

Year 1 Grammar and Punctuation Glossary



This glossary builds on the terminology used in previous years.

Grammar/Punctuation term	What does it mean?
Capital letter	A capital letter is used at the beginning of a sentence, for the word 'I' and the name of a person, place or thing.
Exclamation mark !	An exclamation mark is used after a word or words that express strong feelings, e.g. "Look up there!" she yelled.
Full stop .	Full stops are used to end a sentence.
Letter	A symbol of the alphabet that represents a sound.
Plural	The form of a word that names or refers to more than one thing, e.g. the plural of 'boy' is 'boys'.
Punctuation	The marks used in writing to separate sentences to clarify meaning, e.g. full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.
Question mark ?	A question mark is used at the end of a sentence that asks a question, e.g. What is your favourite colour?
Sentence	A complete unit of words in either writing or speech with a clear beginning and a full stop. A sentence usually has a subject and a verb. Sentences can state things, ask questions, give commands or be exclamations.
Singular	The form of a word that names or refers to only one, e.g. horse, table, or person.
Word	A word is a unit of language. A sound, group of sounds or the symbols for such sounds that have some meaning.