



Progression in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

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- Terms highlighted in yellow are technical grammatical terms that will feature in the grammar tests in England from 2016. These are **additional** to the terms stated in the National Curriculum.



	E	YFS Overview		
Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:
Planning Tool – Narrative Success	Simple sentences	Determiners		
Sheet		the / a	Finger spaces	Finger spaces
	Simple connectives	my		
Whole class or group retelling of	and	your	Full stops	Letter
a story	who	an		
	until	this	Capital letters	Word
Understanding of 7-part story	but	that		
structure		his		Sentence
	Say a sentence, write and	her		
Retell simple 7-part story:	read it back to check it	their		Full stops
	makes sense.	some		
Non-fiction:		all		Capital letter
Factual writing closely linked to	Compound sentences using			
a	connectives (coordinating	Prepositions:		Simile – 'like'
story	conjunctions)	up		
	and / but	down		
Simple factual sentences based		in		
around a theme	-'ly' openers	into		
Names	Luckily / Unfortunately,	out		
Labels		to		
Captions	Repetition for rhythm:	onto		
Lists	e.g.			
Diagrams	He walked and he walked	Adjectives e.g. old, little, big,		
Messages	Repetition in description e.g.	small, quiet		
Instructions	a lean cat, a mean cat			
Recount		Adverbs e.g. luckily,		
		unfortunately, fortunately		
		Similes – using 'like'		

Year 1 Overview				
Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology	
Consolidate EYFS list	Consolidate EYFS list	Consolidate EYFS list	Consolidate:	
			Finger spaces	
Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:		
Types of sentences:	Prepositions:	Capital Letters:	Letter	
Statements	inside	Capital letter for		
Questions	outside	names	Word	
Exclamations	towards	Capital letter for the		
Please be aware that according to DfE rules, for the purposes	across	personal pronoun I	Sentence	
of the grammar test, exclamation sentences have to begin	under			
with What' or 'How'!		Full stops	Full stops	
Simple connectives:	Determiners:			
and	the a my your an this	Question marks	Capital letter	
	that his her their some			
or but	all lots of many more	Exclamation marks	Simile – 'like'	
	those these			
so because		Speech bubble	Introduce:	
so that	Adjectives to describe:		Punctuation	
then	e.g. The old house	Bullet points		
that	The huge elephant		Question mark	
while				
when	Alliteration		Exclamation mark	
where	e.g. dangerous dragon			
	slimy snake		Speech bubble	
Also as openers: While				
When	Similes using 'as'		Bullet points	
Where	e.g. as tall as a house			
WIICIC	as red as a radish		Singular/ plural	
-'ly' openers:				
Fortunately,Unfortunately,	Precise, clear language to		Adjective	
יטרנוומנפוץ,טווטרנוומנפוץ,	give information e.g.			

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Sadly	First, switch on the red	Verbs
	Next, wait for the green	Connective
Simple sentences e.g.	light to flash	
I went to the park.		Alliteration
The castle is haunted.	Regular plural noun	
	suffixes –s or –es	Simile – 'as'
Embellished simple sentences	(e.g. dog, dogs; wish,	
using adjectives e.g.	wishes)	
The giant had an enormous beard.		
Red squirrels enjoy eating delicious nuts.	Suffixes that can be added	
	to verbs (e.g. helping,	
Compound sentences using	helped, helper)	
connectives (coordinating		
conjunctions)	How the prefix un–	
and/or/ but/so e.g.	changes the meaning of	
The children played on the swings	verbs and adjectives	
and slid down the slide.	(negation, e.g. unkind, or	
Spiders can be small or they can be large.	undoing, e.g. untie the	
Charlie hid but Sally found him.	boat)	
It was raining so they put on their		
coats.		
Complex sentences: Use of 'who' (relative		
clause) e.g.		
Once upon a time there was a little old woman		
who lived in a forest.		
There are many children who like		
to eat ice cream.		
BOYS sentences		
Many Questions sentences		



	Year 2 Overview		
Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Consolidate Year 1 list	Consolidate Year 1 list	Consolidate	Consolidate:
		Year 1 list	
Introduce:	Introduce:		Punctuation
Types of sentences:	Prepositions:	Introduce:	Finger spaces
Statements	behind above along	Demarcate	Letter
Questions	before between after	sentences:	Word
Exclamations		Capital letters	Sentence
Commands	Alliteration e.g. wicked witch	Full stops	Full stops
	slimy slugs	Question marks	Capital letter
-'ly' openers		Exclamation	Question mark
e.g. Usually, Eventually, Finally,	Similes usinglike e.g.	marks	Exclamation
Carefully, Slowly,	like sizzling sausages		mark
	hot like a fire	Commas to	Speech bubble
Vary openers to sentences		separate items	Bullet points
	Two adjectives to describe the noun e.g.	ina	
Embellished simple sentences using:	The scary, old woman	list	Singular/ plural
adjectives e.g. The boys peeped	Squirrels have long, bushy	Comma after –ly	••••
inside the dark cave.	tails.	Opener e.g.	Adjective
adverbs e.g. Tom ran quickly down the hill.		Fortunately,	Verb
	Adverbs for description e.g.	Slowly.	Connective
Secure use of compound sentences (Coordination) using	Snow fell gently and	,	Alliteration
connectives:	covered the cottage in the wood.	Speech bubbles	Simile – 'as'/ 'lik
and/ or / but / so		/speech marks	
(coordinating conjunctions)	Adverbs for information e.g.	for	Introduce:
	Lift the pot carefully onto the tray. The river quickly flooded	direct speech	Apostrophe
Complex sentences (Subordination) using:	the town.	Implicitly	(contractions ar
Drop in a relative clause:		understand how	singular
who/which e.g.	Generalisers for information, e.g.	to	possession)
Sam, who was lost, sat down and cried.	Most dogs	change from	, ,
The Vikings, who came from	Some cats	indirect speech	Commas for
Scandinavia, invaded Scotland.		to	description



The Fire of London, which started in Pudding Lane, spread	Formation of nouns using	direct speech	
quickly.	suffixes such as –ness, –er	· · ·	'Speech marks'
, ,		Apostrophes to	•
Additional subordinating	Formation of adjectives	mark contracted	Suffix
conjunctions:	using suffixes such as –ful,	forms in spelling	
what/while/when/where/ because/then/so that/ if/to/until	-less	e.g. don't, can't	Verb / adverb
e.g. While the animals were munching breakfast, two visitors	(A fuller list of suffixes can		
arrived	be found in the spelling	Apostrophes to	Statement
During the Autumn, when the	appendix.)	mark singular	question
weather is cold, the leaves fall off the trees.	Use of the suffixes –er and	possession e.g.	exclamation
	-est to form comparisons	the	Command (Bossy
Use long and short sentences:	of adjectives and adverbs	cat's name	verbs)
Long sentences to add description or information. Use short			
sentences for emphasis.			Tense (past,
Expanded noun phrases			present,
e.g. lots of people, plenty of food			future)
	The consistent use of present tense versus past tense		
List of 3 for description	throughout texts.		Adjective / noun
e.g. He wore old shoes, a dark cloak and a red hat.			
African elephants have long trunks,	Use of the continuous form of verbs in the present and past		Noun phrases
curly tusks and large ears.	tense to mark actions in progress e.g. she is drumming, he was		
	shouting.		Generalisers
2A Sentence, SIMILE Sentence			
			Subordinating
			conjunctions
Ad, same ad Sentence, double ly Sentence, All the W's			
Sentence, List Sentence, SHORT Sentence (for effect)			

	Year 3 Overview		
Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Consolidate Year 2 list	Consolidate Year 2 list	Consolidate	Consolidate:
		Year 2 list	
Introduce:	Introduce:		Punctuation
Vary long and short sentences:	Prepositions	Introduce:	Finger spaces
Long sentences to add description or information.	Next to by the side of	Colon before a	Letter
	in front of during	list e.g. What	Word
Short sentences for emphasis and making	through throughout	you	Sentence
key points e.g.	because of	need:	Statement
Sam was really unhappy.			question
Visit the farm now.	Powerful verbs	Ellipses to keep	exclamation
	e.g. stare, tremble,	the reader	Command
Embellished simple sentences:	slither	hanging on	Full stops
Adverb starters to add detail e.g.			Capital letter
Carefully, she crawled along the floor of the cave	Boastful Language	Secure use of	Question mark
Amazingly, small insects can	e.g. magnificent,	inverted	Exclamation mark
	unbelievable, exciting!	commas	Speech bubble
Adverbial phrases used as a 'where', 'when' or 'how' opener		for direct	'Speech marks'
	More specific /	speech	Bullet points
(fronted adverbials)	technical vocabulary		Apostrophe
A few days ago, we discovered a hidden box.	to add detail e.g.	Use of commas	(contractions only)
At the back of the eye, is the retina.	A few dragons of	after fronted	Commas for
In a strange way, he looked at me.	this variety can	adverbials (e.g.	sentence of 3 -
	breathe on any	Later that day, I	description
Prepositional phrases to place the action:	creature and turn it	heard the bad	
on the mat; behind the tree, in the air	to stone immediately.	news.)	Singular/ plural
Compound sentences (Coordination)			Suffix
using connectives:	Drops of rain		Adjective / noun /
and/ or / but / so / for /nor /	pounded on the		Noun phrases
(coordinating conjunctions)	corrugated, tin roof.		Verb / adverb
			Bossy verbs



Develop complex sentences	Nouns formed from	Tense (past, present,
(Subordination) with range of	prefixes	future)
subordinating conjunctions	e.g. auto	Connective
	superanti	Generalisers
-'ing' clauses as openers e.g.	Word Families	Alliteration
Sighing, the boy finished his homework.	based on common	Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
Grunting, the pig lay down to sleep.	words	
	e.g. teacher –teach,	Introduce:
Drop in a relative clause using:	beauty – beautiful	
who/whom/which/whose/	Use of determiners	Word family
that e.g.	a or an according to	Conjunction
The girl, whom I remember,	whether next word	Coordinating
had long black hair.	begins with a vowel	conjunction
The boy, whose name is George, thinks he is very brave.	e.g. a rock, an open	Subordinating
The Clifton Suspension bridge, which was finished in 1864,is a	box	conjunction
popular tourist attraction.		Clause
	Use of the perfect form of verbs to mark	Subordinate
Sentence of 3 for description e.g. The cottage was almost invisible,	relationships of time and cause e.g. I have written	clause
hiding under a thick layer of snow and glistening in the sunlight.	it down so I can check what it said.	Adverb
Rainbow dragons are covered with many different coloured scales,		Preposition
have enormous, red eyes and swim on the surface of the water.	Use of present perfect instead of simple past. He	Direct speech
	has left his hat behind, as opposed to He left his hat	Inverted commas
Pattern of 3 for persuasion e.g.	behind.	Prefix
Visit, Swim, Enjoy!		Consonant/Vowel
		Determiner
Topic sentences to introduce non-fiction paragraphs e.g.		Synonyms
Dragons are found across the world.		Relative clause
		Relative pronoun
Dialogue –powerful speech verbs		Imperative
e.g. "Hello," she whispered.		Colon for
		instructions
3ed Sentences		
Emotion word, comma Sentences		

Year 4 Overview				
Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology	
Consolidate Year 3 list	Consolidate Year 3 list	Consolidate Year 3 list	Consolidate:	
Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:	Punctuation:	
Standard English for verb inflections instead of local spoken	Prepositions	Commas to mark	Letter	
forms	at underneath since towards beneath	clauses and to mark off	Word	
	beyond	fronted adverbials.	Sentence	
Long and short sentences:			Statement	
Long sentences to enhance description or information	Conditionals	Full punctuation for	question	
Short sentences to move events on quickly e.g. It was	could, should, would	direct speech:	exclamation	
midnight. It's great fun.		Each new speaker	command	
	Comparative and	on a new line	Full stops	
Simile openers	Superlative adjectives	Comma between	Capital letter	
e.g. As curved as a ball, the moon shone brightly in the night	e.g.	direct speech and	Question mark	
sky.	small smaller smallest	reporting clause e.g.	Exclamation mark	
Like a wailing cat, the ambulance screamed down the road.	good better best	"It's late," gasped	'Speech marks'	
		Cinderella!	Direct speech	
Secure use of simple / embellished simple sentences	Proper nouns refers		Inverted commas	
	to a particular person	Apostrophes to	Bullet points	
Secure use of compound sentences	or thing	mark singular and	Apostrophe	
Coordination) using coordinating conjunctions and / or / but	e.g. Monday, Jessica, October, England	plural possession	(contractions only)	
' so / for/ yet		e.g. the girl's name,	Commas for sentence	
	The grammatical	the boys' boots as	of 3 – description,	
Develop complex sentences:	difference between plural and	opposed to s to	action	
Subordination)	possessive –s	mark a plural	Colon – instructions	
Main and subordinate clauses with range of subordinating				
onjunctions.	Standard English forms for verb		Singular/ plural	
'ed' clauses as openers e.g.	inflections instead of local spoken		Suffix/ Prefix	
rightened, Tom ran straight home to avoid being caught.	forms e.g. <i>we</i>		Word family	
Exhausted, the Roman soldier collapsed at his post.	were instead of we		Consonant/Vowel	
	was, or I did			

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Evended (ingl clauses as energy a g	instead of I done)	Adjective / noun / noun nhroco
Expanded -'ing' clauses as openers e.g.	Instead of Fuorie)	Adjective / noun / noun phrase
Grinning menacingly, he slipped the treasure into his		Verb / Adverb
rucksack.		
		Bossy verbs -imperative
Drop in –'ing' clause e.g.		Tense (past, present, future)
Jane, laughing at the teacher, fell off her chair. The tornedo,		Connective
sweeping across the city, destroyed the houses.		Conjunction
		Preposition
Sentence of 3 for action e.g.		Determiner/ generaliser
Sam rushed down the road, jumped on the bus and sank into		
his seat.		Clause
The Romans enjoyed food, loved marching but hated the		Subordinate clause
weather.		Relative clause
weather.		Relative pronoun
Repetition to persuade e.g.		Coordinating conjunction
Find us to find the fun		Subordinating conjunction
		A 11:0
Dialogue - verb + adverb - "Hello," she		Alliteration
whispered, shyly.		Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
		Synonyms
Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within a sentence to		
avoid ambiguity and repetition		Introduce:
Verb, person Sentence		Pronoun
If, if, if, then Sentence		Possessive pronoun
Personification of the weather Sentence		Adverbial
ing, -ed Sentence		Fronted adverbial
		Apostrophe – plural
		Possession



Year 5 Overview			
Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Consolidate Year 4 list	Consolidate Year 4 list	Consolidate Year 4 list	Consolidate:
Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:	Punctuation:
Relative clauses beginning with	Metaphor	Rhetorical question	Sentence
who, which, that, where, when,	Personification		statement
whose or an omitted relative pronoun.	Onomatopoeia	Dashes	question exclamation
Secure use of simple / embellished simple sentences	Empty words e.g. Someone,	Brackets / dashes /commas	command
	somewhere was out to get him.	for parenthesis	Full stops/ Capitals
Secure use of compound sentences			Question mark
	Developed use of	Colons	Exclamation mark
Develop complex sentences:	technical language		'Speech marks'
(Subordination)		Use of commas to clarify	Direct speech
Main and subordinate clauses with full range of conjunctions:	Converting nouns or	meaning or avoid	Inverted commas
	adjectives into verbs	ambiguity	Apostrophe
Expanded –ed clauses as openers e.g.	using suffixes e.g. –		contractions/
Encouraged by the bright weather, Jane set out for a long walk.	ate; –ise; –ify		possession
Terrified by the dragon, George fell to his knees.			Commas for sentence of
	Verb prefixes e.g.		3 – description, action
Elaboration of openers using adverbial phrases e.g.	dis–, de–, mis–, over–		Colon – instructions
Beyond the dark gloom of the cave, Zach saw the wizard move.	and re-		Parenthesis / bracket /
Throughout the night, the wind howled like an injured creature.			dash
Drop in – 'ed' clause e.g.			
Poor Tim, exhausted by so much effort, ran home.			Singular/ plural
The lesser known Bristol dragon, recognised by purple spots, is rarely			Suffix/ Prefix
seen.			Word family
			Consonant/Vowel
Sentence reshaping techniques e.g. lengthening or shortening			
sentence for meaning and /or effect			Adjective / noun / nou
			phrase
			Verb / Adverb



Maying contance chunks (how when where) around for different	Descuverbs, importing	
Moving sentence chunks (how, when, where) around for different	Bossy verbs -imperative	:
effects e.g.	Tense (past, present,	
The siren echoed loudlythrough the lonely streetsat midnight	future)	
	Conjunction /	
Use of rhetorical questions	connective	
	Preposition	
Stage directions in speech	Determiner/ generalise	r
(speech + verb + action) e.g.	Pronoun – relative/	
"Stop!" he shouted, picking up the stick and running after the thief.	possessive	
	Clause	
Indicating degrees of possibility	Subordinate/ relative	
using modal verbs e.g. might, should, will, must or adverbs perhaps,	clause	
surely	Adverbial	
	Fronted adverbial	
2 pairs sentence O.(I.) sentence	Alliteration	
NOUN, which/who, where sentence	Simile – 'as'/ 'like'	
3 bad-(dash) question? sentence	Synonyms	
P.C. sentence		
The more, the more sentence	Introduce:	
Irony sentence	Relative clause/pronou	n
	Modal verb	
	Parenthesis	
	Bracket- dash	
	Determiner	
	Cohesion	
	Ambiguity	
	Metaphor	
	Personification	
	Onomatopoeia	
	Rhetorical question	
	Tense: present and pas	t
	progressive;	



Year 6 Overview				
Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology	
Consolidate Year 5 list	Consolidate Year 5 list	Consolidate Year 5 list	Consolidate:	
Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:	Punctuation:	
Secure use of simple / embellished simple	Build in literary feature	Use of the semi-colon,	Sentence	
sentences	to create effects e.g.	colon and dash to indicate a stronger	statement	
	alliteration,	subdivision of a	question	
Secure use of compound sentences	onomatopoeia, similes,	sentence than a comma.	exclamation	
Secure use of complex sentences:	metaphors		command	
(Subordination) Main and subordinate		Use of colon to introduce a list and	Full stops/ Capitals	
clauses with full range of	The difference between	semi-colons within lists.	Question mark	
conjunctions	vocabulary typical of		Exclamation mark	
	informal speech and	Punctuation of bullet points to list	'Speech marks'	
Active and passive verbs to create effect and to	vocabulary appropriate	information.	Direct speech	
affect presentation of information e.g.	for formal speech and		Indirect speech	
Active: Tom accidently dropped the glass.	writing e.g. said versus	How hyphens can be used	Inverted commas	
Passive: The glass was accidently dropped by Tom.	reported, alleged, or	to avoid ambiguity e.g.	Apostrophe	
Active: The class heated the water.	claimed in formal	man eating shark versus	contractions/	
Passive: The water was heated.	speech or writing	man-eating shark, or	possession	
		recover versus re-cover	Commas for sentence of	
Developed use of rhetorical	How words are related		3 – description, action	
questions for persuasion	as synonyms and		Colon – instructions	
	antonyms e.g. <i>big/ large / little</i>		Parenthesis / bracket / dash	
Expanded noun phrases to convey complicated				
information concisely e.g.			Singular/ plural	
the boy that jumped over the fence is over there, or			Suffix/ Prefix	
the fact that it was raining meant the end of sports			Word family	
day.			Consonant/Vowel	
The difference between structures typical of			Adjective / noun / noun phrase	
informal speech and structures appropriate for			Verb / Adverb	
formal speech and writing (such as the use of			Bossy verbs -imperative	



question tags) e.g. He's your friend, isn't he?, or the		Tense (past, present, future)
use of the subjunctive in		Conjunction / connective
some very formal writing and speech) as in If I were		Preposition
you.		Determiner/ generaliser
		Pronoun – relative/ possessive
DE:DE sentence		Clause
Some; others sentence		Subordinate/ relative clause
IMAGINE 3: sentence		Adverbial
		Fronted adverbial
		Rhetorical question
		Present and past progressive
		present perfect; past perfect
		Cohesion
		Ambiguity
		Alliteration
		Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
		Synonyms
		Introduce:
		Active and passive voice
		Subject and object
		Hyphen
		Synonym, antonym
		Colon/ semi-colon
		Bullet points
		Ellipsis
		Subjunctive