



GRAMMAR

Year 3

By the end of Year 3 most children should know:

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).

The basics of using paragraphs as a way of grouping related material;

How to use headings and sub headings to aid presentation;

How to use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past (e.g. He has gone out to play. contrasted
with... He went out to play).

How to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.

Definitions and Examples

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives
A noun is a thing or an object. It can also be a place. E.G ball, boat, Ludham,	A verb expresses an action - they are often called 'doing' words. E.G laugh, eat, sleep	An adjective gives more information about the noun. E.G The <u>tall</u> plant The <u>clever</u> magician
Adverbs	Noun Phrase	Inverted Commas
It describes how the verb is done (when, where or how it happens) They often (but not always) end in -ly. E.G <u>Slowly</u> , I got out of bed. They are arriving <u>tomorrow</u>	A noun phrase is made up of: a noun, an adjective and the words a, an, the E.G The slow river A massive sandwich	These mark the beginning and end of direct speech. E.G "Please sit down!" said the teacher
Present Perfect	Commas	Apostrophe
Present Perfect tense is used to describe events that started in the past but are still true now. E.G I have lived in this town for five years.	A comma is used to separate three or more items. E.G	Apostrophes can be used to: show where a letter is missing and to show ownership E.G Don't, won't The girl's teddy.
Subordinating Conjunctions	Co-ordinating Conjunctions	Prepositions
Introduce a subordinate clause because until as if I was late for school <u>because</u> I over-slept. Keep your hand on the wound <u>until</u> the nurse tells you to take it off. <u>As</u> it's raining, I'm staying indoors. If it rains, I will be unhappy	Links two sentences of equal weight Or and but Would you like a cake <u>or</u> a biscuit? I like apples <u>but</u> I do not like oranges. I like running and jumping.	Tell the reader where the action is taking place. E.G The cat likes to hide <u>under</u> the table. The boy hid <u>behind</u> the wall.