

Grammatical terminology – Year 3

❖ Preposition

- Definition – A preposition is a word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else, for example:

- after
- before
- on
- under
- inside
- outside

After walking for miles she rested **on** a small hill. (**After** tells you when she rested and **on** tells you where she rested.)

❖ Conjunction

- Definition – A conjunction is a word that joins two sentences or clauses, for example:

- and
- but
- although
- whenever

He went to the cinema **and** she went swimming.

Amy took her phone with her **but** she forgot to charge it.

❖ Word family

- Definition – Words in a word family are related by meaning, grammar or spelling.
 - Teach, Teacher, Teaching
 - Child, Children, childish(ly)

❖ Prefix

- Definition – A prefix goes at the beginning of a root word to change its meaning.
 - Un-
 - Non-
 - Dis-
 - Re-

Let's **rewind** the DVD.

❖ Clause

- Definition – A clause is a group of words that contain a **subject** (the noun or pronoun about which something is being said) and a **verb** (a doing word). For example:

The fast, red squirrel darted up a tree.

❖ Subordinate clause

- Definition – A subordinate clause contains a subject and a verb, but it needs to be attached to a main clause because it cannot make sense on its own. For example:
 - I first met her in Paris where **I lived as a small child.**
 - **After she picks me up,** Mum is taking me to buy shoes.

❖ Direct speech

- Definition – Direct speech is a sentence in which the exact words spoken are reproduced in inverted commas (also known as speech marks). For example:
 - **“You’ll never guess what I’ve just seen!”** said Sam, excitedly.
 - **“What’s that?”** asked Louise.
 - **“No silly! They’re for the school play!”** replied Steve, sighing.

❖ Vowel

- Definition – A speech sound (letter) that is not a consonant.
 - A
 - E
 - I
 - O
 - U

❖ Consonant

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❖ Inverted commas (or ‘speech marks’)

- Definition – the marks that show when someone starts speaking and when they stop.
 - “ ...”

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