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## About this book

This Study Book uses repeated practice throughout. There are five different opportunities for children to practise each topic:

## Study

Clear and accessible explanations with quick tests to check that children can recall the key facts.

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Quick Test
1. Where are rhyming words usually found in a poem?
2. What is a riddle?
3. Which of these words rhyme with 'sea'? me top tree car saw key
```


## Practice Questions

End-of-topic practice questions to test and reinforce understanding. The questions are split into three levels of increasing difficulty - Challenge 1, Challenge 2 and Challenge 3 - to aid progress.

## Review Questions

These topic-based questions appear later in the book, allowing children to revisit the topic and test how well they have remembered the information.

## Mixed Questions

These pages feature questions for all the different topics to make sure that children can tackle questions without being told which topic they relate to.

## Test on the Go

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Symbols are used in the book to highlight questions that test grammar, punctuation and spelling: $G \in S$

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## Letters, Sounds and Words

- Recognise different sounds for letters
- Understand how letters and sounds make words
- Understand how the letter 'e' at the end of a word affects the vowel sound.


## Letters and Sounds

The letters in the alphabet represent sounds. Each letter has a name and a sound.

Example


Sometimes, two or three letters are put together to make one sound.

## Example

- 'sh' is one sound but two letters work together to make the sound.
- 'ch' is one sound but two letters work together to make the sound.
- 'ea' is one sound but two letters work together to make the sound.

Listen to the sounds the blue letters make in these words.

## Key Point

Some words have two or more letters which make one sound.

## Sounds and Words

Sounds are used together to make words.

## Example

- if < Two letters, two sounds
- sit $<$ Three letters, three sounds
- shut $<$ Four letters but three sounds
- eat $<$ Three letters but two sounds



## Words with Different Sounds

Sometimes, the same letter can make different sounds in different words.

## Example

$\mathrm{g}=$ The gentle giant has some gold.
$\mathbf{c}=$ The cat lives in the shopping centre in the city.

The same letter can make different sounds in different words.

## Letter 'e' at the End of Words

When the letter ' e ' is at the end of a word, it often changes the first vowel sound in the word from a short vowel sound to a long vowel sound. It makes the vowel say its name.

## Example

Look at how the 'e' at the end of these words changes the first vowel sound:

- hop $\rightarrow$ hope
- pin $\rightarrow$ pine
- tap $\rightarrow$ tape
- bit $\rightarrow$ bite



## Tip

You can think of the 'e' at the end of these words as magic ' $e$ ', because it changes the sound of the vowel, e.g. bit $\rightarrow$ bite.

## Key Words

- Letter
- Word
- Vowel sound
- Vowel


## Sounds and Syllables

- Read words with one syllable and more than one syllable
- Understand how to break words into syllables


## Reading Words with One Syllable

Syllables are like 'beats' in words. Every syllable has a vowel sound.

## Example

The vowel sounds in these words are shown in blue: it dad got can kid get bug sell

Read these sentences and clap the syllables.


Each of these words has one syllable.

## Key Point

Most words contain at least one vowel ( $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$ ). In some words the vowel sound is made by ' $y$ '.

## Tip

Clapping helps you to hear where the syllables or 'beats' are.

## Example

journey chickens spiders started * Look at where the syllables are:
jour/ney chick/ens spi/ders start/ed

Each of these words has two syllables.

Read these sentences and clap the syllables.

On his jour/ney Pat the dog saw chi/ckens on a farm and lots of spi/ders in the barn.

It start/ed to rain. The chi/ckens flew up to the barn roof.

## Words with More Syllables

Some words have three or more syllables.

## Example

yes/ter/day com/pu/ter
Sep/tem/ber
$\longleftarrow$

Each of these words has three syllables.

Read these sentences and clap the syllables.
Pat the dog con/tin/ued on his ad/ven/ture. Sudd/en/ly he re/al/ised it was Sat/ur/day.
'Time to go home', said Pat the dog.

## Quick Test

1. What is a syllable?
2. Say a word that has:
a) one syllable
b) two syllables
c) three syllables
3. How many syllables are there in the word 'holiday'?

## Tip

To learn a word, break the word into syllables to remember it, e.g. ba-by, Sep-tem-ber.


## Key Words

- Syllable
- Vowel sound
- Vowel


## Apostrophes

## - Understand that the apostrophe can replace letters

 when words are joined together
## - Understand that the apostrophe can show belonging

## Apostrophes to show Missing Letters

Sometimes, two words can be joined together. When this happens, letters are taken out and are replaced by an apostrophe.

| Example <br> She has $\rightarrow$ She's | The apostrophe replaces <br> the letters 'ha'. |
| :--- | :--- |
| He will $\rightarrow$ He'll The apostrophe replaces <br> the letters 'wi'. |  |

Read this part of the fairy tale Sleeping Beauty and look for shortened words with an apostrophe.

Once upon a time a good King and Queen had a baby daughter. All the fairies of the land were invited to a party, but one old fairy wasn't invited. She was very angry. She came to the party and said, 'When the Princess is sixteen she'll touch a spindle and die!'

she'll $\rightarrow$ she will
The apostrophe replaces the letters 'wi'.

## Key Point

An apostrophe takes the place of the missing letters.


## Tip

will not $\rightarrow$ won't shall not $\rightarrow$ shan't These don't fit the rule for apostrophes. This is because it would be hard to say 'willn't' or shalln't'!

## Apostrophes to Show Belonging

An apostrophe can be used to show who, or what, something belongs to.

## Example

The queen's baby

The king's land $\longleftarrow$ The land belongs to the king.

Read this story and look for apostrophes of belonging.

The good fairies made lovely wishes. But the bad fairy's wish was for the Princess to die. The good fairies could not stop the wish but they could change it. They changed the wish to everyone sleeping for a hundred years.

Then a Prince arrived and everyone woke up. The Prince and Princess got married and rode away to the Prince's kingdom far, far away.
'fairy's wish' = the wish belongs to the fairy
'Prince's kingdom' = the kingdom belongs to the Prince

## Quick Test

1. What letter is replaced by the apostrophe in the word 'He's'?
2. Join these words together using an apostrophe:
a) I will
b) is not
c) it is
3. Put the apostrophe in this sentence:

The fairys wish was good.

## Key Point

Apostrophe $+s$ ('s) shows that an item belongs to a place, person or thing.
Key Point
Apostrophe $+s$ ('s)
shows that an item
belongs to a place,
person or thing.


## Key Word

- Apostrophe


## Suffixes

- Read words ending in -ing and -ed
- Read words ending in -s, -es, -er and -est


## Suffixes

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a word to make a new word.

## Reading Words Ending in -ing

When a word ends in 'e', you take off the 'e' before adding 'ing'.

## Tip

When a word ends in ' $e$ ', you must take off the 'e' before you add 'ing', 'ed', 'es', 'er' or 'est'.

## Example

squeeze + ing = squeezing

Read this description of a character from A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

Scrooge! A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, $\leftarrow$ before adding 'ing'. scraping, clutching old man!

Squeeze and scrape have both had the ' $e$ ' taken off

## Reading Words Ending in -ed

Many words can have the suffix -ed added to them, to make new words.

The -ed ending makes different sounds in different words. It can sound like ' $t$ ', ‘ $d$ ' or ' $i d$ '.

## Example

Read this text.
The cold froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his walk ...

| Words ending <br> in -ed with <br> the ' $t$ ' sound | Words ending <br> in -ed with <br> the ' $d$ ' sound | Words ending in <br> -ed with the 'id' <br> sound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| nipped | shrivelled <br> stiffened | pointed |

## Reading Words Ending in -s and -es

The suffix -s can sound like ' $s$ ' or ' $z$ '. The suffix -es can sound like 'es' or 'ez'. Using the suffix -es adds an extra syllable or 'beat' to a word.

## Example

Scrooge had boxes of money, but no friends.

| Adding -es to this word <br> gives it an extra syllable. | Adding $-s$ to this word <br> gives it a ' $z$ ' sound. |
| :--- | :--- |



## Reading Words Ending in -er and -est

Some words can have the suffixes -er or -est added to them. When a word ends in 'e', you take off the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'.

## Example

Bob Cratchit worked for Scrooge. He was poorer than Scrooge.

Scrooge was the meanest person anyone knew.
After a dream, Scrooge became the kindest person
 anyone knew!

## Quick Test

1. Add -ing to the word 'care'.
2. Add -er and -est to the word 'nice'.
3. Add -es or $-s$ to these words:

## Key Words

- Suffix
- Letter
- Syllable


## Common Exception Words

- Read common exception words
- Read plural exception words


## Reading Common Exception Words

Common exception words are tricky words where one or more letter does not make its usual sound.

Exception words are usually words you see and hear quite a lot.


## Example

- Most short words ending in the ' $s$ ' sound are spelt 'ss' (e.g. mess, class, fuss), but 'bus' ends in just one 's' so it is an exception word.
- The word 'school' has a 'ch' in it, but makes a sound like ' $k$ '. So it is an exception word.
- The word 'sugar' is an exception word because it starts with an ' $s$ ', but the ' $s$ ' is pronounced 'sh'.

The best way to learn the exception words (or tricky words) is to read and write them lots of times.

| Look at <br> the word | Say it | Cover <br> it up | Write it | Check it |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| school | school | school | school | $\checkmark$ |

## Remembering Exception Words

It might help you to group words that are similar. Can you see any patterns or words that have the same sounds?

## Example

old, cold, gold, hold, told

The letter 'o' has the long vowel sound in all these words even though the words don't end in ' $e$ '.
find, mind, behind $\longleftarrow$ The letter 'i' has the long vowel sound in all these words even though the words don't end in 'e'.

These are all exception words. They don't follow the usual spelling pattern, but they can be put in groups that have the same sound.

## Plural Exception Words

To change most words from singular (one) to plural (more than one) the rule is normally to add an ' $s$ ' to the word.

## Example

- one cat $\rightarrow$ two cats
- one dog $\rightarrow$ four dogs

But some plural words do not end in 's'. These are exception words:

## Example

- one foot $\rightarrow$ two feet
- one man $\rightarrow$ two men
- There was one child running down the corridor. The rest of the children were walking.
- There was one cheeky mouse nibbling at the cheese, while the other mice watched.


## Quick Test

1. What does plural mean?
2. What does singular mean?
3. What is the plural of 'person'?

## Study

## Tip

Some of the exception words can be grouped.
Try to put similar words in groups and keep a list so you remember.


## Key Words

- Exception words
- Singular
- Plural


## Compound Words

## - Identify compound words

## Compound Words

Compound words are two words used together to make another word.


Most compound words are pronounced the way you would expect, but some sound different.

## Example

Read the words and then the compound words and listen to the difference:

- band + age = bandage
- cup + board = cupboard



## Quick Test

1. Which words have been joined to make compound words?
a) bedroom
b) airport
c) hillside
2. Add a word to each of these to make a compound word:
a) sea
b) fire
c) play

## Key Word

- Compound word

6S 1 Read the sentences. Change the words in bold into one word by removing one letter and adding an apostrophe. Write the shortened word.
a) I am so happy.
b) We are happy too.

P 2 Read the sentences and add the apostrophe to the word in bold to show belonging.
a) The Princess was the Queens baby.
b) It was the bad fairys spindle.

## Challenge 2

(6) 1 Read the sentences and circle the correct word.
a) Scrooge looked / looking mean.
b) Bob Cratchit cared / caring for his son, Tiny Tim.
c) Scrooge was change / changing.

## Challenge 3

1 Read the words. Clap the syllables. Draw lines to separate the syllables.
a) December
b) rooftop

2 Add a word to each of these to make compound words.
a) sun $\qquad$
b) snow $\qquad$
c) key $\qquad$

## Poetry

- Read classic and contemporary poems
- Recognise riddles and rhymes
- Recognise tongue twisters


## Classic Poems

A poem can describe a feeling or object, tell a story or joke, or just play with words.
Rhyme is when words have the same end sound. Rhyming words are often at the end of the lines.
Rhythm is the 'beat' in the lines of a poem.
Classic poems often have a regular rhyme and rhythm.

## Key Point

Rhyming words have endings that sound the same. They usually appear at the end of each line of a poem.

## Example

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea In a beautiful pea green boat. *
They took some honey, and plenty of money, Wrapped up in a five pound note.

The word 'boat' rhymes with 'note' in the last line.

The words 'honey' and 'money' rhyme.

## Contemporary Poems

Contemporary poems are modern poems. They are usually written in free verse. This means that they do not have a regular rhyme or rhythm.

## Example

The tree was sad,
Leaves falling,
Bare branches,
Against the moon.


## Riddles and Rhymes

A riddle is a kind of puzzle. It gives clues. You have to work out what it means.

## Example

I have a face and two hands, but no legs. What am I? A clock!


A rhyme has words with the same sounds at the end of the lines.

## Example

Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,


## Tongue Twisters

Tongue twisters are fun phrases or sentences that use alliteration. Alliteration is when you repeat the same first letter or sound in a sequence of words. It is what makes tongue twisters tricky to say!

Repeats the sounds 's' and 'sh'.

Repeats the letter 'b'.

## Key Words

- Poem
- Rhyme
- Rhythm
- Free verse
- Riddle
- Tongue twister
- Alliteration


## Fiction: Stories

- Understand key stories
- Understand fairy stories
- Understand traditional tales


## Understanding Key Stories

A key story is a fiction story (a made-up story) that has been written recently. It may be an adventure, a mystery or a science fiction story.

All good stories start with a problem. There is a cause, an effect and at the end, a solution. An easy way to remember this is:
WHAT

(problem) $\Rightarrow$\begin{tabular}{l}
WHY <br>
(cause)

$\Rightarrow$

WHERE/WHO <br>
(effect)

$\Rightarrow$

(solution)
\end{tabular}

A story could be about people, animals, aliens, trolls, invented creatures, ghosts or other things.

Some stories are funny, others are sad. They can tell you about a made-up creature, a friendship or an adventure.

Storybooks often have wonderful pictures to help you understand the meaning of the story.


## Understanding Fairy Stories

A fairy story is a type of short story that usually has dwarves, elves, fairies, giants, gnomes, goblins, mermaids, trolls or witches in it, and usually magic or spells.

## Example



## Understanding Traditional Tales

A traditional tale is an old story. Traditional tales often teach a lesson or give a moral message and pass on ideas.

## Example

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears - don't use things that don't belong to you.
- The Tortoise and the Hare - slow and steady wins the race.
- Three Billy Goats Gruff - don't be greedy (like the troll); face your fears (crossing the bridge).

The characters in a traditional tale can be human or animals. Some characters are good and some are bad. The youngest character is often a hero. Often there are three events, wishes or challenges.

## Quick Test

1. What features do all good stories have?
2. What kind of characters are there in a fairy story?
3. What message is given in Goldilocks and the Three Bears?

## Tip

When you are reading a story, look for the good and bad characters. Is there any magic? Can you find the problem?

## Key Words

- Key story
- Fiction
- Fairy story
- Traditional tale


## Non-fiction

## - Recognise features and layouts of instructions, information texts and explanation texts

## Non-fiction

Some texts are non-fiction, which means they are based on facts. Non-fiction texts can include instructions, information and explanations.

## Instructions



Some texts give instructions on how to do something. They often have the following features:

- a list of equipment needed
- numbered, simple, clear instructions or rules
- diagrams or pictures to help understanding
- commands, e.g. cut the paper, chop the onion
- a goal.


## Example

## Four castle corners

This is a game for the whole class.
You need a classroom and a chair.
Label each of the classroom corners: dungeon, tower, courtyard and hall.
I. Choose one person to sit in the middle of the class on the royal throne.
2. The person on the throne closes their eyes and counts to ten.

Equipment needed
3. Everyone else chooses a corner.
4. The person on the throne calls out a corner those people in that corner are out.
5. Keep going until there is a winner.

The goal is to be crowned king or queen and sit on the royal throne.

The goal of the game.

## Information

Some texts give information. A text giving information might have the following features:

- short bullet points and lists
- pictures or diagrams
- headings with small chunks of writing
- an index, glossary or contents page.


## Example

## Penguins

- There are 17 different kinds of penguin.
- An adult Emperor penguin travels 200 kilometres in the late autumn.



## Key Point

Instructions tell you how to do something. Information texts give you details.

This information text has a heading, bullet points and a picture.

## Key Point

Explanations tell you how and why something happens.

## Explanations

Some texts tell you how and why something happens. An explanation text might have the following features:

- numbered points
- pictures or diagrams
- instructions on how to do things.


How Bees Make Honey

Bees have long tongues. They suck up the nectar.



## Quick Test

1. What kind of words are used in instructions?
2. What kind of text is most likely to have a glossary?
3. What kind of texts tell you how and why?

This explanation has pictures and numbered points.

## Key Words

- Non-fiction
- Instructions
- Information
- Commands
- Headings
- Index
- Glossary
- Contents


## Literary Language

- Recognise recurring language in fairy stories and traditional tales
- Recognise recurring language in poetry


## Recurring Language in Fairy and Traditional Stories

Fairy stories and traditional tales share some recurring (or repeated) language and themes. They often start and end with certain words or phrases.

## Example

'Once upon a time ...'
‘They lived happily ever after ...'.

Fairy stories and traditional tales usually have good and evil characters.

Fairy stories also often have:


- Royalty, such as a castle, a prince, a princess, a king and a queen.
- Poverty, such as a poor family or a poor shepherd.
- Magic and spells.
- Imaginary characters, such as fairies, trolls, elves and goblins.

Fairy stories tend to repeat words and sentences.


## Example

Language is repeated in Cinderella:
She tried on the slipper, but it was too big.
She tried on the slipper, but it was too small.
She tried on the slipper and it was just right.

Traditional tales also repeat language in order to help the reader to get involved and repeat the words with the storyteller.

## Example

The question words ‘Who's been . . .?' are repeated throughout the story Goldilocks and The Three Bears. For example:

- 'Who's been eating my porridge?'
- 'Who's been sitting in my chair?'


## Recurring Language in Poetry

Recurring language can be used in poetry to make something stand out.

Adjectives are describing words which make you think of feelings, or how things look.

## Example

In the dark, dark woods there's a dark, dark cave.
The adjective 'dark' describes how a wood or cave looks, but it could also mean spooky or scary.


## Quick Test

1. Give a phrase that appears in traditional tales and fairy stories.
2. What are describing words called?

## Key Point

Recurring language in stories or poems makes you want to join in and gives you a picture inside your head.


## Key Point

Adjectives are used a lot in poetry to describe feelings or how something looks.

## Key Words

- Fairy story
- Traditional tale
- Recurring language
- Adjective


## Finding and Commenting on Words

## - Understand alphabetical order

- Use a dictionary
- Scan for information


## Alphabetical Order

Alphabetical order is when you put words in an order depending on the first letter in the word.
abcdefghijkImnopgrstuvwxyz

## Example

These names of rivers are not in alphabetical order:

## Key Point

It is important to know the alphabet to help you put words in alphabetical order.

Nile, Thames, Ganges, Mississippi, Amazon, Andes
Now they are in alphabetical order:
Amazon, Andes, Ganges, Mississippi, Nile, Thames
Alphabetical order is used for indexes in books, for the names on a class register and in dictionaries.


Learning alphabetical order will help you to use a dictionary.

## Using a Dictionary

It is useful to use a dictionary to help you to understand the meaning of words. Dictionaries list words and explain what they mean. The words are listed in alphabetical order to help you to find them.

## Example

Using a dictionary can help you find the meaning of words like 'rust' in the sentence below.

The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, is painted every seven years to protect it from rust.

A dictionary will tell you that rust = metal that has been destroyed by water or air.

## Scanning Text

Scanning text helps you to find important and useful information.

These question words help you focus on what to look for when you scan a text:


## Example

The Great Wall of China was made from stone and other materials. It was built to protect China from invasions from the north. It was a massive 6300 km long.

If you scan this text you would learn this information:

- The Wall is in China.
- It was built for protection.
- It is 6300km long.

Over 130 different pyramids have been discovered in Egypt. The pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs and their families. The first pyramid was built more than 4650 years ago.

If you scan this text, you would learn this information:

- The pyramids are in Egypt.
- They were built as tombs.
- The first pyramid was built 4650 years ago.


## Quick Test

1. Which letter in the alphabet comes first: $\mathbf{d}$ or $\mathbf{m}$ ?
2. What is a dictionary used for?
3. Why do you need to scan a text?

## Getting Information

- Find information from a text
- Predict what will happen in a text


## Finding information

When you read a text, it is usually quite easy to find the information (or answers) you want. But sometimes it is not so easy and you need to work out the answer yourself.

You need to read the facts, look at the pictures and think carefully before coming to a conclusion.

## Example

## The Legend of Robin Hood

One day Robin Hood was hunting with his bow and arrow. He met his friend, a huge man who was called 'Little John'. Little John was a playful character and he would not let Robin Hood cross the bridge to go home. They fought with big sticks for a while before Robin Hood carried on over the bridge.

1. Why do you think the man was called "Little John'?
2. Why do you think 'Little John' would not let

Robin Hood cross the bridge? What makes you think this?

(


## Key Point

You need to understand the general idea of a story as well as specific information, e.g. Robin Hood robbed rich people and gave to the poor.

Your answers to these questions should be similar to these:

1. He is called 'Little John' as a friendly joke because he is so big.
2. He would not let Robin Hood cross the bridge because he wanted to play with him.
We think this because he is a playful character and he lets Robin Hood cross the bridge after a while.

## Study



Ask yourself questions as you read a text to help you to understand what you are reading.

## Predicting What Will Happen

When you have read part of a text, you can sometimes predict (work out what is going to happen next), based on the information in the text and your own knowledge.

## Key Point

Predicting is working out what might happen next.

## Example

Maid Marion and Robin Hood fell in love. One day they met a monk. His name was Friar Tuck. He said he would only marry Robin Hood and Maid Marion if Robin Hood could answer a riddle.

What do you think happens next?
You could predict from this text that Robin Hood
 answers the riddle and marries Maid Marion.

## Quick Test

1. What does 'predict' mean?
2. Fill in the gaps in this sentence:

You need to read the $\qquad$ look at the $\qquad$ and think carefully before coming to a conclusion.

## Key Word

- Predict


## Practice Questions

## Challenge I

1 Read the words and put them in alphabetical order.
octopus antelope whale caterpillar tiger
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Challenge 2

1 Tick the language and themes found in fairy stories and traditional tales.
a) Once upon a time ...
b) A spider is an arachnid.
c) The lifecycle of a butterfly
d) a castle, a prince, a king
$\square$


2 Rhyme is when the endings of words sound similar, but don't always have the same spelling pattern. Draw lines to match the rhyming words.
 showed
blind
true

## Challenge 3

1 Read the text and answer the questions.
The people of Nottingham were starving so Robin Hood and his 'merry men' robbed from the rich and gave to the poor. The rich people were annoyed that the Sheriff of Nottingham could not catch Robin Hood.
a) What word tells you why Robin Hood robbed to give to the poor?
b) What word tells you how the rich people felt?
$\qquad$
(6) Write the two words that make up these compound words.
a) butterfly $\qquad$
b) blackberry $\qquad$
c) playground $\qquad$
d) whiteboard $\qquad$
$\qquad$
e) football $\qquad$ $+$ $\qquad$
2 Draw lines to match the words that begin with the same sounds.
phone jam
gentle city
sugar chemist
finger
shoe
kitchen
snake
(6) 3 Read the pairs of words. Underline the plurals.
a) cat/cats
b) mice/mouse
C) men/man
d) baby/babies
e) elves/elf


4 Read the words aloud. Tick the sound at the end of the word.

|  | -ed with 't' <br> sound | -ed with 'd' <br> sound | -ed with 'id' <br> sound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a) jumped |  |  |  |
| b) used |  |  |  |
| c) stopped |  |  |  |
| d) called |  |  |  |
| e) needed |  |  |  |

## Spelling Sounds and Homophones

- Segment spoken words into sounds and represent these sounds by letters
- Learn new ways of spelling sounds, including common homophones
- Learn to spell common exception (tricky) words


## Segmenting Words

Segmenting means breaking up words into separate sounds.

You can write these sounds using letters.

## Example

The word 'yesterday' can be segmented:
y-e-s-t-er-d-ay

Some exception words (tricky words) cannot be segmented easily. You have to just learn these as whole words.

## Example

was the tired saw to
There are exception words. It is not easy to segment the sounds in these words.


There are seven different sounds in this word and nine letters.

## Key Point

Remember that the way you say a word is not always how you spell it, e.g. was $=\mathrm{w}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{z}$


## Spelling Sounds

The spellings of sounds can be different.

## Example

'Photo' and 'film' both have an ' $f$ ' sound but different letters are used to make the sound.
'Kite' and 'cat' both have a ' $k$ ' sound but different letters are used to make the sound.

## Homophones

Two words might sound exactly the same, but different letters are used to spell them and the words have different meanings. These words are called homophones.

## Example

there / their
here / hear bare / bear blue / blew
night / knight

sea / see

## Quick Test

1. What does segmenting mean?
2. What are homophones?
3. How many sounds are in the word 'cup'?
4. How many sounds are in the word 'shop'?


## Tip

Think about what the words mean in a sentence, e.g. 'I can hear you!' makes sense, but 'I can here you!' does not make sense.


## Key Words

- Segmenting
- Letter
- Homophone


## Using Suffixes and Prefixes

- Use suffixes -ing, -ed, -ment, -ness
- Add -s or -es for nouns and third person
- Use the prefix -un


## Suffixes -ing and -ed

A suffix is added to the end of a word to make a new word. Some common suffixes are -ing and -ed. These suffixes can be added to verbs ('doing' words) to change their meaning.

## Example

Adding -ing to a verb allows you to write about something that is happening or was happening in the present or past.

- pull $\longrightarrow$ pulling (e.g. He is pulling the door).
- hope $\rightarrow$ hoping (e.g. She was hoping it would work).

Adding -ed to a verb allows you to write about what happened in the past.

- shock $\longrightarrow$ shocked $\quad$ pull $\longrightarrow$ pulled

If a word contains a short vowel sound, you often need to double the last letter of the word before adding -ing or -ed:

- $\operatorname{dig} \longrightarrow$ digging
- clap $\rightarrow$ clapped


## Suffixes -ment and -ness

The suffixes -ment and -ness can be added to a verb or an adjective to change its meaning. This turns the verb or adjective into a noun.


For words ending in ' $e$ ' drop the ' $e$ ' before adding -ing.

## Tip

Never double the ' $x$ ' before adding a suffix, e.g. mixing, mixed.

## Key Point

A suffix is added to the end of a word to make a new word.

## Example

- excite $\longrightarrow$ excitement $\longleftarrow$ Verb turns into a noun
- cheerful $\longrightarrow$ cheerfulness $\leftarrow$ Adjective turns into a noun


## Suffixes -s and -es

The suffixes -s and -es are often added to the end of words to make them plural.

## Example

promise $\rightarrow$ promises torch $\longrightarrow$ torches

Words ending with 'ch', 'sh', ‘ss', 's' or 'x' need to add the suffix -es.

## Key Point

To make a word plural, add -s or -es, e.g. sword/ swords, box/boxes.

## Key Point

Add an 's' or 'es' to a verb with he/ she/it, e.g. pulls, watches.


Legends are traditional stories but some parts are untrue.
untrue $=$ not true

## Quick Test

1. Add -s or -es to these words to make them plural:
a) bus
b) stone
c) bench
2. Where do you add a suffix?
3. What does the prefix 'un-' mean?

## Key Words

- Suffix
- Verb
- Adjective
- Noun
- Plural
- Prefix


## Handwriting

- Form lower case letters and capital letters
- Produce joined-up writing
- Form number digits


## Printing Letters

You use letters when you write. Every letter has a capital form and a lower case form. All the letters in the example box below are printed.

## Example

Here are the capital letters:

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
```

Here are the lower case letters:


```
abcdefghijkImnopqrstuvwxyz
```

Some letters have descenders. This means part of the letter goes down below the line that you write on.

Example


Some letters have ascenders. This means part of the letter goes up above the line.

part of the letter is above the line

All the other letters are written between the lines:

## Example



## Joined-up Writing

Handwriting can be joined up. But some letters should not be joined to the next letter, such as $v$ to $i$ and $r$ to $a$. A capital letter should not be joined to lower case letters.

## Example

Albert went home.

With some letters (like the letters ' $g$ ' and ' $f$ ') you loop round to join the other letters.

## Example

mogen ran.
Always leave a space between words.

## Numbers

Numbers are used to show an amount or quantity.
You need to be able to write numbers correctly.

## Tip

You need to sit correctly at a table. Are you holding your pencil comfortably and correctly?


## Example

0123456789

|  | Star jumps |
| :--- | :--- |
| Alfie | 7 |
| Sarah | 5 |
| Asif | 9 |
| Imogen | 3 |



## Key Words

## Quick Test

1. What letter comes after the letter ' $c$ ' in the alphabet?
2. Which seven letters of the alphabet have ascenders?
3. What number comes after 5 ?

- Letter
- Capital letters
- Lower case letters
- Descenders
- Ascenders


## Spelling Rules

- Understand rules with vowels
- Recognise how vowels work together


## Rules with Vowels

Each vowel has a name and a sound.

## Example



These vowel sounds can sometimes be written differently:

## Example



- The 'e' sound can be written 'ea'.
- The ' i ' sound can be written ' $y$ '.
- The 'o' sound can be written 'a'.
- The ' $u$ ' sound can be written ' o '.

The sound of letters can change depending on the letters that come after.

Sometimes two or three letters can show one sound.

## Example

All of the following letter combinations make the

## Key Point

A single sound can be made from groups of two or three letters. sound of the name of the letter:

| a | e | i | 0 | u |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{e} \\ & \text { made } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{e} \\ & \text { these } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{i}-\mathrm{e}$ <br> five | o-e <br> home | u-e <br> June |
| ai rain | ee <br> see | ie <br> lie | oa boat | 00 food |
| ay <br> day | ea <br> sea | igh <br> night | oe <br> toe | ue <br> blue |
| A April | ie chief | y <br> cry | OW own | ew <br> new |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ey } \\ & \text { key } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | ou <br> you |

## Study

## Key Point

The magic ' e ' makes the vowel that comes before the magic 'e' say its name not its sound.

## Tricky Sounds

Some words use different combinations of letters to make the same sound.

## Example

| ear bear | are bare | air <br> fair |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| or for | ore <br> more | ar war | aw saw |
| er term | ir girl | ur <br> Thursday | or word |
| ou about | ow now |  |  |
| oi <br> oil | oy <br> boy |  |  |



## Quick Test

1. What are the five different letter combinations that make the sound of the name of the letter ' $e$ '?

Key Word

- Vowel


## More Spelling Rules

- Understand rules with consonants
- Spell the days of the week


## Rules with Consonants

A consonant is any letter that is not a vowel ( $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$ ).
Different consonants can make the same sound.
Sometimes a single sound is produced from two consonants together, such as 'ph', 'gh' or 'th'.

Sometimes a single sound is produced from three consonants together, such as 'tch'.

| c (as in <br> cat) | f (as in <br> fat) | $j$ (as in jacket) | I (as in lamp) | n (as in nose) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| k <br> kitchen | ph alphabet | g giant | le <br> table | kn knock |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text {-ge } \\ & \text { age } \end{aligned}$ | el <br> camel | gn <br> gnaw |
|  |  | -dge <br> badge | al metal |  |
|  |  |  | il <br> April |  |

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \begin{array}{l}\mathbf{r} \text { (as in } \\ \text { right) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\mathbf{s} \text { (as in } \\ \text { sea) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { sh (as in } \\ \text { shoe) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { tch (as } \\ \text { in fetch }\end{array} & \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { wr } \\ \text { write }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { c } \\ \text { city }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text {-tio } \\ \text { station }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text {-ch } \\ \text { riches }\end{array} & \\ \hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { c } \\ \text { fancy }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text {-sio } \\ \text { television }\end{array} & & \\ \hline & & \text {-s } \\ \text { sure }\end{array}\right)$

## Key Point

Apart from a, e, i, o and u, all the letters in the alphabet are consonants.


## Key Point

Sometimes two or three letters can represent one sound.

## Spelling the Days of the Week

You should learn how to spell the days of the week, as they are words you will probably use a lot.
Here are some tips to help you remember how to spell the days of the week:

- They all end in the word day.
- They all start with a capital letter.
- Five days have two syllable 'beats'. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday)


## Tip

Which sounds do you know in the word? Segment the word into smaller parts. Say the word aloud.

Monday


Saturday


## Quick Test

1. What are the three other ways of writing the 'sh' sound?
2. Which of these words starts with the same sound as 'sea'? close
cut city chop
3. Write this word correctly: Satruday.

## Key Word

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## Practice Questions

## Challenge I

6 1 Read the sentences and underline the correct word.
a) One / Won day, Goldilocks went for a walk.
b) Their / There was a house.
c) It belonged to the three bears / bares.
d) Hear / Here is the house.

## Challenge 2

GS 1 Choose a suffix to add to the underlined word. Write the correct word.
a) Goldilocks is go for a walk.
b) She is sit on baby bear's chair.
c) The bears are take a walk.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Choose the corre $\qquad$
S 2 Choose the correct vowels for each word and write them in the space provided.
a) $\mathbf{o u} / \mathbf{o o}$
w $\qquad$ d
b) ai/ie
Cr __ _ s
c) ou / ow
h__ _ se


## Challenge 3

S 1 Write another word that contains the same consonants as the ones underlined in the words.
a) write
b) catch
c) night
d) know
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
e) photo


1 Read the text. Tick $(\sqrt{ })$ the sentence that is true.

> People say they have seen a monster in Loch Ness. Maybe a dinosaur still lives there in the deep water of the loch. Submarines have searched for it but we still don't know for sure.
a) A dinosaur lives in Loch Ness.
b) The words 'say' and 'maybe' mean it is a fact.

c) Submarines can work in deep water.
d) We can see other live dinosaurs in the UK.

2 Read the sentences and tick the text type.
Explanation Information Instructions
a) Cheetahs can run up to 120 kilometres per hour.
b) Bees pollinate our plants by flying from flower to flower.
c) Chop the onions.

$\square$
$\square$


3 Read the poem.
a) Circle any rhyming words.
b) Underline any repetitive words.

Little drops of water, Little grains of sand, Make the mighty ocean And the pleasant land.


## Planning and Checking Your Writing

- Collect and draft ideas
- Re-read your writing to check meaning is clear


## Getting Ideas

Whenever you start writing, it is always good to have a 'starting point' or an exciting idea.
It is important to ask yourself lots of questions to get ideas.

## Example

Ben is having a party for his birthday.

## Key Point

Ideas should be quick and short, so don't waste time writing full sentences. Just write key words.

- Who will go to the party?
- What will people wear?
- What presents will people take?
- How will people get to the party?

Ideas do not need to be organised or written in detail. Use bullet points or a thought shower to help you to jot down your ideas.

Example


## Drafting Your Writing

Drafting is the first time that you put your ideas into sentences.

You must think about the purpose of your writing. What are you writing for? For example, are you writing to explain something or to entertain people?

## Re-reading

When you have finished writing, read your writing again. Check that it makes sense and that you have included all your ideas. This is called proofreading. You can edit any mistakes.

A proofreading check list should include:

- Have you used capital letters and full stops?
- Have you used interesting words?
- Have you written with a purpose?
- Does your writing make sense?


## Example

You might write a letter to tell somebody something.
Dear Ben,
i am writing to tell you that i would love to come to your party it was very kind of you to invite me to join you

What time does the party begin
Check for missing question marks.

Thank you again. I am really looking forward to it.
Kaind regards,
Billy Night
Check spelling.

## Quick Test

1. What techniques could you use to jot down your ideas?
2. What is drafting?
3. What is proofreading?

## Key Words

- Thought shower
- Drafting
- Proofreading
- Editing


## Writing Fiction and Non-fiction

## - Know how to write a story <br> - Know how to write about real people <br> - Use paragraphs <br> - Join sentences

## Writing Fiction

A made-up story is called fiction. A story can be about anyone or anything that you make up.

A 'story mountain' can help you to organise your ideas.

## Example



## Writing Non-fiction

Non-fiction is about real things or real people. An autobiography is a piece of writing about yourself. A biography is a piece of writing about someone else.

When you write about someone else, you may need to find facts from secondary sources. Secondary sources are books, videos or the Internet. Primary sources are first-hand experiences or information, such as a diary.

Think about the opening of your story.

The setting is where the story takes place. The characters are the people in the story.

The build-up is the problem in the story.

The resolution is how the problem is solved.

## Key Point

Fiction is a 'madeup' story. Nonfiction is about real people or a real event.

You could draw a thought shower (mind map) to collect ideas.

## Study

## Example



## Using Paragraphs and Joining Sentences

You should write in paragraphs. Start a new paragraph when you write about a different event, person or place.

You can link your sentences by using words such as 'first', 'then' and 'finally'. These words organise your sentences in time order.

## Example

First, he put his possessions in a knapsack. Then, he and his cat walked to London.

Finally, he became Lord Mayor of London.

## Quick Test

1. Give an example of a word used to link sentences.
2. Give an example of non-fiction writing.

## Tip

It is useful to make notes from secondary sources. But do not print or copy pages of information. Pick out the useful facts that interest you.


## Key Point

Divide your writing into paragraphs. You begin a new paragraph on a new line.

## Key Words

- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Paragraph


## Poetry Features

- Use comparison and imagery in your writing
- Use rhyming patterns in your writing


## Comparing

In poetry, someone or something is often compared to someone or something else. Comparing is a good way to describe something or someone.

## Example

She sang like an angel.


Compares her singing to an angel.

Comparisons are important in poetry as they help the reader to see and feel the words.

## Example

The moon was a silver ball, Glowing very bright, And not small at all, In the middle of the night.


The moon is being compared to a ball in this poem.

You can compare characters to other people or to objects.

## Example

That child was a walking dictionary.


A clever child is being compared to a dictionary full of information.

## Imagery

Imagery is when words create a picture in the reader's mind. Imagery is used to describe a person, place or thing using sight, smell, taste, sound and touch.

## Example

The sharp edge of the party invitation cut my finger and made it sting.

One bite of the sour lemon made my lips pucker.

I love the sweet smell of freshly baked cookies.


## Using Rhyming Patterns

Rhyming words have endings that sound the same.
They often come at the end of lines of poetry and they follow a rhyming pattern.

## Example

The boy found a sweet Lying on the street. He made a wish
And shouted, 'Mmmm, delish!'


## Tip

Which words make a picture in your mind? Which sense do you feel it through?


## Example

The birthday girl was called Mandy.
The party was in the park.
She was treated with lots of candy,
From dawn until dark.

## Quick Test

1. What is imagery?
2. Name two rhyming patterns.

## Key Words

- Imagery
- Rhyming pattern
- Couplets


## Writing for Different Purposes

- Write a book review
- Write a character profile
- Write a recount


## Book Reviews

You write a book review to share your opinion of a book after you have read it.

You need to include these things in your review and give reasons where you can:

- What is the title of the book?
- Who is the author?
- Who is the illustrator?
- What is your favourite part in the book? Why?
- Who are the main characters?
- Did you like the illustrations?
- Did you enjoy the book? Why?
- Who else might like this book?
- You might also want to give it a star rating (e.g. out of 5).


## Character Profiles

A character profile is a description of a character in a story. Try to think of powerful adjectives to describe the character, so that readers want to read the story too.

## Example



## Key Point

In a book review you must try to give reasons for your statements.


## Key Point

Always use interesting adjectives to describe characters.

## Recounts

A recount is written using 'l' or 'we'. It is a way of re-telling an important event or experience you have had.

You use the past tense because the event has already happened. You make the past tense by adding 'ed' to the end of most verbs.

## Example

- walk + ed $\longrightarrow$ walked
- jump + ed $\longrightarrow$ jumped

But remember that some verbs don't follow this pattern, e.g.

- see $\longrightarrow$ saw
- go $\longrightarrow$ went

You can use time connectives to put the events in your recount in order:


## Quick Test

1. What is a book review?
2. What type of words should you use when you describe characters?
3. What tense do you use in a recount?

## Key Point

You can make many verbs past tense by adding 'ed'.


## Key Words

- Book review
- Adjective
- Recount
- Past tense
- Time connectives


## Practice Questions

## Challenge I

1 Look at the thought shower (mind map) about Florence Nightingale. Write the question words next to the text.
where what when
a) 1820-1910
b) Training nurses
$\qquad$
c) Crimean War
$\qquad$

## Challenge 2

1 Read the texts a)-c), then match them with the headings.

| opening $\quad$ build-up $\quad$ resolution |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

a) One day, they decided to cross the bridge. "Who's on MY bridge?'" growled the Troll. $\qquad$
b) Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats who lived in a field in a valley.
c) Finally, the Billy Goats sent the Troll into the deep valley below. $\qquad$ $\square$ marks

## Challenge 3

1 Read the poems. Underline the rhyming words in each poem.
a)

Little Star,
Don't go far.
Can you see me?
Through the tree.
b)

Up there,
High up on a hill,
I saw an owl,
Next to a mill.

6 6S 1 Choose the suffix -ment or -ness for the underlined word. Write the word.
a) Arthur got a lot of enjoy from owning the sword.
b) 'Gosh, he's done it!' said the people with excite.
c) 'Let's steal it,' said one knight with wicked.
d) Suddenly Arthur saw a move to his right.

6S 2 Choose the suffix -5 or - os Write the word.
a) Arthur take the sword from the stone.
b) He wish he hadn't!
c) The sword feel heavy in his hands.
d) Arthur search for a safe place to put it.
e) Merlin fuss about keeping it safe.

3 Write the missing letters of the alphabet.
a $\qquad$ c ef $\qquad$ h i $\qquad$ klmoo $\qquad$ rstuvwxyz

4 Read the words, then write the numbers.
a) two
b) five
c) three


5 Read the numbers, then write the missing numbers.

$$
12345 \ldots \quad 78 \ldots \ldots 10
$$

## Capital Letters and Punctuation

- Use capital letters and full stops in simple sentences
- Use question marks and exclamation marks
- Use commas to separate items in a list


## Using Capital Letters and Full Stops

The word at the beginning of a sentence always starts with a capital letter.

## Example

- All sentences start with a capital letter.
- all sentences start with a capital letter. $X$

Capital letters are used for names of people and places, for days of the week and months of the year.

## Example

- Lions are from Africa.
- That parrot is an African Grey.
- Today is Wednesday.
- My birthday is in January.

A capital letter is used for the word ' $I$ '.

## Example

- I am 7 years old.
- Tom and I played football.

A full stop (.) is used to end most sentences.

## Example

- Sentences end with a full stop.
- Sentences end with a full stop $X$


## Key Point

Names of people, days of the week and places start with a capital letter.


## Key Point

A capital letter starts a sentence and a full stop ends most sentences.

## Using Question Marks and Exclamation Marks

A question mark (?) is used when asking a question. Questions often start with a question word (who, what, where, why, when and how) and they must end with a question mark.

## Example

- What does a snake eat?
- How long do tortoises live?

An exclamation mark (!) is used to show that someone is shouting or is surprised.

## Example

- Argh, a snake!
- Tortoises can live for 80 years!


## Using Commas in a List

A comma (r) separates words in a list. You only use a comma when there are three or more words in the list. You use the word 'and' before the last word in the list.

## Example

- A horse eats grass, hay and grains.
- Birds eat dried fruit, nuts, seeds and worms.



## Quick Test

1. When do you use a capital letter?
2. What are the six question words?
3. How many words do you need in a list before you use a comma?

## Key Point

Sentences that begin with a question word must end with a question mark. The question words are: who, what, where, why, when and how.


## Tip

Remember to use 'and' before the last word, not a comma, e.g.
Snakes eat insects, rodents and eggs.

## Key Words

- Capital letter
- Full stop
- Question mark
- Exclamation mark
- Comma


## Using Tenses and Joining Words

- Use the present and the past tenses
- Use joining words and, or, but
- Use joining words when, if, that, because


## Present and Past Tenses

The present tense is used to talk about the present (now). The past tense is used to talk about the past.

You use the present tense to talk about a fact or an action that is true now.

## Example

The tortoise and the hare run a race.

You use the present progressive tense to talk about an action that is happening now - it is still ongoing.


## Example

The tortoise and the hare are running a race.

You use the past tense to talk about something that has happened.

## Example

The hare ran past the tortoise.

## Key Point

The present and past progressive tenses use two verbs together. The second verb always ends in 'ing'.

You use the past progressive tense to talk about an action that was happening in the past.

## Example

The hare was napping when the tortoise walked past.


## Using and, or, but

You can often join two sentences together using and, or and but.

- You use 'and' to join information.
- You use 'or' to show a choice between one thing and another.
- You use 'but' to show different ideas.


## Example

- The hare was boastful and he lost the race.
- He had to keep going or he wouldn't win.
- The tortoise was slow but he was steady.


## Using when, if, that, because

You can often join two clauses together using when, if, that or because.

A clause is a group of words containing a subject (the main person or thing in the sentence) and a verb.

## Example



## Quick Test

1. Which tense do you use for something that has already happened?
2. Which tense do you use for something that is still happening now?
3. What do the words and, or, but do?


## Key Point

A clause has a subject and a verb.

## Key Words

- Present tense
- Past tense
- Present progressive tense
- Verb
- Past progressive tense
- Clause


## Different Types of Sentence

- Write statements
- Write questions and exclamations
- Write commands


## Statements

A statement is a clear and definite sentence in either writing or speech.

## Example

- The pet hamster has small, sharp teeth.
- It answers to the name Harry.
- The children are worried because he is missing.


## Questions

A question is used when someone is asking for information. A question has a question mark (?) at the end.

There are six question words that are often used to form a question.

## Example

- Who is looking for it?
- What does it like to eat?
- Where might it be hiding?
- Why has it run away?
- When did it go missing?
- How did Harry escape?

The blue words are question words. They are often used to form questions.


## Key Point

Questions are used to show that you don't know the answer and you are asking for help.


## Exclamations

An exclamation is used when something is being emphasised or stressed.

An exclamation has an exclamation mark (!) at the end. It shows a strong feeling, such as surprise,

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 anger or joy.
## Example

- How wonderful to see you!
- I can hear him squeaking!

Exclamation marks can also be written in speech and tell you how something is being said.

## Example

'I found him!' shouted Molly with excitement.

## Commands

A command is used to make requests, give instructions and give orders.

- A request is when you ask for something, politely.
- An instruction tells you how to do something.
- An order is a strong command.


## Example

- Molly, please don't try to touch him.
- Handle him gently.
- Molly, be careful!


## Quick Test

1. Which of these is a command?

Go home! / What time is it? / I went to school.
2. When is an exclamation mark used?
3. When is a question mark used?


## Types of Words

- Recognise different types of words
- Change verbs into adjectives
- Make comparisons by adding -er or -est to words
- Change adjectives into adverbs by adding -ly


## Types of Words

- A verb is an action or doing word, e.g. walk, sing.
- A noun is a naming word for a person, place or thing, e.g. boy, field, London, pen.
- An adjective is a describing word. It tells you
 more about a noun, e.g. small, red, beautiful. An adjective always comes before the noun.
- An adverb describes a verb, e.g. quickly, loudly.


## Changing Verbs into Adjectives

You can sometimes change a verb into an adjective by adding the suffix -ful or -less.

## Example

'help' and 'fear' are verbs.

- help + ful = helpful (adjective)
- fear + less = fearless (adjective)

Jessica was a very helpful and fearless little girl.

## Key Point

You can sometimes turn verbs into adjectives by adding -ful and -less.

The adjectives come before the noun.

## Making Comparisons

When you want to compare two things, you add the suffix -er, for example, 'bigger', 'hotter', 'slower'.

When you want to say something is 'the most', you add -est, for example, 'biggest', 'hottest', 'slowest'.

## Key Point

You can use adjectives to compare things by adding -er and -est.

If the word ends with a 'y' you change the ' $y$ ' to an ' $i$ ' and then add -er or -est, e.g. lonely $\rightarrow$ loneliest.

Sometimes you need to double the last consonant, e.g. fat $\longrightarrow$ fattest

## Example

Jack was braver than Mila when he went into the darkest cave.

- bravø + er = braver
- dark + est = darkest
'brave' ends with an 'e' so you remove the ' $e$ ' before adding 'er'.
'scary' ends in ' $y$ ' so change the ' $y$ ' to ' $i$ ' before adding 'est'.
'big' ends in a consonant so double it before adding 'est'.

Exceptions to the rule include:

- good $\rightarrow$ better $\longrightarrow$ best
- bad $\rightarrow$ worse $\longrightarrow$ worst
- far $\rightarrow$ further $\rightarrow$ furthest


## Changing Adjectives into Adverbs

You can change some adjectives into adverbs by adding -ly.

## Example

slow + ly = slowly
Jack slowly stepped back.

## Quick Test

What word types are these words?
a) coat
b) jumped
c) shell
d) quickly
e) quick
f) better
g) coldest

## Key Point

You can turn some adjectives into adverbs by adding -ly.

## Key Words

- Verb
- Noun
- Adjective
- Adverb


## Apostrophes and Noun Phrases

- Use apostrophes to replace missing letters
- Use apostrophes to show belonging
- Use noun phrases in a sentence


## Apostrophes to Show Missing Letters

Some words can be shortened by removing one or more letters and adding an apostrophe in place of the letter(s).

Example
I've = I have
she's = she has
she'll = she will
they'll = they will
I'm = I am
we're = we are
don't = do not
didn't = did not
mustn't = must not
could've = could have

## Apostrophes to Show Belonging

The apostrophe is used to show that something belongs to someone or something.


## Key Point

Apostrophes are used to replace letters and to show that something belongs to someone or something.

## Example

$$
\text { Pandora + 's = Pandora's box } \leftarrow \text { The box belongs to Pandora. }
$$

$$
\text { box }+ \text { 's = box's secret } \longleftarrow \text { The secret belongs to the box. }
$$



## Tip

Don't confuse 's with making a word plural.

## Noun Phrases

A noun phrase has a noun (a person, place or thing) or pronoun (e.g. he, she, it) and the words that describe the noun or pronoun.

A pronoun is a word that can replace a noun, for example 'he', 'she', 'it', 'they'.

The words ' $a$ ' and 'the' are often part of a noun phrase.

The words that describe the noun or pronoun are called adjectives and are also part of the noun phrase. They tell you more about the noun.

## Example



Pandora slowly opened the little box. Howling, dreadful demons came out.

## Noun phrase

In this example, the words 'little', 'Howling' and 'dreadful' are adjectives and are part of the noun phrases. The words 'box' and 'demons' are nouns.

## Quick Test

1. Write 'could not' as a contraction.
2. Put the apostrophe of belonging into the sentence: The box was Pandoras.
3. What is the adjective in this noun phrase? the young girl


## Key Point

A noun is a naming word. A pronoun is a word that can replace a noun, e.g. he, she, it, they.

## Practice Questions

## Challenge I

P 1 Read the sentences. Copy them, adding capital letters and full stops.
a) the bengal tiger is found in india
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) i've seen the tigers at london zoo
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Challenge 2

P 1 Add a punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.
a) What kind of animal is a Golden Eagle
b) That's enormous
(6) 2 Circle the correct word in bold.
a) Birds lay eggs and/or have feathers.

b) Fish don't have feathers but/or they do lay eggs.

## Challenge 3

GPS 1 Write two sentences to describe your favourite animal using:

- one word containing an apostrophe to show missing letters
- one adjective
- one adverb.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

1 Read the sentences. Put them in the right order by numbering them $1-6$. The first one has been done for you.
a) Dick Whittington decided to go to London to find his fortune.
b) After that, they started the walk to London.
c) Then, he put his things into a knapsack.
d) Finally, they reached London.
e) First, he called his cat.
f) On the way, they slept under a hedge.

2 Read the questions and circle the correct answers.
a) What kind of narrative is a fairy story?

b) What is a group of sentences about one idea?

c) Which of these words means 'to work out what might happen next in a story'?

(6) 3 Read the sentences. Tick $(\mathcal{J})$ the sentences that are true and cross ( $\boldsymbol{X}$ ) the ones that are false.
a) A recount is written in the first person using 'I' or 'we'.
b) You usually add -ed to make the past tense.
c) A character profile is a description of a place.
$\square$
$\square$

## Review Questions

$$
G \text { Grammar } P \text { Punctuation } S \text { Spelling }
$$

G 1 Read the sentence. Draw lines to match each word with its word type. The clever cat quickly catches the mouse.

| cat | clever |
| :--- | :--- |
| quickly | catches |
| adverb | adjective |

SP 2 Copy the sentences, adding punctuation marks.
a) the smallest snake is the size of a toothpick
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) do you know snakes live in rivers lakes and swamps
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
P 3 Read the sentences. Tick $(\checkmark)$ the sentence that needs an apostrophe to show belonging. Add the apostrophe.
A snakes fangs are poisonous. $\square$ Fangs are sharp and hollow. $\square$


S 4 Read the sentences. Correct the underlined adjective that is wrong.
a) Some snakes are deadly than others.
b) Sea snakes are the deadly of all snakes.

S 5 Read the sentences. Add the correct suffix to complete the words.
a) A state $\qquad$ is a sentence that states a fact.
b) A snake bite must be very pain $\qquad$ _.

1 Read the words. They all end in the suffix -ed, but have a different sound. Draw lines to match the words to the sounds they make at the end.
a) walked
i) 'id'
b) listened
ii) ' $t$ '
C) spotted
iii) 'd'

2 Write the sound that these exception words make at the end.


3 How many syllables do these words have?
a) pocket $\qquad$
b) happily $\qquad$
4 Read the poem. Underline the rhyming words.
One, two,
Buckle my shoe
Three, four,
Knock on the door
5 Read the sentence. Tick $(\checkmark)$ the word that completes the sentence. The sentence, 'Rain pattered softly on my umbrella.' is an example of $\qquad$ imagery.
touch $\square$
taste $\square$
sound $\square$
S 6 The same two vowels are missing from these three words. Write in the missing letters.
a) c $\qquad$ Id
b) w $\qquad$ ld
c) sh $\qquad$ Id

## Mixed Questions

7 Read the sentences below. Number the recipe instructions to show the order 1, 2, 3, 4.
a) Finally, bake for 15 minutes.
b) First, heat the oven to 350 degrees. $\square$
c) Then, add the eggs, water and oil, and beat the mixture. $\square$
d) Next, put the dry ingredients in a bowl.


8 Tick $(\checkmark)$ one word to complete the sentence below. Instructions use simple $\qquad$ , numbers and pictures.
a) exclamations $\square$
b) questions $\square$
C) commands $\square$
9 Draw lines to match the descriptive words to the nouns.
slithery, smooth

glowing, green
cute, curious


G 10 Read the sentences. Tick $(\sqrt{ })$ the sentence that uses the verb correctly.
a) Sam was reading when he heard a noise.
b) Sam reads when he heard a noise.
$\square$
$\square$
GS 11 Add the suffix -ing to these words. Write the words.
a) get
b) fix


12 Read the words and look at the underlined sound. Circle the word in each set that has a different sound to the other two.
a) gentle
giraffe give
b) kitten
circle cat
c) bread
fed dream


13 Rewrite the sentences below. Where you can, use words that contain an apostrophe to show missing letters.
a) I have not brought my umbrella!
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) You are going to get wet!
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
14 Write the missing letters in the alphabetical sequences.
a)

b)


S 15 Write a word that begins with each of these sounds:
a) $k n$ $\qquad$
b) $w h$ $\qquad$
16 Write a homophone for the word hear.

S 17 Add the suffix -s or -es to make these words plural. Write the words.
a) toy
b) wish $\qquad$

## Mixed Questions

G Grammar Punctuation Spelling

S 18 Add the suffix -ing to these words. Write the words.
a) hit
b) write $\qquad$
19 Write a word that ends in the letters 'dge'.
$\qquad$
20 Write a word that contains the letters 'ow'.
$\qquad$
21 Underline the correct spelling of the word.
a) fatter / fater
b) largest / larggest
c) scaryest / scariest


22 Write the numbers. In what year were you born? $\qquad$
23 Read the texts. Circle the type of book it comes from.
a) Once upon a time, there was a poor boy. Fiction / Non-fiction
b) Out of the pupae comes a butterfly. Fiction / Non-fiction
c) Salmon swim upstream to lay eggs. Fiction / Non-fiction
d) And they lived happily ever after.

P 24 Add an exclamation mark or a question mark to these sentences.
a) I told you to stop doing that $\qquad$
b) Please sir, can I have some more $\qquad$
c) Wow $\qquad$
d) When will you be home $\qquad$
e) What's that terrible smell $\qquad$

GS 25 Write the verb shown in brackets in the past tense.
a) The tortoise and the hare (have) $\qquad$ a race.
b) The hare (is) $\qquad$ very boastful.
c) The hare (think) $\qquad$ he would win.
d) The tortoise (walk) $\qquad$ slowly past the hare.
26 Read the sentences. Add one of the following words in the gaps.

a) The hare was not modest $\qquad$ kind.
b) The tortoise was modest; he was not boastful $\qquad$ unkind.
c) The tortoise easily won the race $\qquad$ was not boastful.
d) The hare was fast $\qquad$ so he had a nap.
e) The other animals cheered $\qquad$ clapped. They were pleased the tortoise won the race!
27 Read the texts. Tick the text type.

|  | Instructions | Explanation | Information |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a) <br> Whisk the egg <br> whites. |  |  |  |
| b)Rabbits live in <br> burrows. |  |  |  |
| c) A cheetah has |  |  |  |
| spots so it <br> cannot be seen. |  |  |  |



## Mixed Questions

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28 Read the texts. Circle the part of the text.
a) Everybody was scared of Toby.
b) Toby barked when you went near him.
c) Ali had a yappy dog called Toby.
d) A dog trainer taught Toby to sit quietly.
problem cause effect solution problem cause effect solution problem cause effect solution problem cause effect solution

29 Write the plural of each word.
a) child
b) mouse


30 Read the words. Add 'e' to make a new word. Write it in the sentence.
a) hat $+e=$ $\qquad$
I $\qquad$ smelly fish!
b) $\operatorname{man}+e=$ $\qquad$
The horse had a beautiful $\qquad$ .

31 Read the words. Draw lines to show where to segment the sounds.
a) shout
b) pan
c) tight

Page 5 Quick Test
13
2 gem
3 a) fate b) kite

## Page 7 Quick Test

1 A syllable is the 'beat' in a word.
2 Examples: a) bag
b) carpet
c) yesterday

3 Ho/li/day - 3 syllables

## Page 9 Quick Test

1 i
2 a) I'll
b) isn't
c) it's

3 The fairy's wish was good.

## Page 11 Quick Test

1 caring
2 nicer, nicest
3 a) foxes b) bridges

## Page 13 Quick Test

1 Plural means more than one.
2 Singular means one.
3 people

## Page 14 Quick Test

1 a) bed + room
b) air + port
c) hill + side

2 Examples: a) seaside, seashell
b) fireplace, firework, fireside
c) playground, playmate, playtime

## Page 15 Practice Questions

Challenge 1
1 a) I'm so happy.
b) We're happy too.

2 a) The Princess was the Queen's baby.
b) It was the bad fairy's spindle.

## Challenge 2

1 a) looked
b) cared
c) changing

## Challenge 3

1 a) 3 syllables: De/cem/ber
b) 2 syllables: roof/top

2 Examples: a) sunshine, sunflower
b) snowman, snowball
c) keyhole, keyboard

## Page 17 Quick Test

1 At the ends of the lines.
2 A kind of puzzle.
3 me, tree, key

## Page 19 Quick Test

1 A problem, a cause, an effect and a solution.
2 Examples: Fairies, Princesses, Witches, Mermaids, Giants.
3 Don't use things that don't belong to you.

## Page 21 Quick Test

1 Commands
2 Information text
3 Explanation texts

## Page 23 Quick Test

1 Once upon a time; They lived happily ever after.
2 Adjectives

## Page 25 Quick Test

1 'd' comes first.
2 To find the meanings of words.
3 To find specific information.

## Page 27 Quick Test

1 Predict means work out what might happen.
2 facts, pictures

## Page 28 Practice Questions

## Challenge 1

1 antelope, caterpillar, octopus, tiger, whale

## Challenge 2

1 a, d
2 blue - true; road - showed; find - blind

## Challenge 3

1 a) starving
b) annoyed

## Page 29 Review Questions

1
a) butter + fly
b) black + berry
c) play + ground
d) white + board
e) foot + ball

2 phone - finger; gentle - jam; city snake; sugar - shoe; chemist - kitchen
3
a) cats
b) mice
c) men
d) babies
e) elves

4
a) 't' sound
b) 'd' sound
c) 't' sound
d) 'd' sound
e) 'id' sound

## Page 31 Quick Test

1 Dividing a word into individual sounds and/or syllables.
2 Words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.
3 Three sounds ( $c-u-p$ )
4 Three sounds (sh-o-p)

## Page 33 Quick Test

1 a) buses b) stones c) benches
2 To the end of a word.
3 not

## Page 35 Quick Test

1 letter d
2 b, d, f, h, k, l, t
3 number 6

## Page 37 Quick Test

1 e-e, ee, ea, ie, ey

## Page 39 Quick Test

1 tio, sio, s
2 city
3 Saturday

## Page 40 Practice Questions Challenge 1

1 a) One
b) There
c) bears
d) Here

## Challenge 2

1 a) going
b) sitting
c) taking
2 a) 00
b) ie
c) ou

## Challenge 3

1 a) Examples: wrong, written, wrote, wrap
b) Examples: match, kitchen, fetch, watch
c) Examples: knight, light, bright, sight
d) Examples: knock, knew, knee.
e) Examples: alphabet; phase; graph; phone.

## Page 41 Review Questions

1 c) $\downarrow$
2 a) Information b) Explanation
c) Instructions

3 a) Rhyming words: sand/land;
b) Repetitive words: little; of; the

## Page 43 Quick Test

1 Bullet points or a thought shower/mind map.
2 Drafting is when you put your ideas into sentences.
3 Proofreading means you re-read your writing and edit any mistakes.

## Page 45 Quick Test

1 Later, Then, Finally, First, After.
2 Biography, autobiography.

## Page 47 Quick Test

1 The use of words to create pictures in the reader's mind.
2 Rhyming couplets (AABB); Rhyme on every other line (ABAB); ABCB.

## Page 49 Quick Test

1 A piece of writing about a book you have read. It describes what you liked/ didn't like about the book.
2 Adjectives.
3 The past tense.

## Page 50 Practice Questions

## Challenge 1

1 a) when
b) what
c) where

## Challenge 2

1 a) Build-up
b) Opening
c) Resolution

## Challenge 3

1 a) star/far, me/tree
b) hill, mill

## Page 51 Review Questions

1 a) enjoyment
b) excitement
c) wickedness
d) movement

2 a) takes
b) wishes
c) feels
d) searches
e) fusses

3 a $\underline{b} c \underline{d}$ efghijklmnopqrstuv wxyz
$\begin{array}{llll}4 & \text { a) } 2 & \text { b) } 5 & \text { c) } 3\end{array}$
$512345 \underline{6} 78910$

## Page 53 Quick Test

1 To start a sentence, for names of people and places, for days of the week, months of the year and for the word ' $I$ '.
2 Who, what, where, when, how and why.
3 You only use a comma when there are three or more words in a list.

## Page 55 Quick Test

1 Past tense
2 Present progressive tense
3 They join two sentences together.

## Page 57 Quick Test

1 Go home!
2 An exclamation/strong command/order.
3 At the end of a question.

## Page 59 Quick Test

1
a) noun
b) verb
d) adverb
e) adjective
c) noun
g) adjective

## Page 61 Quick Test

1 couldn't
2 The box was Pandora's.
3 young

## Page 62 Practice Questions Challenge 1

1 a) The Bengal tiger is found in India.
b) I've seen the tigers at London Zoo.

## Challenge 2

1 a) ?
b) !
2 a) and
b) but

## Challenge 3

11 mark each for correct use of word containing an apostrophe to show missing letters, one adjective and one adverb. Example: Cats are my favourite animal because they're cute. They purr loudly and have soft fur.

## Page 63 Review Questions

1 a) 1
b) 4
c) 3
d) 6
e) 2
f) 5

## 2 a) Fiction b) Paragraph c) Predict

3

## Page 64 Review Questions

1 cat - noun; clever - adjective; quickly - adverb; catches - verb
2 a) The smallest snake is the size of a toothpick!
b) Do you know snakes live in rivers, lakes and swamps?
3 A snake‘s fangs are poisonous.
4 a) deadlier b) deadliest
5 a) statement
b) painful

## Page 65-70 Mixed Questions

1 a) walked - ii) 't'
b) listened - iii) 'd'
c) spotted - i) 'id'

2 'z'
3 a) 2
b) 3

4 two, shoe; four, door
5 sound
6 ou
$\begin{array}{lll}7 & \text { a) } 4 & \text { b) } 1\end{array}$
c) 3
d) 2

## Answers

8 c) commands
9 slithery, smooth - snake glowing, green - grasshopper cute, curious - cat
10 a)
11 a) getting
b) fixing

12 a) give
b) circle
c) dream

13 a) I haven't brought my umbrella!
b) You're going to get wet!

14 a) h j
b) $O Q$

15 a) Examples: know, knew, knight, knot
b) Examples: who, what, why, where, when
16 here
17 a) toys
b) wishes
18 a) hitting
b) writing

19 Examples: edge, hedge, wedge, ledge
20 towel, sow, bow, grow, throw

21 a) fatter
b) largest
c) scariest

22 Correct year of birth.
23 a) Fiction b) Non-fiction
c) Non-fiction
d) Fiction

24 a)
b) ?
c)!
d) ?
e) ?

25 a) had
b) was
c) thought
d) walked

26 a) or
b) or
c) but
d) and
e) and

27 a) Instructions b) Information
c) Explanation

28 a) effect b) cause
c) problem
e) solution

29 a) children
b) mice

30 a) hate
b) mane

31 a) sh/ou/t
b) $p / a / n$
c) $\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{igh} / \mathrm{t}$
$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { A } & \text { These are sometimes called 'describing words' because they pick out } \\ \text { Adjective } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Things such as size and colour. They always comes before a noun, or } \\ \text { thing } \\ \text { after the verb 'be'. } \\ \text { A word used to describe the way you do something, e.g. loudly, }\end{array} \\ \text { Adverb } & \begin{array}{l}\text { slowly, and it can also be used to describe time, e.g. soon, often, later. }\end{array} \\ \text { Words that start with the same letter or sound, e.g. slimy snails slither }\end{array}\right\}$

## Glossary

| F |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fairy story | A story, usually for children, about elves, goblins, dragons, fairies or other magical creatures, e.g. Snow white and the Seven Dwarves. |
| Fiction | An imaginative story, a made-up story, e.g. Cinderella. |
| Free verse | Contemporary poems which do not have a rhyme or rhythm. |
| Full stop | A punctuation mark (.) used at the end of a sentence, e.g. The fat cat sat on a mat. |
| G |  |
| Glossary | An alphabetical list of key words and their meanings. |
| H |  |
| Heading | A title for a section of text. |
| Homophone | Different words that sound exactly the same when pronounced but the spelling is different, e.g. hear and here. |
| 1 |  |
| Imagery | Making images, figures or likenesses of things through words. |
| Index | An alphabetical list of names, places, topics with page numbers. |
| Information | Knowledge about a particular fact, e.g. The Earth is round. |
| Instructions | Telling someone information or how to do something. |
| K |  |
| Key story | A type of story that can be, e.g., a mystery, adventure or love story. |
| L |  |
| Letter | A symbol of the alphabet that is used in writing and printing to show a speech sound and that is part of an alphabet, e.g. $a, b, c, d$, e. |
| Lower case letters | Small letters, or symbols, of the alphabet used in writing and printing, e.g. $a, b, c, d$, e. |
| N |  |
| Non-fiction | All writing that is based on facts and reality, including biography and history. |
| Noun | Sometimes called 'naming words' because they name people, places and things. |
| Noun phrase | A phrase containing a noun e.g. Some foxes. |
| P |  |
| Paragraph <br> Past progressive | A part of writing with a particular idea, beginning on a new line. |
| tense | Used to talk about an action that was happening in the past. |
| Past tense | Used to talk about the past. |


| Plural | More than one. A plural noun normally has a suffix -s or -es. There are a few exceptions, e.g. mouse - mice. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Poem | Writing that uses rhythm to express an idea about someone or something. |
| Predict | To work out or tell in advance, e.g. I think the rain will stop this afternoon. |
| Prefix | A group of letters added to the beginning of a word in order to turn it into another word, e.g. un- + kind $=$ unkind. |
| Present progressive |  |
| tense | Used to talk about an action that is happening now. |
| Present tense | Used to talk about the present. |
| Proofreading | Reading through a piece of writing to find and correct errors. |
| Q |  |
| Question | A sentence used to find more information, often uses question words, e.g. what, where, when, why, where and how. |
| Question mark | A punctuation mark (?), which shows a question, e.g. What's this? |
| R |  |
| Riddle | A statement or a question with a hidden meaning and can be a kind of puzzle, e.g. What gets wetter as it dries? (a towel) |
| Recount | To retell something that has already happened, e.g. a newspaper report. |
| Recurring |  |
| language | Something (e.g. words, sounds) occurring a number of times in stories or poems. |
| Rhyme | Words where the ending sounds the same, e.g. One, two, three, four, five / Once I caught a fish alive. |
| Rhyming pattern | A rhyming scheme that shows which letters rhyme in a verse, e.g. ABCB, AABB |
|  | A Baa, baa black sheep A Twinkle, twinkle, little star |
|  | B Have you any wool? A How I wonder what you are? |
|  | C Yes sir, yes sir B Up above the world so high |
|  | B Three bags full. B Like a diamond in the sky. |
| Rhythm | The beat in a line of a poem. |
| S |  |
| Scan | To read for specific information. |
| Segment | To separate or divide into smaller chunks, e.g. seg-men-ting. |
| Singular | One person, place, thing or event, e.g. he, she, it. |
| Statement | A clear and definite sentence. |
| Suffix | A group of letters added to the end of a word to turn it into another word, e.g. +-ing, -ed, -er or -est. |
| Syllable | A 'beat' in a word. Syllables contain a vowel sound. |

## Glossary

## T

Thought shower Another term for mind map. A way of planning ideas that you might want to use.
Time connectives Used to order events in writing, e.g. first, then, next, after, meanwhile, finally.
Tongue twisters A series of words starting with the same sound and spoken quickly so they twist your tongue.
Traditional tale An old story that has been told many times. It was written to teach a lesson and to pass on ideas.

V
Verb
Vowel
Vowel sound
'Doing words' e.g. running, sing, cooked.
The letters, a, e, $i, o$, and $u$.
The sounds produced from the letters $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}$ and u .
w
Word
A unit of language, consisting of one or more spoken sounds or their written symbols. A word carries meaning. Words are separated by spaces in writing.

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