

Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation Glossary

This glossary builds on the terminology used in previous years.

Grammar Term	What does it mean?
a or an	<p>Use a when the first letter of a word starts with a consonant or consonant sound. E.g. - a house a unique painting</p> <p>Use an when the first letter of a word starts with a vowel or vowel sound. E.g. - an umbrella an honest mistake</p>
Consonant	All letters apart from A E I O U are consonants.
Consonant letter vowel	<p>A consonant that makes the vowel sound.</p> <p>E.g. - The letter <i>y</i> makes a consonant sound when at the beginning of a word like <i>yellow</i> but a vowel sound when at the end of a word such as <i>sunny</i></p>
Clause	A group of words in a sentence that can be used as a sentence.
Direct speech	<p>Direct speech is a sentence in which the exact words spoken have an inverted comma at the beginning of the sentence and at the end.</p> <p>E.g. - "You'll never guess what I've just seen!" said Sam, excitedly.</p>
Inverted Commas (speech marks)	<p>Used to punctuate direct speech</p> <p>E.g. - "Come over here!" shouted Paul.</p>
Paragraph	A way to group related material.
Prefix	<p>A prefix is a group of letters that can be added to the beginning of a root word.</p> <p>E.g. natural - <i>supernatural</i> <i>biography</i> - <i>autobiography</i></p>
Preposition	A preposition is a word which shows the relationship

	<p>between one thing and another.</p> <p>E.g. - The gentle, brown dog slept <i>beside</i> the fluffy white rabbit.</p>
Present perfect Tense	Use present perfect tense, e.g. He has gone out to play instead of simple past tense - He went out to play.
Subordinate Clause	A subordinate clause helps to give more meaning to the main clause. It cannot exist on its own.
Tense	A tense is a form of verb that shows the time when an action takes place.
Time, place and cause	How to express time, place and cause using conjunctions - (e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because), adverbs (e.g. then, next, soon, therefore), or prepositions (e.g. before, after, during, in, because of).
Vowel letter	A E I O U are vowels.