refer back to that noun, though the relative pronoun that is often omitted. <br> A relative clause may also be attached to a clause. In that case, the pronoun refers back to the whole clause, rather than referring back to a noun. <br> In the examples, the relative clauses are underlined, and both the pronouns and the words they refer back to are in bold. | That's the boy who lives near school. [who refers back to boy] <br> The prize that I won was a book. [that refers back to prize] <br> The prize I won was a book. [the pronoun that is omitted] Tom broke the game, which annoyed Ali. [which refers back to the whole clause] |
| Parenthesis | A parenthesis is a word, phrase, or sentence that is inserted into writing as extra information using brackets, commas or dashes. <br> If the parenthesis is taken away, the passage would still be complete without it - it's an afterthought or bonus. The plural is parenthesis. | He finally answered (after taking five minutes to think) that he did not understand the question. <br> Please read the analysis (I hope you enjoy). <br> Joe (accompanied by his trusty Bassett hound dog) was always welcome. <br> When he got home (it was already dark outside), he fixed dinner. <br> You are late for class again (aren't you?). <br> My friend Chloe (who is three months older than me) is coming to my house tonight. |
| Bracket | A bracket is a punctuation mark that's used to set a word or phrase aside from the rest of a sentence. <br> Brackets are punctuation marks used to include parantheses or additional information to a sentence. In many cases, this information is not essential to the main point that the sentences is making. An example would be 'Fred (who was a plumber by trade) fixed the leaking pipe'. <br> Sometimes dates or other numbers in a sentence are enclosed by brackets. | Without brackets: She finally answered that she didn't understand the question. <br> With brackets: She finally answered (after taking five minutes to think) that she didn't understand the question. |
| Dash | A dash is a horizontal line that shows a pause or break in meaning, or that represents missing words or letters. <br> Note that dashes are rather informal and should be used carefully in writing. Dashes are often used informally instead of commas, colons and brackets. A dash may or may not have a space on either side of it. | Without dash: The man from Ames, Iowa, arrived. <br> With dash: The man-he was from Ames, Iowa-arrived. |

Cohesion

Ambiguity

A text has cohesion if it is clear how the meanings of its parts fit together. Cohesive devices can help to do this.

In the example, there are repeated references to the same thing (shown by the different style pairings), and the logical relations, such as time and cause,

Ambiguity is a word or sentence that is not clear about the intention or meaning.

An example of ambiguity is when a person answers a question in a way that indicates he is not giving all of the details

A visit has been arranged for
Year 6, to the Mountain Peaks Field Study Centre, leaving school at 9.30am. This is an overnight visit. The centre has beautiful grounds and a nature trail. During the afternoon, the children will follow the trail. It is ambiguous to say "I rode a black horse in red pyjamas," because it may lead us to think the horse was wearing red pyjamas.

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| GRAMMAR - YEAR 6 |


|  | - just before the verb in a statement <br> - just after the auxiliary verb, in a question. <br> Unlike the verb's object and complement, the subject can determine the form of the verb (e.g. I am, you are). | The children will study the animals. <br> Will the children study the animals? |
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| Object | An object is normally a noun, pronoun or noun phrase that comes straight after the verb, and shows what the verb is acting upon. Objects can be turned into the subject of a passive verb, and cannot be adjectives (contrast with complements). | Year 2 designed puppets. [noun acting as object] I like that. [pronoun acting as object] <br> Some people suggested a pretty display. [noun phrase acting as object] <br> Contrast: <br> - A display was suggested. [object of active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb] <br> - Year 2 designed pretty. [incorrect, because adjectives cannot be objects] |
| Active | An active verb has its usual pattern of subject and object (in contrast with the passive). | Active: The school arranged a visit. Passive: A visit was arranged by the school. |
| Passive | The sentence It was eaten by our dog is the passive of Our dog ate it. A passive is recognisable from: <br> - the past participle form eaten <br> - the normal object (it) turned into the subject <br> - the normal subject (our dog) turned into an optional preposition phrase with by as its head <br> - the verb be(was), or some other verb such as get. Contrast active. <br> A verb is not 'passive' just because it has a passive meaning: it must be the passive version of an active verb. | A visit was arranged by the school. <br> Our cat got run over by a bus. <br> Active versions: <br> - The school arranged a visit. - <br> - bus ran over our cat <br> Not passive: <br> - He received a warning. [past tense, active received] <br> - We had an accident. [past tense, active had] |
| Synonym | Two words are synonyms if they have the same meaning, or similar meanings. Contrast antonym. | talk - speak <br> old - elderly |
| Antonym | Two words are antonyms if their meanings are opposites. | hot - cold <br> light - dark <br> light - heavy |
| Ellipsis | Ellipsis is the omission of a word or phrase which is expected and predictable. | Frankie waved to Ivana and she watched her drive away. <br> She did it because she wanted to do it. |

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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Hyphen } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Hyphens are a form of punctuation mark. } \\
\text { They can be used to join words or parts of words. } \\
\text { It's not interchangeable with other types of } \\
\text { dashes. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { It's recommended you don't } \\
\text { take down any load-bearing } \\
\text { walls when renovating. }\end{array}
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Fast-acting medication can be\end{array}\right\}\)| useful when one has a |
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| headache. |
| There are some beautiful- |
| looking plants in the garden. |$|$

