Grammar Progression in Key Stage 1 – Parents' Guide

Year Group	Grammar	Picture clue	Definition	Example
Reception	sentence		A group of words that are put together to mean something – must include a verb.	The sky is blue. Today is Monday. Her dress looked beautiful.
Reception	WAGOLL		What A Good One Looks Like - An example of a piece of writing.	
Year 1	clause		Contains a subject and a verb. There are two types of clauses 1) Independent- this can standalone. 2) dependent-works only as a whole sentence. It could begin with after, although, because, if, when, while	Independent – She can leave the office now Dependent clause - because she finished work early
Year 1	noun	long big	Name of a person, place, or thing. 4 types of noun 1. Common – table, cat (Year 1) 2. Proper – John, England (Year 1) 3. Collective – pride, gaggle, flock (Year 3) 4. Abstract – love, bravery (Year 4)	The cat sat on the table. John lives in England. Lions live together in a pride. Can you feel the love?
Year 1	adjective	thin little thick short	A word that describes a noun.	The dog was enormous and very fierce.

Year 1	verb	LIGHTS, CAMERA ACTION	An action or doing word. Some verbs are irregular – see – saw / seen catch - caught	She waited patiently. She has been waiting She waits
Year 1	singular		Singular forms refer to one thing - noun.	Cat Church Child Tooth
Year 1	plural		Plural forms refer to more than one noun. Plural usually marked by addition of - s, es Some plurals are irregular. Some nouns are mass nouns and do not change in the plural.	cats churches teeth / feet fish, sheep
Year 2	suffix	SLOW+LY = SLOWLY	A group of letters added to the end of a word to change its grammatical use.	assess <u>ment</u> quick <u>ly</u> beaut <u>iful</u>
Year 2	prefix	UN+DONE = UNDONE	A group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its grammatical use.	dismiss untidy inedible
Year 1	conjunction	200	Used to join two sentences together within one sentence.	He needed his coat because it was cold. The curtains danced in the wind while the windows crashed.
Year 2	Conjunction		Used to join a new sentence to the previous.	We went to the park and played on the swings. Yesterday, she slid down the slide before climbing on the helicopter frame.

Year 2	subordinate clause		A clause with a subject and a verb but cannot stand alone, so is in addition to the main clause.	Although I was scared, I crept inside. I crept inside is the main clause as it can stand alone and still make sense.
Year 2	adverb	PLACE LEARN WALK ACT DAN LEARN WALK ACT DAN LEARN WALK ACT DAN LEARN WERE LEARN WALK ACT DAN LEARN WALK ACT	Adverbs give extra meaning to a verb, an adjective or a whole sentence.	I really enjoyed the party. (adverb + verb) She's really nice. (adverb + adjective) He works really slowly. (adverb + adjective) Really, he should know better. (adverb + sentence)
Year 2	present tense		Writing which expresses events happening now.	Joyce is skipping and singing a song. Rex is looking out of the car window.
Year 2	past tense	PAST NOW FUTURE	Writing which expresses events that have already occurred.	Joyce skipped and sang a song. Rex looked out of the car window.
Year 2	Past progressive form	THE PAST	Indicates a continuing action, something that was happening or going on in the past.	Carlos lost his watch while he was running. I was riding my bike all day yesterday.
Year 2	expanded noun phrase	EXPAND	Words are used to modify a noun. Here the phrase is expanded with an adjective.	The blue butterfly. She opened her shiny envelope carefully.
Year 2	contraction	9	When an apostrophe is used for shortened forms of words from which one or more letters have been removed.	Can no t – can't She is – she's
Year 2	possession	9	When an apostrophe is used to indicate that something belongs to someone/thing.	Jack's trousers are missing. Have you seen Florence's hair recently?

Year 2	homophone	which witch	Two or more words having the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins, or spelling.	Take a look over there. They're coming around to play later. Do you think that is their hat?
Year 2	dialogue		A conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.	'Do you think that I can join your game?' asked Mabel. Simon thought for a while, 'Of course you can!' he said whilst scratching his nose, 'We are playing catch!' 'Thank you!' beamed Mabel.
Year 2	multi-clause sentence	yet and to for but until because however	A sentence with two or more clauses in it.	In the distance, I could see a wolf chasing a mouse whilst I was walking home.

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