

Grammar and Punctuation

Year 4: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)

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| Word | The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, <i>we were</i> instead of <i>we was</i> , or <i>I did</i> instead of <i>I done</i>] |
| Sentence | Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. <i>the teacher</i> expanded to: <i>the strict maths teacher with curly hair</i>) Fronted adverbials [for example, <i>Later that day, I heard the bad news.</i>] |
| Text | Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition |
| Punctuation | Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: <i>The conductor shouted, “Sit down!”</i>] Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, <i>the girl’s name, the girls’ names</i>] Use of commas after fronted adverbials |
| Terminology for pupils | determiner pronoun, possessive pronoun adverbial |