Grammar	Definition	Example
Conjunction	Used to join two ideas	He needed his coat
Year 3	together within one	because it was cold.
	sentence	
		The curtains danced
		in the wind while the
		windows crashed.
Preposition	A word that shows the	The box was under
Year 3	position of a noun	the table.
		I was inside the
		house.
		The clouds above
Clause	Cause contains a subject and	Independent:
Year 3	a verb.	She can leave the
	There are two types of	room now.
	clauses:	
	Independent – makes sense	Dependent clause:
	by itself	because she finished all her work.
	Dependent- works only as	
	part of a whole sentence. It	
	could begin with after,	
	although, because, if, when,	
	while	
Paragraph	A section of a piece of	
Year 3	writing.	
	A new paragraph marks a	
	change of focus, change of	
	time, change of place or	
	change of speaker.	

Collective Noun & Abstract Noun	The name of a person, place or thing. Four types: Common- table, cat Proper- John, Sarah, England Collective- pride, gaggle, flock Abstract- love, bravery	
Subordinate clause	A clause with a subject and a verb but does not make sense by itself, it is in addition to the main clause.	Although I was scared, I crept inside. 'I crept inside' is the man clause because it makes sense by itself.
Relative clause	A clause using who, whom, which, whose to relate back to the subject. Clause does not make sense by itself.	Polly's hair, which was long and brown, hung loosely around her head. The boy was funny, which made me smile.
Possessive pronoun Year 4	Tells who owns something.	My pen. That pen is mine. Toby's pen.
Adverbial Year 4	A word or phrase that is used to give more detail to a verb or a clause. Adverbials of manner- how Adverbials of place- where Adverbials of time- when, how often Adverbials of probability-how certain we are	Tom shouted loudly. He cycled as fast as possible. I saw him over there. In minute I will start. Perhaps we should go. He will certainly say yes.

Fronted adverbial Year 4	The use of an adverb to begin a sentence to make the sentence more interesting.	On the table stood a vase of flowers. Next to the window was a bookcase. At the end of the lane,
		Bob paused.
Article	A, an, the	An elephant
		A bear
		The teddy
Determiner	Words used with nouns- this	This book is yours.
Year 4	book, my friend, a book, the	I've got some sweets.
	book	I will have an apple.
		Which colour do you
		prefer?

Punctuation that your child will be using in their writing:

Inverted commas (speech marks) ""	Used to mark the beginning and end of direct speech (the speaker's words written down exactly as they were spoken)	The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"
Comma ,	Using commas after fronted adverbials	Later that day, I heard the bad news.
Apostrophe ,	Possessive apostrophe	We met at Ben's party. The dog's tail wagged rapidly. Yesterday's weather was dreadful. The girl's name. The girls' names.

Helping Your Child With Grammar



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