

Birklands Primary School – Grammar Knowledge Organiser: Year 4

Apostrophes for contraction.		Examples:		
Replace omitted letters with an apostrophe.		they + have = they've		
		l + am = l'm		
		we + are = we're		
Apostrophes for possession: To show belonging.		Examples:		
Use an apostrophe + s ('s) to show that one person/thing owns or is a member of		Lisa's car, the parrot's beak		
something.		the parents' bedroom, the girls' team		
Use an apostrophe after the 's' at the end of a plural noun to show possession.		the children's room		
If a plural noun doesn't end in 's', add an apostrophe + 's' to create the possessive				
form.				
Expanded noun phrase: a noun phrase is expanded by the addition of adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases.		Example: determiner, adjective, noun, preposition		
the teacher		The strict maths teacher with curly hair		
Determiners: a modifying word that	Examples:	Pronoun: a function word used in place of a	Examples:	
determines the kind of reference a noun or		noun or noun phrase to add cohesion and	she = Sarah	
noun group has.		avoid repetition.	there = the beach	
			they = Sarah, Jack, , Adam	
		Sarah went to the beach. Sarah met Jack	Sarah went to the beach. She	
		and Adam at the beach, and Sarah, Jack and	met Jack and Adam there and	
		Adam bought an ice-cream.	they bought an ice-cream.	
		Possessive pronoun: a pronoun that	my, our, your, his, her, its, their,	
		demonstrates ownership.	mine	
articles	a boy, an apple, the cat			
demonstratives	this apple, that car, these shoes, those girls			
possessives	his hat, her pen, my bag, their house			
quantifiers	some rice, every word, each box			
numbers	one chair, two men, three dogs			
question words	which bag, what letter, whose comp			
Fronted adverbial: words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to		Examples:		
describe the action that follows. A comma marks the adverbial.				
Time		As soon as she could, she returned home.		
Frequency		Every morning, Tom took his dog for a walk.		
Place		Above the clouds, the sun shone brightly.		
Manner		Without warning, she burst into song.		
Extent		Decidedly unimpressed, the teacher warned the student.		