

Grammatical Vocabulary Explained!

By the end of Year 2 all children will be expected to understand and use the following terminology.

The best way to explain a term is within the context of a sentence.

Nouns

A noun is a word that tells you the name of something: 'boat', 'Paris', 'zebra' and 'Mrs Smith' are all nouns.

A giraffe wearing skates went whizzing past our school.

At the top of the mountain Sir Harry met a huge dragon and a beautiful princess.

Adjectives

An adjective is a word such as tall, red, angry, brave or shiny. Adjectives describe a noun.

When I chop carrots I always use a **sharp** knife.

The brave boy stroked the ferocious lion.

Verbs

A verb is often referred to as a 'doing word'.
Verbs sometimes have 'to' before them, but not always.

Bob loves to **read** adventure stories.

Claire wasn't sure which dress to **wear**.

My dad said I should do my homework.

Present and Past Tense Verbs

Present tense verbs talk about things that often happen or usually happen.

Sarah **plays** netball every Saturday.

When I go to Scotland, I always travel by train.

Present and Past Tense Verbs

You use the past tense to talk about things that have already happened. For most verbs you add 'ed' or 'd'.

I **played** outside in the rain.

We watched the movie together.

Present and Past Tense Verbs

Some past tense verbs are irregular!

The plant **grew** very quickly.

Sam **woke** up slowly.

The athlete ran as fast as he could!

Adverbs

An adverb is a word such as 'busily' or 'quickly' that tells you more about another word in a sentence. Most adverbs tell you how a verb is done.

The bird flew **swiftly** through the air.

She giggled happily when she heard the good news.

Apostrophes- Contractions

Apostrophes can be used to replace letters in a word.

I **didn't** know it was your birthday yesterday.

We don't have to go outside today.

Where's the cat gone?

Apostrophes- possession

An apostrophe can be used to show who or what something belongs to.

Dave's scarf was lost.

The dog's bone was buried in the soil.

The children's teacher was ill.

The girls' angel costumes were finally ready.

How can you help at home?

- Espresso learning- DB primary
 - Regular reading and discussion about books
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- Fortnightly homework