

Year 6: Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

Appendix 2 from the National Curriculum

Word	Explanation	Example
use formal and	• formal language does not use colloquialisms, contractions or first person pronouns such as	discover → find out
informal speech	'l' or 'We'.	request → ask for
appropriately	 informal language is more casual and spontaneous. It is used when communicating with friends or family either in writing or in conversation. 	enter → go in
question tags	tag questions (or question tags) turn a statement into a question. They are often used for	You enjoy doing your homework, don't
	checking information that we think we know is true.	you?
		He is your friend, isn't he?
synonyms	is a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the	beautiful: attractive/ pretty/ stunning
	same language	• funny: humorous/ comical/ hilarious/
antonyms	a word opposite in meaning to another	truth/ lie
		enemy / friend

Type of sentence	Explanation	Example	
subject	a person or thing that is being discussed, described, or dealt with.	The man ate the sandwich. The teacher threw the paper away.	
object	a person or thing to which a specified action or feeling is directed.	The man ate the sandwich. The teacher threw the paper away.	
active sentence	the subject performs the action	The cat chased the mouse.	
passive sentence	when the subject has something done to it	The mouse was chased by the cat.	
subjunctive form	a verb form to express wishes, hopes, commands, demands or suggestions	 If I were the Prime Minister Were they to come in to school, they would I suggest that you take the deal. 	

Punctuation	Symbol	Explanation	Example
colon	••	used between main and subordinate clauses when the second sentence explains, illustrates, paraphrases, or expands on the first sentence.	 He got what he worked for: he really earned that trophy. They will not make it: the storm is too strong
semi- colon	;	joins two related main clauses together and a conjunction has been left out	 I have a big test tomorrow; I can't go out tonight. Sumit likes to play cricket; Amit like to play football
hyphen	-	used to avoid ambiguity creates compound words to give a clear meaning	The man-eating sharkThe hair-raising story

Text strategy (how to write)	Explanation	Text strategy (how to write)	Explanation
Cohesive devices to link ideas across paragraphs • repeat words	headings and sub- headings	bullets	columns
Explanation: A similar way to achieve cohesion in our writing is to repeat a particular sentence structure along with a keyword or phrase. Although we usually try to vary the length and shape of our sentences, now and then we may choose to repeat a construction to emphasize connections between related ideas. Example: Boys and girls, you will go straight home Boys and girls, you will eat your supper Boys and girls, you will revise for you SATs	Explanation: They stand out because of their size and attract attention. • Heading: main idea Sub-heading: small section about that idea Example: Heading Sub heading Sub heading Sub heading Sub heading Sub heading	Explanation: are used to draw attention to important information within a document so that a reader can identify the key issues and facts quickly Examples:	Explanation: in a newspaper, magazine or other publication, where a writer expresses their own opinion in few columns Example:
Cohesive devices to link ideas across paragraphs • adverbials:	tables	structuring t	ext
Explanation: tell the reader what we are doing in a sentence and help to guide them through our writing. They signal to the reader what the relationships are between the different clauses, sentences and paragraphs. Examples: on the other hand in contrast as a consequence	Explanation: is a data structure that organizes information into rows and columns. It can be used to both store and display data in a structured format. Example:	Werevolves, also known as tyraethropes, are mythological or foliation churans which the ability to shape-shift their a hypid wolf-like creature. They are generally found in Lurope and date from the medieval period. The legend of the werevold reversible of in parallel to the belief in witches and is still evident in popular outhure today. How disagrees are thin? How disagrees are thin? Modern perceived as a threat throughout history, werevolves generally proy on any little of the many contrained of the contra	Explanation: when you organise your different paragraph, pictures, diagrams, table etc in a specific layout Example: