

Adjective

A word that
describes a noun,
e.g. a big house,
a cold morning.

Adverb

A word that
describes a verb,
e.g. run quickly,
dance happily.

Article

The words **the**, **a** or **an** which go before a **noun**.

Clause

A part of a sentence that contains a verb and someone or something doing the action.

Conjunction

A word that joins
two clauses or
sentences, e.g. **and,**
but, so.

Main clause

An important part of a sentence that would make sense on its own.

Main clause

e.g. I went out even though it was raining.

I went out is the main clause because it makes sense on its own.

Noun

A word that names something, e.g.
scissors, herd,
happiness.

Proper noun

A word that names a person or a place,
e.g. Paul, London,
Wales.

Phrase

A small part of a sentence, usually without a verb, e.g. I have met many famous pop stars.

Prefix

Letters that can be put in front of a word to change its meaning, e.g. unlock.

Preposition

A word that tells you how things are related, e.g. **in, above, before.**

Pronoun

Words that can be used instead of nouns, e.g. **I, you, he, it.**

Subordinate clause

A less important part of a sentence which doesn't make sense on its own.

Subordinate clause

e.g. While you were

out, I watched TV.

While you were out is the subordinate clause because it doesn't make sense on its own.

Suffix

Letters that can be put after a word to change its meaning, e.g. cheerful.

Verb

A doing or being word, e.g. I run, he went, you are.

Comma

Used to separate items in a list and to mark the beginning or end of a clause.

Comma

E.g. The train, which was late, pulled into the station.

Colon

Used to introduce an idea or a list, e.g.

There was only one thing to do: jump!

Semi-colon

Used to separate complex items in a list or to separate independent clauses.

Semi-colon

E.g. Zach didn't enjoy playtime; he didn't like football.

Speech marks

Used to show direct speech (also called inverted commas).

“Stop!” she shouted.

Apostrophes

Used to show
possession,

e.g. The girl's jumper
was in her bag.

Apostrophes

Used to show
omission,
e.g. wouldn't,
they're, I've.