



# Year 6 - English Cheat Sheet

Reference

A quick reference for the grammar and punctuation terms tested in the Year 6 SATs GPS paper - this is the most technical terminology your child will meet in primary school.

## SATs GPS Paper

### GPS paper

stands for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - two papers: grammar/punctuation, and a dictated spelling test.

## Voice & Formality

### Active voice

the subject does the action.

*The dog chased the cat.*

### Passive voice

the subject receives the action.

*The cat was chased by the dog.*

### Formal vs informal

formal language avoids contractions and slang; informal language is more relaxed, like spoken conversation.

## Advanced Punctuation

### Semi-colon

joins two related main clauses without a conjunction.

*I have a test tomorrow; I need to revise.*

### Colon

introduces a list, explanation, or example.

*There is one thing I need: a new pencil.*

### Hyphen

joins words together to avoid ambiguity or form a compound word.

*a well-known author*

## Word Classes & Clauses

### Subject and object

the subject does the action; the object receives it.

*The dog (subject) chased the ball (object).*

### Determiner

a word that comes before a noun to clarify what it refers to.

*the, a, this, some*

### Cohesion

how a piece of writing links together and flows logically from one idea to the next.