Year 1: Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

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Word	Explanation	Example							
noun	names of things we can touch (concrete) and ideas and emotions (abstract)	concrete: table/ pencil/ grass/ mug/ ruler abstract: happy/ sad/ excited/ angry							
adjective	a describing word	pretty/ sporty/ clever/ old							
verb	word that shows an action	run/ hop/ skip/ bounce/ walk/ sleep							
	add s to form the plural of most nouns	car → cars/ dog → dogs/ house → houses/							
	2. add es to nouns that end in -ch, -sh, -s, -x or -z	bus → buses/ match → matches/ dish → dishes/ box → boxes							
plural noun	for some nouns that end in -s or -z, you double the s or z and add -es	quiz → quizzes/ gas → gasses							
	 for nouns that end with a y and a consonant before the y, change the y to an i and add es 	city → cities/ baby → babies/ country → countries							
	5. for nouns that end with a y and a vowel before they, just add s	day → days/ boy → boys/ donkey → donkeys							
	6. for nouns that end in -f or -fe, drop the f or the fe and add ves	$leaf \rightarrow leaves/wolf \rightarrow wolves/life \rightarrow lives$							
	7. for nouns that end with a consonant	*exception: roof → roofs/ cliff → cliffs hero → heroes/ echo → echoes/ tomato							
	before the -o add es	→ tomatoes							
	before the odda es	*exception: piano >> pianos/ photo >> photos							
	8. for nouns that end with a vowel before the -o add -s	zoo → zoos/ video → videos/ kangaroo → kangaroos							
	some nouns change the spelling of singular nouns	man → men/ child → children/ foot → feet/ tooth → teeth							
	10. some nouns use the same word	sheep → sheep/ deer → deer/ fish → fish							
	to change the verb into the present tense, add -ing	eat → eating/ talk → talking/ feed → feeding							
	if the verb has a short vowel sound and ends in a consonant, double the last letter, then add -ing	cut → cutting/ chop → chopping							
	3. if the verb ends in -y, still add -ing	say → saying/ play → playing							
	4. if the verb ends in an -e, drop the e and add -ing	hike → hiking/ write → writing/ hope → hoping							
suffixes added to	5. to change most verbs into the past tense, add -ed	pull → pulled/ push → pushed/ wash → washed							
verbs to change tense	6. for words that end in -e, simply add the letter d.	love → loved/ like → liked							
	7. for words that end in a consonant followed by y, change the y to an i and add -ed	marry → married/ hurry → hurried							
	8. for one-syllable words that end in consonant-vowel- consonant (except x) double the last letter and add -ed (note: never double final x)	stop → stopped/ jog → jogged							
	to change some verbs into the past tense, you change the word	eat → ate/ hear → heard/ sing → sang/ write → wrote							

			*exception: read → read			
suffixes added to	1. add -e	1. add -er to the verb to make it a noun		eat → eater/ feed → feeder/ play →		
verbs to make a		1. dad et to the vero to make it a noan			player/ drink → drinker	
noun						
prefixes added to	1. add u	n- to a word to ma	ake it the	wind → ur	→ unwind/ helpful → unhelpful/	
verbs and	oppos	opposite meaning		trustw	trustworthy → untrustworthy	
adjectives						
Type of sentence		Explanation			Example	
use 'and' to	Ofter	Often used when using two words to desc		describe	The crossing was black and	
join words		something.			white.	
use 'and' to	Here are	two clauses of ed	qual value (they	make sense		
join clauses		•	mselves):			
join clauses			a brown dog.		We saw a brown dog and it	
			ed a black cat.		chased a black cat.	
		connect both id	eas to form one			
Punctuation	Symbol	Explanation		Ex	ample	
		Leave a finger				
spaces		space in	XIIikegoingtos	school.	It is difficult to read because	
-		between your	there			
between		words that		are	n't any spaces	
words		you write				
			✓ I like going t	o school.	The spaces between the word	
			help you			
				rea	ad each word.	
		Use a capital le	tter at the start of a sentence or for			
		1. names of	Monika/ Emma/ Robert			
capital		people	, ,		•	
letter	Ad	2. personal			I	
		pronoun				
		3. places	Southall/ London/ Hounslow		ndon/ Hounslow	
		4. days of	Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday/		dnesday/ Thursday/ Friday/	
		the week	Saturday/ Sunday			
		5. months of	January/ February/ March/ April/ May/ June/ July/ August/			
		the year	September/ October/ November/ December			
		normally				
full stop	(\cdot)	placed at the	I like to go to school. Full stop ends the sentence			
ran stop		end of a				
		sentence that		4		
		tells you	His bag is so co	ool•		
		something				
		A question	M (23) 14			
question	_	mark is used	Are you going to cross the			
mark	?	when the sentence			road?	
mark	•	forms a				
		question				



Text strategy (how to write)	Explanation	Example
sequencing ideas	When you write down your ideas in the order they happened.	First/ Firstly Secondly Then After Finally