



Year 5 - English Cheat Sheet

Reference

A quick reference for the grammar terms that come up in Year 5 English - the terminology gets more technical from here, so this is a handy refresher.

Clauses & Sentence Structure

Main clause

a group of words that makes complete sense on its own - it could be a sentence by itself.

I went to the shop

Relative clause

extra information about a noun, usually starting with who, which, that, whose, or where.

The dog, which was very old, slept all day.

Subordinate clause

a clause that doesn't make full sense on its own - it depends on the main clause.

Although it was raining (needs more to complete it)

Verbs

Modal verb

a verb showing how likely or necessary something is.

might, could, must, should, will

Verb tense

shows when an action happens - past, present, or future.

Perfect tense

shows an action completed at some point, often using "have" or "had".

I have finished my homework.

Punctuation

Comma for clarity

commas can prevent a sentence being misread.

Let's eat, Grandma! (not "Let's eat Grandma!")

Brackets / dashes

used to add extra, non-essential information into a sentence.

The trip (which was cancelled) was rearranged.

Word Meaning

Synonym

a word with a similar meaning to another.

happy and joyful

Antonym

a word with the opposite meaning to another.

hot and cold

Prefix / Suffix

letters added to the start (prefix) or end (suffix) of a word to change its meaning.

un-happy, happi-ness