

Tenses

How the verb tell us when something took place.

Present tense

When something is happening now

E.G. Sam **is playing** football. OR Sam **plays** football

Past Tense

When an event has already happened

E.G Sam **was playing** football OR Sam **played** football.



Grammar

Statements, Commands, Questions and Exclamations

Statements tell the reader something and end with a full-stop.

It is usually cold in winter.

Commands begin with a verb, tell the reader to do something and end with a full-stop.

Brush your teeth.

Questions need an answer and end with a question mark.

What did you learn at school today?

Exclamations start with "how" or "what", contain a verb and end with an exclamation mark.

What a beautiful dress! OR How amazing it was!

REMEMBER!

Always think of your sentence before your write it down and don't forget to read it back to check for mistakes!

Punctuation



Capital letters (ABC): for names, the word I and at the beginning of all types of sentences

Full stops (.): used at the end of statement sentences

Question marks (?): used at the end of a question sentences

Exclamation marks (!): used at the end of exclamation sentences and to show shock or surprise

Comma (,): used in between words in a list written as a sentence and to separate clauses in sentences

Apostrophes ('): to show possession E.G the girl's dog OR to show missing letters in contracted

Word Classes:

Noun: person, place or thing

Verb: action word

Adjective: describes a noun

Adverb: describes the verb or adjective.

Conjunction: join short clauses up to make longer sentences.

and, or, but (**coordinating conjunctions**)

when, if, that, because (**subordinating conjunctions**)

Prefixes: letters added to the front of a word to change the meaning

Suffixes: letters added to the end of a word to change the meaning

Compound words: words which are made by joining two shorter words together

E.G playground, bedroom, sunflower

Noun Phrases

A noun phrase is a noun and the simple words that do with it in the sentence

the girl OR a ball

An expanded noun phrase is a noun and adjective

the little girl OR a spotty ball