

Year 3/4 Grammar

Word Classes

- * Sentences are built and developed through the use of word groups.
- * There are eight major word classes in the English language.
- * Noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, preposition, conjunction, determiner.
- * In Key Stage 1 the children begin to learn about nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs.
- * In Year 3 the children learn about prepositions and conjunctions and in Year 4 the children learn about pronouns and determiners.

The basic word types

- * • *Noun: object/thing/place/name*
- * • *Verb: doing or being word*
- * • *Adverb: describes how the verb is being done (mostly, but not always, ends in -ly)*
- * • *Adjective: describes a noun*

The basic word types

- * *Pronoun: replaces a noun (I, me, he, she, him, her, they, we, us, it, etc)*
- * • *Conjunction: links together two clauses (parts of/information in) in a sentence e.g. but, because, although.*
- * *Preposition: show the relationship between two words such as time, location or direction e.g. up, after, across, into, past, under*
- * *Determiner: words that introduce nouns e.g. a, the, every.*

Madlibs 1

1. Determiner
2. Adjective
3. Noun
4. Verb
5. Adverb

Could we change the order of these whilst maintaining sense?

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Madlibs 2

1. Adverb
2. Determiner
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4. Noun
5. Verb

Fronted adverbials

- * Fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.
- * Time – Next year,
- * Frequency – Weekly,
- * Place – Under the ground,
- * Manner – Mysteriously,
- * Degree – Out of breath,

Madlibs 3

1. Fronted Adverbial
2. Determiner
3. Adjective
4. Noun
5. Verb

Challenge: Extend your sentence with a subordinate clause.

Test Your Knowledge – Year 3

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Test Your Knowledge – Year 3

2. **Circle the preposition** in this sentence.

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Answer

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Test Your Knowledge Year 3

3. The sentences below are missing a word. **Choose a conjunction from the box and write it in the space** to complete each sentence.

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but

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Test Your Knowledge Year 4

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Answer

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Test Your Knowledge Year 4

2. Read the sentences below. **Add a comma** after each fronted adverbial.

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