



Year 3 - English Cheat Sheet

Reference

A quick reference for the grammar terms that come up in Year 3 English - many of these have precise meanings that go beyond how we casually use the words at home.

Sentence Building

Conjunction

a joining word that links two ideas together.

and, but, because, so, if

Sentence

a group of words that makes complete sense on its own, usually with a subject and a verb.

The dog barked.

Statement, Question, Command, Exclamation

the four types of sentence, each ending with different punctuation (. ? . or !).

Punctuation

Apostrophe for possession

shows something belongs to someone.

the dog's bone (the bone belongs to the dog)

Apostrophe for contraction

shows letters have been missed out when two words are joined.

don't = do not

Capital letter rules

used for the start of a sentence, names of people and places, and the word "I".

Word Classes

Noun

a naming word - a person, place, or thing.

dog, London, happiness

Verb

a doing or being word.

run, is, think

Adjective

a describing word - it gives more detail about a noun.

the tall tree

Adverb

a word that describes a verb, often ending in -ly.

she ran quickly

Writing Structure

Paragraph

a group of sentences about the same idea, usually starting on a new line.

Direct speech

the exact words someone says, shown inside speech marks.

"I'm hungry," said Tom.