

Antonym

opposite words
- dark and light
- strong and weak

Word Families

group of words that can be built from the same root word
- friend, friendly, friendship

Singular & Plural Nouns

Singular nouns indicate there is one
- boat, house, cat

Plural nouns ends in vowel + s → add s
- cat → cats

consonant + s/ ends in sh, ch, x, z, s
→ add **es**
- church → churches

ends in consonant + y
→ change y to i, add **ies**
- baby → babies

ends vowel + y → add s
- toy → toys

ends in f, fe → change f to v, add **es**
- leaf → leaves

Prefix

add to the beginning of the word to make a new word

- trans- (means 'across', 'beyond') + form = transform

Synonym

words that mean the same

- dirty and unclean
- sad and unhappy

Homophones

words that sound the same, but don't mean the same thing

- to, too, two

Vowels

a, e, i, o, u
Consonants all other letters

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Formal/Standard

type of English you should use in your written work

- Have you seen Tom?

Non-standard

informal use of language

- We ain't seen him.

Vocabulary & Spelling

Standard English

Punctuation

Linking Words

Sentences

Grammar

Verb Forms & Tenses

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, Commas, Hyphens, Bullet Points, Brackets, Ellipses, Dashes

ways of adding and removing extra information in a sentence

- I had a bowl of soup (I usually have rice) for dinner

Speech

Indirect repeating what someone said, do not need to use speech marks

- Peter said he did not want to go to school.

Direct write down exactly what the person is saying; use inverted commas ("speech marks")

- "I don't want to go to school," said Peter.

Capital

uppercase letters

?! sentence endings

Command

when you are telling someone to do something, usually starts with a verb (doing word)

- Give the paper to your friend.

Phrases

group of words which don't have a verb, subject or both

- The young man

Noun Phrases starts with noun
- The old city

Adjective Phrase starts with adjective
- happy at his results

Preposition Phrase starts with preposition
- under the weather

; Semicolons, Colons

Semicolons used to divide complicated sentences
- It was very late; everyone was still not home.

Colons used at the start of lists; used in between clauses in a sentence
- Bring these things to the picnic: cutlery, plates, and food.

Conjunctions

Co-ordinating conjunctions for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so (FANBOYS)
- He likes dogs and she likes cats.

Subordinating conjunctions when, if, that, because
- I do not like dogs because they are loud.

Connective

word or phrase that links clauses or sentences
- also, besides, however

? Question

uses question mark to ask a question

- How many friends do you have?

Statement

simply tells the reader something

- I have many friends.

! Exclamation

uses exclamation mark to show sentence is saying something surprising or with force

- That dog is dirty!

Noun

names, person, place, or thing

Common - hand, table, dog

Proper - Sarah, London

Collective - team, family, herd

Abstract - love, peace, hate

Pronoun

takes the place of a noun

Personal

- I, you, she, him, we, us, they, them

Relative

- that, which, who, whom, whose

Possessive

- my, mine, you, his, her, their, theirs

Adverbs

adverbs give additional information about the time, place or manner of the verb or sentence.

many adjectives can be turned into adverbs by adding -ly to the end
- proud → proudly, kind → kindly, slow → slowly

Subject

the thing or person who is carrying out an action

Verb

a doing or action word

- play, work, study

Object

who is the action done to or for?

- Andrea (subject) spoke to (verb) Jorge (object).

Adjective

describes a noun

- a friendly toy dog

Adverbial Phrase

an adverbial phrase is when more than one word does the adverb's job.

- The hurricane struck the island whilst we were asleep.

Determiners

words that introduce nouns

Articles

tells you whether noun is specific (the) or general (a or an)

- She took a small suitcase.
- She took the small suitcase.

Preposition

where or when something is in relation to something else

- after, above, on, under
- The dog was under the table.
- After the exam, Lucy was happy.

Simple Present

something which happens regularly
- I walk to school.

Modal Verbs

verb used to show the level of possibility, indicate ability, show obligation, give permission

will, may, must
- We will have a sandwich for lunch.
- You must take the test tomorrow.

Present & Past Progressive

Present progressive
- She is reading the book.

Past Progressive
- He was reading the book when I arrived.

Active & Passive Verbs

Active verb where the subject does the action
- The boy hugged the teddy bear. The boy does the action.

Passive verb where the subject of the sentence has the action done to it
- The teddy bear was hugged by the boy. The bear receives the action.

Simple Past

something that's finished
- I walked to school this morning.

Present & Past Perfect

Present perfect form use have/has
- I have read 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Past perfect form use had
- He had left the room.

Subjunctive Forms

subjunctive shows something imagined, wished or possible, also used in commands, wishes and requests
- If I were stronger, I would lift that box.