



English Writing Crucial Knowledge Expanded Knowledge

	Transcription	
	Letter Formation and Handwriting	Spacing
Year 1	Capital letters – a taller letter used at the start of your name and the start of a sentence. Lower case letters- smaller letters Ascender – the upwards part of the letter, usually a straight line Descender – the lower part of the letter, that usually goes underneath the line. Lead in and Lead out lines – the pre-cursive lines which 'lead' into and out of a letter.	Word spaces – the space between words. The size of your finger
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	Composition			
	Sentence Type	Sentence Construction		
Year 1	All sentences start with a capital letter and end with a full stop. A sentence must have a verb and a noun. A sentence must make sense. Question – asks you something (needs an answer)	Conjunction – a word that connects two phrases or sentences (and / because) Tense - shows if writing is set in the past, present or future.		
Year 2	All sentences start with a capital letter and end with a full stop. A sentence must have a verb and a noun. A sentence must make sense. Statement - tells you something Command - tells you to do something Question - asks you something Exclamation - exclaims (surprise / anger) about something	Conjunction – a word that connects two phrases or sentences - Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but) Tense - shows if writing is set in the past, present or future. Expanded noun phrases - for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]		
Year 3	All sentences start with a capital letter and end with a full stop. A sentence must have a verb and a noun. A sentence must make sense. Statement - tells you something Command - tells you to do something Question - asks you something Exclamation - exclaims (surprise / anger) about something	Expressing time, place and cause using Conjunctions Tense - shows if writing is set in the past, present or future. Expanded noun phrases - for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon] Preposition - tells the position, time or way of something of under, until, with sadness Phrase - a group of words that does not have a verb but tells information [the hungry dog] Clause - a group of words containing a noun and a verb [the hungry dog ran]		
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	Word	Text	Punctuation	
Year 1	Noun - A person, place or a thing Verb - An action or a doing word Adjective - Describes a noun	Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Word spaces – separating words by space. Capital letters (upper case letters) – for the start of a sentence, also for personal pronouns Full stops Question marks ? Exclamation marks !	
Year 2	Noun - A person, place or a thing Verb an action or a doing word Adjective Describes a noun Adverb Describes a verb Contraction - two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe ' where the removed letters were - they will = they'll Prefix - a group of letters put before a word to change its meaning Suffix - a letter of a group of letters put after a word to change its meaning	Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing	Word spaces – separating words by space. Capital letters (upper case letters) – for the start of a sentence, also for personal pronouns Full stops Question marks ? Exclamation marks ! Comma , (in a list) Apostrophe '(possession and contraction)	
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Year 6	Modifying Noun - A person, place or a thing Verb an action or a doing word Adjective Describes a noun	Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive	Semi-colon ; Colon : Dash – Hyphens - used to avoid ambiguity





Adverb Describes a verb	devices: repetition of a word
Contraction - two words put together and made	or phrase, grammatical
shorter using an apostrophe '	connections
where the removed letters were - they will = they'll	and ellipsis.
Prefix - a group of letters put before a	Layout devices [for example,
word to change its meaning	headings, sub-headings,
Suffix - a letter of a group of letters put	columns, bullets,
after a word to change its	
meaning	
Fronted adverbials	
Synonyms – a word / phrase that means exactly	
Antonyms – a word opposite in meaning	





	Genres				
Year 1	Narratives – story writing / descriptive writing				
Recounts – diary entries / retells / real life events					
	Non-Fiction Non-Chronological reports				
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Persuasive and Discursive					
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	Persuasive and Discursive				





	Genres Genre				
	Fiction – Made up events / stories				
Non-Fiction	- True facts, information, real				
	Narratives	Recount	Non-chronological report		
Year 1	 Character – people (not necessarily human) in a story Setting – Where the story takes place Sequence – The order of a story Beginning – The start of the story Middle – The part where the story develops End – The end of the story (just as important as the other two sections 	 Recount – retelling a real event Sequence of events – events as they happened (one after the other) 	 Heading / Title – tells the reader what the text is about Label – provides extra information on a picture / chart 		
Year 2	 Character – people (not necessarily human) in a story Setting – Where the story takes place Sequence – The order of a story Opening – The start of the story Build up – The part where the story develops Problem – The part where the characters encounter a problem Resolution – The part where the problem is solved – there is an answer Ending – The end of the story (just as important as the other two sections) Simile – describing something like or as something else. Alliteration – a sequence of words beginning with the same sound / letter 	 Recount – retelling a real event Sequence of events – events as they happened (one after the other) Timeline – order of events 	 Heading / Title – tells the reader what the text is about Label – provides extra information on a picture / chart Sub-heading – give a title to a smaller section of information connected to the main topic Captions – extra information describing the picture 		
Year 3	 Character – people (not necessarily human) in a story Setting – Where the story takes place Plot – The outline of the story Opening – The start of the story 	 Recount – retelling a real event Sequence of events – events as they happened (one after the other) Conjunctions to express time, place and cause (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions (e.g. then, next, first, 	 Heading / Title – tells the reader what the text is about Paragraphs, headings and subheadings used to aid presentation 		





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Year 4	 Character – people (not necessarily human) in a story Setting – Where the story takes place Plot – The outline of the story Orientation – The main character and setting is introduced Complication – A problem, complication or dilemma one or more characters' face is introduced Series of events – Paragraphs are used to explain events, characters feelings, more about the complication etc. Resolution – The problem, complication or dilemma is resolved. The series of events ends Coda – The end of the story used to explore a possible moral Moral – A lesson to be learnt from a story 	 Recount – retelling a real event Sequence of events – events as they happened (one after the other) Viewpoint A person's opinion or point of view Conjunctions to express time, place and cause (e.g. so, because) Inverted commas can be used to punctuate direct speech e.g. eye-witness reports in newspapers, retelling a conversation in diary or letter Use of paragraphs to organise ideas Expanded noun phrases Fronted adverbials used to sequence events in time order e.g. First, Next, Later that day, Just before that 	 Heading / Title – tells the reader what the text is about Paragraphs, headings and subheadings to organise ideas. Label – provides extra information on a picture / chart Captions – extra information describing the picture Conjunctions to express time, place and cause e.g. so, because, adverbs/adverbial phrases e.g. Daffodils start to grow in early February and prepositions e.g. before, after Nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition e.g. The Victorians liked to visit the seaside. They were also fond of





	 Dialogue – Speech Figurative language - language that is used non-literally to create a special meaning Onomatopoeia – words whose sounds suggest, resemble or imitate the sound of what they are describing. Personification - the writer gives human characteristics or actions to non-human things Hyperbole – a word to exaggerate something 		
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	 Onomatopoeia – words whose sounds suggest, resemble or imitate the sound of what they are describing. Personification - the writer gives human characteristics or actions to nonhuman things Hyperbole – a word to exaggerate something Metaphor – Language that compares common characteristics of two unlikely things by implying that one thing is actually another Idiom - an expression that doesn't actually mean what the words say 		David Beckham began to play more seriously. Before long, he became professional Parenthesis using brackets, dashes and commas can be used to add additional information. E.g. Victoria Beckham, David's celebrity wife, also enjoys football.
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- Figurative language language that is used non-literally to create a special meaning
- Onomatopoeia words whose sounds suggest, resemble or imitate the sound of what they are describing.
- Personification the writer gives human characteristics or actions to nonhuman things
- Hyperbole a word to exaggerate something
- Metaphor Language that compares common characteristics of two unlikely things by implying that one thing is actually another
- **Idiom** an expression that doesn't actually mean what the words say

- Adverbials within paragraphs to create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials e.g. therefore, however.
- Correct use of formal and informal language Adapt e.g. high formality required if recounting in the style of a broadsheet newspaper or informal in a personal diary.
- Adverbials to create cohesion within paragraphs e.g. Shortly afterwards, David Beckham began to play more seriously. Before long, he became professional
- Parenthesis using brackets, dashes and commas can be used to add additional information. E.g. Victoria Beckham, David's celebrity wife, also enjoys football.
- Passive voice can be used to avoid personalisation; to avoid naming the agent of a verb; to add variety to a sentence or to maintain an appropriate level of formality e.g. Sparrows are found in... Sharks are hunted.... Children were taught....





Genres Genres		
	Explanation	Persuasion and Discussion
Year 3	 Describe a process, action or event, e.g. how to build a car, how to keep clean, the water cycle Present tense e.g. Hedgehogs wake up again in the spring. Questions can be used to form titles e.g. How do hedgehogs survive in the winter? Why does it get dark at night? Conjunctions to express time and cause using: e.g. so, because, then Adverbs to express time e.g. first, then after that, finally. Prepositions to express time, place and cause e.g. before, after Paragraphs to organise ideas. 	
Year 4	 Describe a process, action or event, e.g. how to build a car, how to keep clean, the water cycle Conjunctions to express time and cause using: e.g. so, because, then Adverbs to express time e.g. first, then after that, finally. Prepositions to express time, place and cause e.g. before, after Paragraphs to organise ideas. Fronted adverbials e.g. During the night, nocturnal animals Nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition e.g. Many mammals They feed their young 	
Year 5	 Conjunctions to express time and cause using: e.g. so, because, then Adverbs to express time e.g. first, then after that, finally. Prepositions to express time, place and cause e.g. before, after Paragraphs to organise ideas. Fronted adverbials e.g. During the night, nocturnal animals Nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition e.g. Many mammals They feed their young 	 Argue a case from a particular point of view and to encourage the reader/listener towards the same way of seeing things Present tense. Rhetorical questions e.g. Do you want to be the most relaxed person in town? Do you want to be the coolest kid in your class? Conjunctions to express time and cause (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions Adverbs to express time e.g. first, then after that, finally. Prepositions to express time, place and cause e.g. before, after





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	 Modal verbs to show degrees of possibility e.g. might, should, will 	 Present perfect form of verbs e.g. people have said that this is the most amazing product because
	 Layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader e.g. subheadings, columns, bullets etc. 	 Noun phrases to create persuasive devises e.g. delicious chocolate
	 Adverbials within paragraphs to organise work. e.g. therefore, however 	 Modal verbs can be used to suggest degrees of possibility e.g. This could be You should You might want to
	 Relative clauses can be used to add further information e.g. Hedgehogs, which are mammals 	 Adverbials Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials. Repetition can be used to achieve this.
	 Parenthesis can be used to add clarification of technical words e.g. oxygen (a gas found in air) is what we use to breathe. 	·
Year 6	 Conjunctions to express time and cause using: e.g. so, because, then 	 Argue a case from a particular point of view and to encourage the reader/listener towards the same way of seeing things
	 Adverbs to express time e.g. first, then after that, finally. 	Present tense.
	 Prepositions to express time, place and cause e.g. before, after 	Rhetorical questions e.g. Do you want to be the most relaxed person in town? Do you want to be the coolest kid in your class?
	Paragraphs to organise ideas.	 Conjunctions to express time and cause (e.g. so, because),
	• Fronted adverbials e.g. During the night, nocturnal animals	adverbs and prepositions
	Nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition e.g. Many	 Adverbs to express time e.g. first, then after that, finally.
	mammals They feed their young	 Prepositions to express time, place and cause e.g. before,
	 Modal verbs to show degrees of possibility e.g. might, should, 	after
	willLayout devices to provide additional information and guide the	 Present perfect form of verbs e.g. people have said that this is the most amazing product because
	reader e.g. subheadings, columns, bullets etc.	 Noun phrases to create persuasive devises e.g. delicious
	 Adverbials within paragraphs to organise work. e.g. 	chocolate
	therefore, however	 Modal verbs can be used to suggest degrees of possibility e.g.
	• Relative clauses can be used to add further information e.g.	This <i>could</i> be You should You might want to
	Hedgehogs, which are mammals	• Adverbials Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials.
	Parenthesis can be used to add clarification of technical words	Repetition can be used to achieve this.
	e.g. oxygen (a gas found in air) is what we use to breathe	 Formal and informal vocabulary choices by moving from
	 Correct use of formal and informal language. An informal tone can sometimes be appropriate e.g. You'll be surprised to 	generic statements to specific examples when key points are
	know thatHave you ever thought about the way that? Or a	being presented e.g. the hotel is comfortable. The beds are soft; the chairs are specially made to support your back and all rooms
	formal authoritative tone can also be adopted e.g. oxygen is	have thick carpet.
	constantly replaced in the bloodstream	 Passive voice can be used in some formal persuasive texts e.g. It can be said It cannot be overstated



