Grammar	Definition	Example
Modal Verb	To show if we believe	Perhaps I should stay
	something is certain,	behind.
	probable or possible – or	
	not!	Can I get you a drink?
	Examples: can/ could, may/	arinke
	might, shall/ should, will/	Sam will be here
	would, must/ ought	soon.
		I must go now.
		This ride may be too
		scary for you.
Cohesion	Writing is cohesive if it is	I went to the market
	clear how the meanings of	this morning and I
	its parts fit together.	bought a drink; then, I went to the
	For example if you start	supermarket a few
	writing in the past tense you	hours later and
	should stay writing in the	purchased another
	past tense to keep the	drink.
	writing cohesive.	
Ambiguity	When a word has more than	The vicar married my
	one meaning.	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:

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

## Helping Your Child With Grammar



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