

GRAMMAR GLOSSARY FOR YEAR 2 PARENTS

Please find below a glossary of the terminology that children are expected to know and use in Year 2 in Literacy. The explanations given are the simple versions that we would use to explain to children.

Term	Explanation	Example
Adjective	An adjective is a 'describing word' and describes a noun or pronoun.	The princess wore a beautiful dress. The witch was evil .
Adverb	An adverb describes a verb, adjective or another adverb.	The boy ran quickly . They talked loudly . She spoke quietly .
Apostrophe	An apostrophe is used to make contractions, possessive forms and in some cases plurals	e.g. can't, wouldn't, doesn't , the cat's whiskers
Comma	A comma is used to separate three or more items in a list.	Today I bought carrots, apples, bread and milk
Commands	A command is a sentence which tells you what to do. An urgent or command can have an exclamation mark. They can be very short sentences (sometimes just one word).	Don't do that! Stop. Come over here and look at the tigers.
Compound	A compound word contains at least two root words in its make-up.	e.g. blackbird, daydream
Conjunction / Connective	A conjunction links words, phrases and clauses together.	e.g. and, because, but, so, when, if
Exclamations	Exclamations are sentences which say something with anger, urgency, surprise or amusement. They also end with an exclamation mark.	I can't believe it! Oh no! How wonderful! I saw that!
Noun	A noun is a word that names a place, person, thing or idea.	Person: Grandma Place: forest Thing: wolf Idea: joy
Noun phrase	A noun phrase expand on the description of the noun or specifies the noun.	e.g. the blue butterfly, the red Ferrari
Statement	Statements are sentences which tell you something. They end with a full stop.	Tigers are my favourite animal. They are the largest cat species.
Suffix	A suffix is a group of letters added to a root word to turn it into another word.	e.g. -er/-est sad/sadder/saddest -ly - quiet/quietly
Questions	Questions are sentences which ask you something. They end with a question mark.	What is your favourite animal?
Tense (past and present)	The past tense is made up of actions that have already happened. The present tense can be made up of when the actions happen now,	I walked into the monsters cave. I am walking into the monsters cave.
Verb	A verb is a word that shows an action. The .action can be physical or mental.	e.g. run, skip, jump, think, dream, speak

