

Chesterton Primary School

English Writing Curriculum

Year by Year



Overview – Key to Components

Letters and Spacing

Word

Building a Sentence

Sentence Types

Punctuation

Text

English Writing - EYFS - Crucial Knowledge Overview

literacy – being able to read and write

Letters and Spacing

lower case letters

usually smaller in size
used most often in writing

capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size
used when writing your name

finger spaces

gaps left between words

Word

word

a group of letters that mean something

Building a Sentence

phrase

a group of words that does not have a verb but tells information
the hungry dog

English Writing - Year 1 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

Letters and Spacing

lower case letters

usually smaller in size
used most often in writing

capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size
used at the start of a sentence and a proper noun

finger spaces

gaps left between words

Word

noun

person, place or thing

verb

doing, having or being

Building a Sentence

phrase

a group of words that does not have a verb but tells information
the hungry dog

conjunction

a word to connect phrases and sentences

Sentence Types

sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop,
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

Punctuation

full stop .

a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

question mark ?

placed at the end of a question sentence

exclamation mark !

placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

English Writing - Year 2 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

Letters and Spacing

lower case letters

usually smaller in size
used most often in writing

capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at the start of a sentence and a proper noun

finger spaces

gaps left between words

Word

noun

person, place or thing

verb

doing, having or being

adjective

describes a noun

Building a Sentence

phrase

a group of words that does not have a verb but tells information
the hungry dog

conjunction

a word to connect phrases and sentences

tense

shows if writing is set in the past, present or future.

Sentence Types

sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

statement
tells you something

command
tells you to do something

question
asks you something

exclamation
exclaims (surprise) about something

Punctuation

full stop
.
a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

question mark
?
placed at the end of a question sentence

exclamation mark
!
placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

comma
,
a short pause goes on the bottom line

apostrophe
'
shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction)

English Writing - Year 3 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

Letters and Spacing

lower case letters

usually smaller in size
used most often in writing

capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at the
start of a sentence and a proper noun

finger spaces

gaps left between words

Word

noun

person, place or thing

verb

doing, having or being

adjective

describes a noun

adverb

gives more information about a
verb

prefix

a group of letters put before a
word to change its meaning

suffix

a letter or a group of letters put
after a word to change its
meaning

contraction

two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe '
where the removed letters were - **they will = they'll**

Building a Sentence

preposition

tells the position, time or way of
something of *under, until, with sadness*

phrase

a group of words that does not have a
verb but tells information
the hungry dog

clause

a group of words containing a noun and
a verb
the hungry dog ran

conjunction

a word to connect phrases and
sentences

tense

shows if writing is set in the past, present
or future.

Sentence Types

sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have one or more clauses
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

statement
tells you something

command
tells you to do something

question
asks you something

exclamation
exclaims (surprise) about something

paragraph
a section of writing made up of one or more sentences grouped together about one main subject

Punctuation

full stop .
a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

question mark ?
placed at the end of a question sentence

comma ,
a short pause
goes on the bottom line

exclamation mark !
placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

apostrophe ‘
shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction)

speech
talking

inverted commas “
shows words being spoken

English Writing - Year 4 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

Letters and Spacing

lower case letters

usually smaller in size
used most often in writing

capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at
the start of a sentence and a proper noun

finger spaces

gaps left between words

Word

noun

person, place or thing

verb

doing, having or being

adjective

describes a noun

adverb

gives more information about a
verb

prefix

a group of letters put before a
word to change its meaning

suffix

a letter of a group of letters put
after a word to change its
meaning

contraction

two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe ‘
where the removed letters were - **they will = they’ll**

Building a Sentence

preposition

tells the position, time or way
of something of *under, until,*
with sadness

determiner

a word to give context to a
noun (*the, a, this*)

phrase

a group of words that does not
have a verb but tells information
the hungry dog

tense

shows if writing is set in the
past, present or future.

conjunction

a word to connect phrases and sentences

clause

a group of words containing a noun and a verb
the hungry dog ran

Sentence Types

sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have one or more clauses
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

statement
tells you something

command
tells you to do something

question
asks you something

exclamation
exclaims (surprise) about something

paragraph
a section of writing made up of one or more sentences grouped together about one main subject

simple sentence
a sentence with one clause which makes sense
The hungry dog ran.

Punctuation

full stop .
a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

question mark ?
placed at the end of a question sentence

comma ,
a short pause goes on the bottom line

exclamation mark !
placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

apostrophe ‘
shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction)

speech
talking

inverted commas “
shows words being spoken

English Writing - Year 5 & 6 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

Letters and Spacing

lower case letters

usually smaller in size
used most often in writing

capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at
the start of a sentence and a proper noun

finger spaces

gaps left between words

Word

noun

person, place or thing

verb

doing, having or being

adjective

describes a noun

adverb

gives more information about a
verb

prefix

a group of letters put before a
word to change its meaning

suffix

a letter of a group of letters put
after a word to change its
meaning

contraction

two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe '
where the removed letters were - **they will = they'll**

Building a Sentence

preposition

tells the position, time or way
of something of *under, until,*
with sadness

determiner

a word to give context to a
noun (*the, a, this*)

phrase

a group of words that does not
have a verb but tells information
the hungry dog

tense

shows if writing is set in the
past, present or future.

conjunction

a word to connect phrases and sentences

clause

a group of words containing a noun and a verb
the hungry dog ran

Sentence Types

sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have one or more clauses
- must have a verb and a noun
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statement
tells you something

command
tells you to do something

question
asks you something

exclamation
exclaims (surprise) about something

paragraph
a section of writing made up of one or more sentences grouped together about one main subject

simple sentence
a sentence with one clause which makes sense
The hungry dog ran.

Punctuation

full stop .
a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

question mark ?
placed at the end of a question sentence

exclamation mark !
placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

comma ,
a short pause goes on the bottom line

dialogue
is a conversation (speech/talking) between two or more characters

apostrophe ‘
shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction)

inverted commas “
shows words being spoken

Text

Across the year groups children will write in different ways which will use the following knowledge:

describe

to say or write what something is like

information

facts about a person, place, event etc

instruction

lists of items and numbered points detailing how to carry out a certain activity

argue

express a points of view 'for' or 'against'

explanation (explain)

describes a how and why something is done

playscript

a piece of writing written for actors to read from

poetry

a piece of writing that uses imagination and words to share ideas, feelings or a story

fiction

a piece of writing which describes people and events which are not true facts

non-fiction

a text that is not a story and gives true facts and information

setting

the place in a story takes place

character

a person (or animal) in a story