

Year 3 & 4 Grammar Glossary: For Writing Activities and Exam Question

Common Nouns	A word that represents a specific object (something you can see)	road, cat, door, head,
Proper Nouns	Names, places, dates and things. Always have capital letters	Mr McNeill, James, Thames, Barcelona, January
Personal Pronouns	Used so we don't repeat nouns	I, we, you, he, she, they me, us, him, her, them, it
Possessive Pronouns	Show us who owns a particular item	mine, hers, ours, yours, theirs, its
Verbs	Shows an action within a sentence. Something you can do.	Sit, run, scowl, bellow, hop, jump
Modal Verbs	They express how necessary or possible something is	Must, shall, will, should, would, can, could, may, might
Adjectives	A word that modifies (describes) a noun	Ferocious, immaculate, vibrant
Expanded noun phrase	Add more detail to a noun by including a determiner and an adjective .	The beautiful flower. Some delicious apples.
Adverbs	Tell us when, how and the frequency (how often)	of something happening
Adverbs (when)	Can tell us when something happened	now, yesterday, soon, later, tomorrow, tonight, last year
Adverbs (how)	Can modify a verb and tell us how something happened	quietly, peacefully, closely, easily, quickly, cheerfully,
Adverbs (how often)	Can show how often something happened	always, sometimes, usually, occasionally, rarely, never
Adverbials	Tell us when, where or how something happened	in the morning, within the castle, as quick as a flash
Prepositions	Show a relationship between the subject and object in a sentence	Next to, under, above, between, towards, on, through
Prepositional Phrases	Answer questions such as 'which one' or 'how, when or where'	The bike, against the lamppost , was old. James kicked the ball over the fence .
Determiners	Show us which noun we are referring too or how many we are talking about	a table, the cat, some birds, this pen, many/most people, our dog, each house, every day
Subordinating Conjunctions	Used in complex sentences and are ALWAYS within the subordinate clause	because, however, as well as, even though, therefore
Coordinating Conjunctions	Used in compound sentences to join clauses together. FANBOYS	for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so
Main Clause	Can be a sentence by itself	The old cat was sleepy , because it played all day.
Subordinate Clause	Cannot be a sentence by itself and ALWAYS contains a subordinating conjunction	The old cat was sleepy, because it played all day .
Inverted Commas	Used to show what has been spoken (. , ! ?) are also within the inverted commas	"Sit down quickly," said the teacher.
Apostrophes	Can show possession or can show a contraction	Boy's toy, schools' classes will not = won't

Antonyms	Words which are opposite to one another. Hot and cold
Synonyms	Words which have a similar meaning. Scorching, boiling, blistering

Prefixes	A group of letters added to the beginning of the root word to change it into another word	Re- (again) rewrite , un- (not) unkind , dis- (opposite of) dishonest , mis- (wrong/bad) misbehave
Suffixes	A group of letters added to the end of the root word to change it into another word	-ful (full of) beautiful , -less (without) careless , -ness (a state of being) kindness

Statements	They express a general idea and end with a full stop	I drank a cup of coffee.
Commands	They are used to give instructions, starting with an imperative verb	Give me a cup of coffee.
Exclamations	Express strong emotions and end with an exclamation mark	What a horrendous cup of coffee!
Questions	Used to find out information and end with a question mark	Can I get a cup of coffee?

Present Simple: I, We, You, They do/don't He, She, It does/doesn't	Talks about things which are true or happen regularly.	I walk to school. They don't like football.
Present Progressive I am doing He, She is doing We, They are doing	Talks about a continuous action which is happening now.	I am running . She is swimming across the lake. They are jumping on the bench.
Present Perfect I, we, you, they have done He, she, it, has done	Describes an action that began in the past. Often the action still continues into the present.	I have taken the wrong road. Janet has run two miles.
Past Simple: I, he, she, we, you, they did/didn't	Tells us something that started in the past and finished in the past	I went to Spain Janet ran two miles and then stopped. They didn't talk on the bus.
Past Progressive I, he, she, it was/wasn't We, you, they were/weren't	Talks about a continuous event which began and ended in the past	While I was walking to school, I saw my best friend.

Spelling Words for Weekly Spelling Test

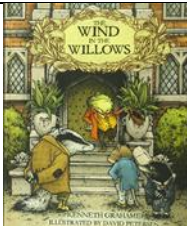
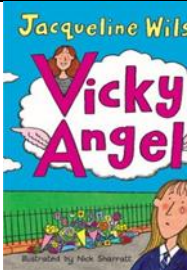
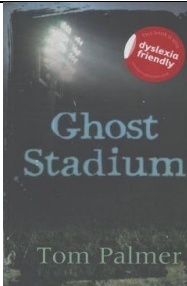
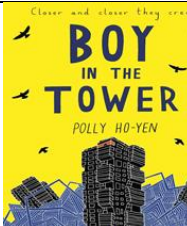
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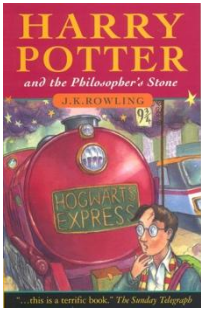
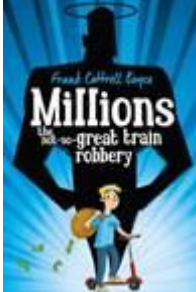
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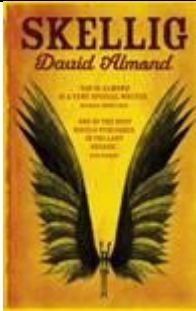
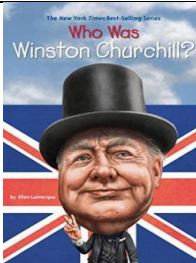
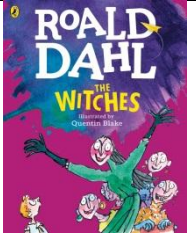
New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4

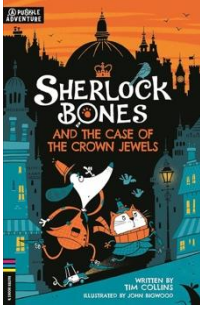
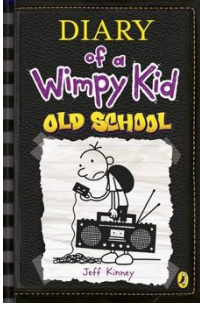
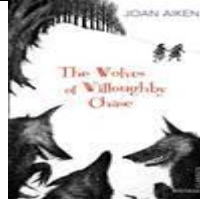
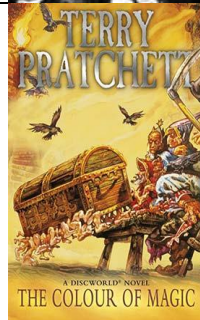
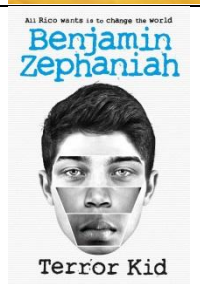
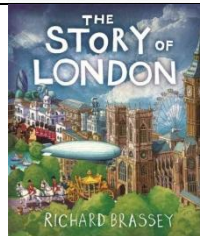
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actual	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actually	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	thought
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
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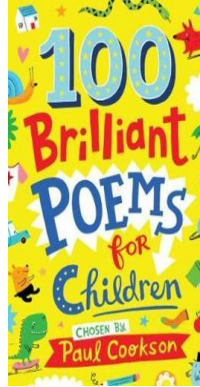
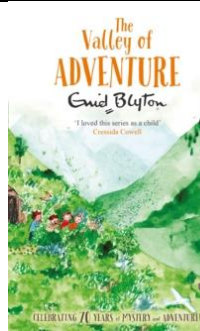
50 Recommended Reading Books for Year 4

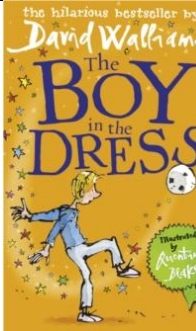
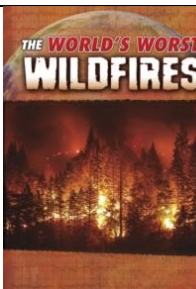
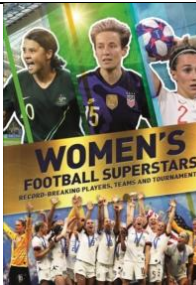
Title		Author	Blurb and Genre	Read
Pig Heart Boy		Malorie Blackman	So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before. Coming of Age	
The Wind in the Willows		Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows is a timeless tale of animal cunning and human camaraderie. Fantasy	
Vicky Angel		Jacqueline Wilson	Jade is so used to living in the shadow of Vicky, her loud, confident best friend, that when a tragic accident occurs, she can hardly believe that Vicky's no longer around. Coming of Age	
Ghost Stadium Novel		Tom Palmer	It's the last day of school. Most children are still hanging around school, saying goodbye to their friends. Lucas, Jack and Irfan have other plans. They are going camping in the old abandoned Northface football stadium. But all is not as it seems. Adventure	
Boy in the Tower		Polly Ho-Yen	From the seventeenth floor of the tower block where he lives with his mother, Ade watches as the buildings fall around him. The Bluchers - a strange and terrible kind of plant - are taking over the city, and everyone is being forced to evacuate, but his mother is refusing to leave her room. Fantasy	

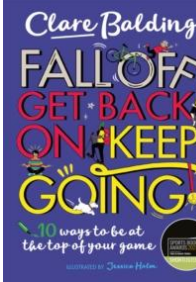
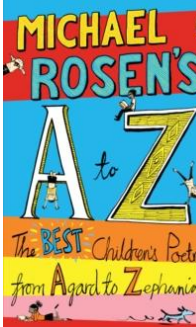
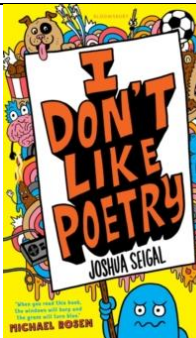
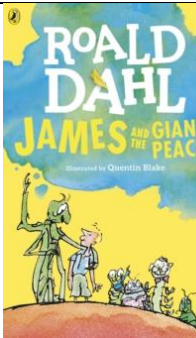
Kindlekrax		Philip Ridley	The story takes place in a street called Lizard Street, located in a town with cracked pavements, scorched brickwork and bumps and holes in the roads. It centres around a young boy named Ruskin Splinter who is small and thin with thick glasses, red frizzy hair, knock-knees and a squeaky voice.	Fantasy
Harry Potter and the Philosopher Stone		J K Rowling	Harry Potter discovers his true heritage and embarks on adventures at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry	Fantasy
Flour Babies		Anne Fine	As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty	Coming of Age
Private Peaceful Novel		Michael Morpurgo	Set during World War I, <i>Private Peaceful</i> charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front	Historical Fiction
Millions Novel		Frank Cottrell Boyce	One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.	Coming of Age

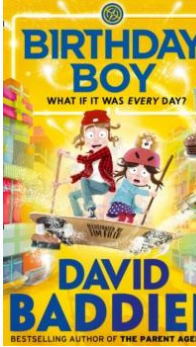
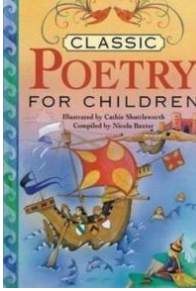
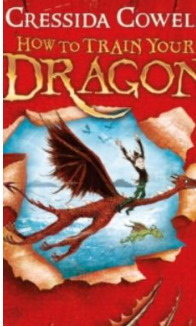
Skellig		David Almond	Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature who needs his help. A contemporary classic.	
			Fantasy	
Percy Jackson		Rick Riordan	Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson travels across America to find Zeus' master lightning bolt	
			Fantasy	
Who was Winston Churchill?		<u>Ellen Labrecque</u>	Winston Churchill biography for kids - a fun and fascinating way for young readers to discover more about one of history's most inspirational figures.	
			Non-Fiction - Biography	
Witches		Roald Dahl	Real witches dress in ordinary clothes and look like ordinary women but they are not ordinary. They are always plotting and scheming with murderous, bloodthirsty thoughts - and they hate children.	
			Fantasy	
The Story of Tracy Beaker		Jacqueline Wilson	Meet Tracy Beaker and follow her hopes and dreams for the future.	
			Coming of Age	
Ballet Shoes Novel		Noel Streatfeild	First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivated children's imaginations for decades	
			Coming of Age	

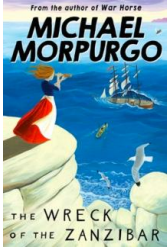
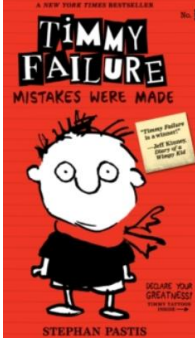
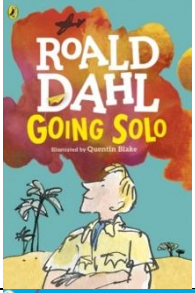
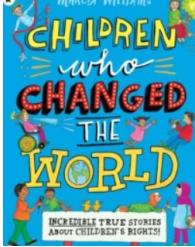
Sherlock Bones		Tim Collins	Join Sherlock Bones on another amazing mystery adventure	Mystery
Diary of a Wimpy Kid		Jeff Kinney	Greg is a normal kid, although he has a habit of getting into trouble. His diary with hilarious cartoons records his life and adventures	Comedy
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase		Joan Aiken	There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.	Coming of Age
The colour of magic		Terry Pratchett	Somewhere on the frontier between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a parallel time and place which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different. It plays by different rules	Fantasy
Terror Kid Novel		Benjamin Zephaniah	Despite his best efforts to stay on the right side of the law, Rico is angry and frustrated at the injustices he sees happening at home and around the world. He wants to do something - but what?	Coming of Age
The story of London		Richard Brassey	Everything you wanted to know - and some surprises - about one of the world's greatest cities told in words and cartoon illustrations in Richard Brassey's inimitable style.	Non-Fiction - History

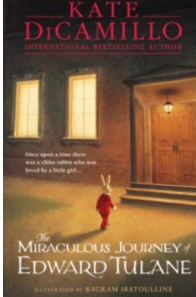
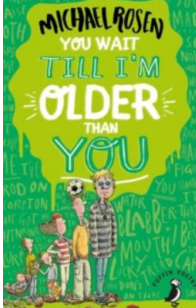
The Kid Who Came from Space		Ross Welford	A remarkable story of sibling connection, friendship and interstellar adventure Space Fantasy	
100 Brilliant Poems for Children		<u>Paul Cookson</u>	This wonderfully fun and inspiring collection features a diverse variety of fantastic poems, including classics from Shakespeare and Wordsworth, as well as stunning contemporary poems. Perfect for dipping into or for immersing yourself in, both children and adults will love this book. Poetry	
Jolly Good Food		Allegra McEvedy	This beautiful collection of recipes by Allegra McEvedy, a judge on the CBBC programme <i>Junior Bake Off</i> , is inspired by the stories of Enid Blyton. Each recipe comes with an excerpt from Enid Blyton's writing, which you can read while eating your own delectable creations such as homemade ginger beer, fluffy puffy cheesy pillows, pop-cakes and melt-in-your-mouth meringues. Non-Fiction - Food	
The Valley of Adventure		Enid Blyton	Nothing could be more thrilling than a night flight on Bill's plane, but the Famous Five soon find themselves flying into a wonderful adventure. Adventure	
Skandar and the Unicorn Thief		A.F. Steadman	A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn - and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever . . . Get ready for unlikely HEROES, elemental MAGIC, sky battles, ancient secrets, nail-biting races and FEROCIOUS UNICORNS, in this EPIC ADVENTURE series that will have your heart soaring. Fantasy	

The Midnight Gang		David Walliams	The Midnight Gang are always awake when everyone else falls asleep. This adventure begins in a hospital where Tom ends up after he gets hit on the head by a cricket ball. Things on the ward go from bad to worse.	Coming of Age
The Boy in the Dress		David Walliams	Dennis always felt different. A wonderful, heart-warming story that is both surprising and hilarious.	Coming of Age
The World's Worst Wildfires		Tracey Nelson Maurer	Dive into the fascinating world of wildfires!	Non-Fiction - Wildfires
Women's Football Superstars		Kevin Pettman	Get all the info about great women in football! This book is for every football fan.	Non-Fiction - Football
Vile Victorians		Terry Deary	Discover all the vile facts about the Victorians.	Non-Fiction - History

Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going		Clare Balding	A book to inspire you to just keep going. Learning from mistakes is the most important thing, but to keep on going is also important. A wonderful book about developing courage in tough situations. As told by Clare Balding, with her own personal experiences.	
			Non-Fiction - Coming of Age	
The Best Children's Poetry		Michael Rosen	Here, Michael Rosen chooses his favourite poems from Agard to Zephaniah.	
			Poetry	
I Don't Like Poetry		Joshua Seigal	An imaginative collection of poems, from the clever and witty to the downright silly.	
			Poetry	
James and the Giant Peach		Roald Dahl	Join James in his magical adventure with lots of unusual insects that he finds inside a giant peach.	
			Fantasy	
Wave Me Goodbye		Jacqueline Wilson	As the Second World War begins, ten-year-old Shirley is sent away on a train with her schoolmates.	
			Coming of Age	

Birthday Boy		David Baddiel	An exciting story of Sam Green who really, really loves birthdays. He just didn't expect to have one again and again, day after day...	Adventure
Holes		Louis Sachar	When Stanley is sent to a juvenile detention centre, he is asked to keep digging holes and report any findings to the evil warden. But all is not as it seems and it is Stanley who aims to find out exactly what is going on.	Mystery
The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell		Chris Colfer	This tells the tale of twins, Alex and Conner, who go on an adventure of wonder and magic.	Fantasy
Classic Poetry for Children		Nicola Baxter	A selection of poetry for children to enjoy and experience.	Poetry
How to Train Your Dragon		Cressida Cowell	Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero. In the first book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe.	Fantasy

The Wreck of Zanzibar		Michael Morpurgo	Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak and full of hardship. Laura's twin brother, Billy, disappears, and then a storm devastates everything. It seems there's little hope. But then the Zanzibar is wrecked on the island's rocks, and everything changes ...	Coming of Age
The Secret Lake Fiction		Karen Inglis	When Stella and her younger brother, Tom, move to their new London home, they become mystified by the disappearances of Harry, their elderly neighbour's dog. Where does he go? And why does he keep reappearing wet-through? Their quest to solve the riddle over the summer holidays soon leads to a boat buried under a grassy mound - and a tunnel that takes them to a secret lake.	Mystery
Timmy Failure: Mistakes were Made		Stephan Pastis	Take Timmy Failure—the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps even the nation. Add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total, and what you have is Total Failure, Inc.	Comedy
Going Solo		Roald Dahl	This is the biographical book of Roald Dahl's life, filled with exciting adventures that are all true!	Coming of Age
Children Who Changed the World		Marcia Williams	From the heroes familiar to everyone, such as Malala Yousafzai, to the amazing activists you might not have heard of, like Baruani Ndume, the teenager who gave a voice to fellow refugee children in Tanzania, discover the incredible true stories of child activists.	Non-Fiction - World Changers

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane		Kate DiCamillo	Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. Coming of Age	
You Wait Til I'm Older than You		Michael Rosen	YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGET OFF, GET OFF, GET OFF! Well what would you say if your brother kept whacking you with a spoon, or the spider made it all the way up the toilet bowl or your mum made you wear that horrible shirt? Find out in this fantastically funny collection of poems all about growing up Comedy	
The Incredible Plate Tectonics Comic		Kanani Lee	Follow Geo and his robot dog, Rocky, as they travel back in time to Pangea, surf a tsunami, and escape an erupting volcano all in time for Geo's first-period science test! Comic	

Features of Talk:

Poetry

Purpose:

There are many purposes of poetry.

Expressing emotions, teaching moral lessons, expressing your opinions and entertaining the audience.

Success Criteria for performing poetry:

Clear Speech: Speak clearly and confidently and at an appropriate volume

Eye Contact: Make eye contact with the audience

Hand Gestures: Use hand gestures and make movements when presenting

Tone and Pauses: Deliberately use pauses for effect and vary the tone of your voice

Passion: Speak with flair and passion

Presentations

Purpose:

To **convey information** to an audience. You may wish to inform, inspire, persuade or entertain the audience during your presentation

Success Criteria for presentations:

Vary tone of your voice: Speak authoritatively when showing your expertise on a subject

Clear Voice: Project your voice to a large audience

Sophisticated Language: Use a range of sentence stems to introduce and link your ideas.

Discussions / Debates

Purpose:

To **explore different views** on a topic and attempt to reach an informed decision

Success Criteria for discussions/debates:

Build on points made: Use your subject knowledge to build upon/argue against a point made

Features of Writing: Non-Fiction

Non-Chronological Reports

Purpose and Examples:

To **inform/teach** the reader about a topic. Often, they are based on History or Science.

- An encyclopaedia report about Tutankhamun

Grammatical Features:

Factual (no opinions) , Written in the third person , Formal tone , Sub-headings to separate sections , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs)

Example Sentences:

Tutankhamun was buried with a range of personal items, because the Egyptians believed their possessions could be used again in the Afterlife.

TV Reports

Purpose and Examples:

To **inform/teach** the reader about an event that has just happened.

- A report about a robbery

Grammatical Features:

Report is factual , Opinions within interviews , Report is written in the third person , Quotes from witnesses in the first person , Formal report with chatty/informal interviews , Sub-headings to separate sections , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs) ,

Example Sentences:

We can reveal that the headmaster of the school has been secretly hypnotising his students and feeding them the answers to their tests.

We met with a local parent, "I'm not so happy about the hypnotising, but my child's scores have gone through the roof. I'm very impressed with the progress they've made."

Diaries/Informal Letters

Purpose and Examples:

To **share your opinion** about an important event with yourself (diary) or someone close to you (letter).

Would probably be slightly more honest/emotional in a diary entry

- A diary entry after seeing a ghost in the woods

Grammatical Features:

Opinions and Emotions , Written in the first person , Chatty/informal language , Questions
A range of tenses , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs) ,

Example Sentences:

I'm literally still shaking! I can't believe what I just saw. Was it real? It's giving me the creeps thinking it might still be out there.

Features of Writing: Fiction

Stories

Purpose and Examples:

To **entertain the reader** using your imagination and ability to create characters, settings, and plots.

Historical Fiction, Mystery, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Horror

Grammatical Features:

Can be written in first or third person , Expanded Noun Phrases and Prepositional Phrases , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs) , Inverted Commas , A range of sentence starters

Example Sentences:

Outside the house, the chariot's wheels groaned in pain as they turned the corner sharply.

"You are feeling very sleepy," said the Headmaster as he removed his glasses. Dinah's head felt heavy as she fell back in her chair.

Stories with tension

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Often set within a dark and abandoned area.

The protagonist often ends up alone.

Often set at night.

Sometimes ends on a cliff hanger

Grammatical Features:

Withholding Information

Use short, sharp sentences

Use show don't tell (emotions)

Example Sentences:

She finally managed to get inside the room. The staircase creaked. "Damn!" She held her breath. The creaking became louder as footsteps rapidly approached. She ducked and hid. Catching her gasp with her hand, she couldn't believe the figure that appeared from the shadows.

Simple Overview of Genres of Writing

Historical	Historical Fiction stories are set before the time they are written. They often include past events and historical people within their stories. They combine invented scenes and dialogue with authentic and believable details. Often, historical fiction stories include themes such as friendship, adventure, and war.	Romans on the Ramage Letters from the Lighthouse Secrets of A Sun King
Mystery	A story where a crime is committed and the perpetrator is unknown. The main character will try and solve the crime. Will often search for clues to help them solve the mystery.	Murder Most Unladylike The London Eye Mystery Agatha Oddly
Coming of Age	A story where a young protagonist matures over time. These stories are often set in difficult and frightening circumstances, where the protagonist needs to develop resilience to survive	Tracy Beaker Once Wonder
Horror	A scary story written to frighten the reader. Building tension is essential. Detailed descriptions are important to create a scary atmosphere.	The Night of the Living Dummy Spook School The Graveyard Book
Fantasy	A story about an imagined place and people. A whole new world is often created with fantastical creatures and magical events.	Harry Potter How to train your dragon The Hobbit
Myths	A made-up story used to explain why things happen the way they do. Often, gods, goddesses and mythological creatures exist within these stories. Links closely to fantasy.	Who Let the Gods Out Percy Jackson Odysseus

New Writing Content: Year 4

Using Adverbials to specify when, where and how

Adverbials tell us when, where or how something happens. They can come at the start (fronted adverbials) or at the end of a sentence.

After lunch, we played football.

We played football after lunch.

Using expanded noun phrases with a modifying prepositional phrase

An expanded noun phrase is when we add adjectives to give more detail about a noun. A prepositional phrase gives us extra information about the noun.

Noun - The cat

Expanded Noun Phrase - The white, fluffy cat

Prepositional Phrase - The white, fluffy cat sat on the floor.

Use modal verbs to show how possible or certain an event is

Modal Verbs show how possible or certain something is. They show if someone can, should or must do something.

You should do your homework.

You must wear a helmet when you are cycling.

Vocabulary Words from The Butterfly Lion

shimmering	Something shining in a flickering light
plucked	When something is grabbed and pulled off
smeared	To spread something over a surface or to damage the reputation of someone
continuous	Something that is happening over time
ominous	A sign of future evil or trouble
wafted	Something floating or moving through the air
merrily	To do something with a happy and positive attitude
remote	When something is far away from everything else
yearned	Deeply wanting something
forbidden	Not being allowed to do something
intrusion	Entering or being in a place you weren't allowed
triumphantly	Achieving a success in a strong manner
wincing	To pull away from something you are surprised or scared by
dread	To be afraid of doing something
wrung	To twist or squeeze tightly
betrayal	Act in a dishonest and disloyal way to someone
pitifully	To behave in a way that causes sympathy or can be seen as pathetic
ravenous	Very hungry or starved
scarcely	Almost unable to do something
confines	To stay within certain limits or restrictions
rambling	To talk or write without a clear purpose
flamboyant	Something that is very noticeable
bounding	Walk or run with big strides
hoisted	To lift something up
staggered	To walk in a unsteady way or to be surprised by something
bombarded	To attack something relentlessly
unscathed	To come away from something unharmed
prophecy	a story or idea about what will happen in the future
discreet	To behave in a quiet and unnoticeable way
prestige	When something holds widespread respect or admiration

Vocabulary Words from Sherlock Bones and the Haunted Castle

shroud	A fabric that covers something
quivered	To tremble or shake
propped	Pushed up against something; or when a door or window is kept slightly open
clasped	Grab tightly
hollow	Empty on the inside
lurking	Hiding in the dark
restless	Lots of energy
dabbed	When something is lightly pressed with a material to dry it
ushering	Showing or guiding someone
snug	Cosy
jotting	A short note
grudge	When you are still angry at someone for something that happened a long time ago
lurks	When you hide in the dark
treacherous	Not to be trusted; dangerous
trudged	When you walk slowly because you're very tired or it's a difficult place to walk
repel	Drive back, push away
ordeal	A difficult challenge
gibberish	Nonsense
jittered	Uncontrolled shaking
glimpse	When you see something very briefly
mere	When you want to show how small, weak, or useless something is. E.g. "You are a mere boy – how could you ever defeat me?"
yanked	Pulled
pelted	To throw things at someone repeatedly
venturing	Going somewhere to discover something – similar to an "adventure"
mull	To think carefully about something
sheer	Used for emphasis: "she giggled in sheer delight" means that she was really, really happy
plummeting	Falling quickly
reassure	To calm someone down and tell them everything's ok
discarded	Thrown away

Vocabulary Words from Kensuke's Kingdom

regularity	When something happens often
sameness	When things or people are the same rather than different
Exhilarating	Exciting
Scarcely	Only just, almost not – e.g., Ricardo was so quiet we could scarcely hear him
disbanded	When a team is broken up or separated.
dumbstruck	Very surprised, like you can't believe it
irresponsible	Making bad choices, not doing what you're supposed to, taking too many risks

Vocabulary Words from The Demon Head Master

scornful	Showing a lack of respect
excessive	Too much; over the top
sedately	Walking slowly and calmly, almost as if they are asleep
reciting	Repeating
abruptly	Suddenly
unnervingly	When someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable
unrepentant	Not wanting to admit they were wrong
gnawing	Chewing. "Kayla's message gnawed at me" = I couldn't stop thinking about Kayla's message, it worried or confused me.
placid	Not easily upset or angered; very calm and peaceful
curtly	Very quickly and a bit rudely
perplexed	Confused
irate	Very angry; furious
incredulous	When you can't believe something
disorderly	Untidy; messy; all over the place
immaculate	Perfectly clean; spotless; perfect
merciful	Kind and willing to forgive others
wryly	In a witty way; using clever humour
fiendish	Cruel; unpleasant
reproachful	Showing disappointment
revulsion	Disgust
roused	Woken up; made angry or excited
contemptuous	Showing a lack of respect
grudgingly	Reluctantly; like you don't want to do something
wearily	Acting in a really tired or exhausted way
sullen	Grumpy; bad-tempered and sulky
belligerent	Very aggressive and angry
jovial	Happy; cheerful; joking around
conceited	Too proud of yourself; vain
ludicrous	Ridiculous; silly
stupendous	Extremely impressive

Vocabulary Words from Orchard Greek Myths

shrivelled	Something that has shrunk, becoming dry and wrinkled
snarling	to growl like a dog or speak aggressively
draped	To hang or stretch out loosely
bound	Something is very likely going to happen or you're moving in large leaps
sliver	A long and thin piece of something
moulded	to make a soft substance a particular shape
bustled	To move around busily and noisily
hopelessness	having little or no hope
summoned	Someone ordering you to come to them
ventured	To move or travel in a brave manner
delectable	extremely pleasing
trickled	To flow in a thin gentle stream
soared	To fly in the air, often very high
taunted	Intentionally annoy someone by saying unkind things
plume	A large, fluffy, colourful feather
Labyrinth	A place full of complicated paths that try to make it hard for you to get out. A maze.
nudged	To push gently or touch with elbow to get attention
bitter	Being continually angry about something that happened in the past
cavern	A large cave or a large chamber in a cave
dismal	Very depressing
wilted	To lose freshness and become limp
devoured	To eat or swallow in a greedy way
gruesome	Frightening in a disgusting way
quarrelling	An angry argument or disagreement
writhing	To twist and turn your body from pain
parched	Something very dry and in need of water

Vocabulary Words from Varjak Paw

restless	Unable to relax
dozing	Sleeping lightly
trickled	Flow in a small stream
fiddling	Touch or fidget with something
sternly	Acting in a serious way
flourish	Growing in a healthy and positive way
hubbub	A busy noisy situation
seldom	Does not happen often
impressionable	When someone is easily convinced or influenced
concealed	Something that is hidden
sleek	Smooth and glossy
lurched	To move in a way that is not regular or normal
treacherous	Guilty of betrayal or deception
goaded	annoying someone in order to get a response
toppled	something losing balance and falling down
solitary	Existing alone
belched	Produce noise from the stomach to the mouth
abruptly	Suddenly or unexpectedly
stern	Serious and strict
scuttled	Running with short and quick steps
quaked	Shaking or trembling
cowered	Crouching down in fear
strode	Walking with long or decisive steps
slunk	Moved smoothly in a stealthy manner
desolate	No one lives there and it is bleak
potent	Having great influence and power
pummelled	Striking repeatedly with fists
sizzling	Very hot
sluggish	Slow moving or not active
probed	Exploring or examining something with your hands