

# MY FIRST GRAMMAR PASSPORT

Curriculum 2014

## SENTENCES

A sentence can be:

- **A statement**  
eg. *This is the first page of a booklet.*
- **A question**  
eg. *How are you today?*
- **An exclamation**  
eg. *What a lovely surprise!*
- **A command**  
eg. *Look at the board, please.*



## PAST AND PRESENT TENSES

If a sentence tells us about things that have already happened, we use the **PAST TENSE**.

*Anna stroked the rabbit.*

*Sam was stroking the cat.*

If a sentence tells us about things that are happening now, we use the **PRESENT TENSE**.

*Jack sits near the window.*

*Alice is sitting next to me.*



## CONJUNCTIONS

These are words which link clauses within sentences.

and, but, so, because, when, that, although

## CAPITAL LETTERS

We use a capital letter to start every sentence and for the names of people, places, days and months.

*We live in Meadow Road, Taunton.*

*Our Uncle Dan is visiting us next Tuesday.*

## APOSTROPHES TO SHORTEN WORDS

When we shorten some words we use an apostrophe to replace the missing letters.

*did not ..... didn't*

*you are ..... you're*

*I am ..... I'm*

## APOSTROPHES TO SHOW OWNERSHIP

We use an apostrophe to show that a thing belongs to someone or something.

*That is David's bag.*

*The bag's zip was broken.*



## WORD CLASSES

**Noun** - names a person, place or thing

*Tom has a cat that loves milk.*

Sometimes a group of words can act like a noun. This is called a **noun phrase**.

*She sat in her favourite chair.*

**Adjective** - describes a noun

*The clever wizard cast a wicked spell.*

**Verb** - a doing or being word

*I walk to school every day.*

*The giant was hungry.*

**Adverb** - describes how something was done

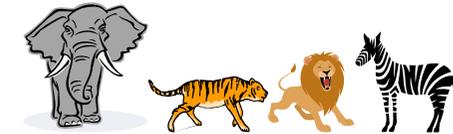
*She walked slowly.*

*They sang loudly.*

## COMMAS IN LISTS

We use a comma to separate things in a list.

*We went to the zoo and saw elephants, tigers, lions and zebras.*



We don't need a comma before the 'and' at the end of the list.

*Apples, pears, bananas and oranges are all good for you.*