



Year 3 Grammar Glossary

Grammar term	What does it mean?
Clause	A clause is a phrase of two or more words. It has a verb as the key word. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's raining. Samira has four pets because she likes animals.
Conjunction	A conjunction links two words, phrases or clauses together as part of a sentence. There are two main types of conjunction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Words such as and, but and so link two words or phrases which are equally important. I got a bike <u>and</u> a football for my birthday. Words such as because, if or when introduce a subordinate clause If you like, we can have chips for tea. • There's no tennis today <u>because</u> it's raining.
Consonant letter	A consonant is a letter sound made when you use your teeth, lips and/or tongue to change how the air comes through your mouth. Most letters are consonants, like these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sounds /p/ and /b/ are made when you close your lips then opening them quickly. The sound /t/ is made when you press your tongue behind your top teeth.
Direct speech	Direct speech is the words which actually come out of someone's mouth, like the speech bubbles in a cartoon.
Inverted commas	Inverted commas (speech marks) go around the speaker's words only. Use them in stories to show when a character is speaking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Why didn't anyone tell me I had my underpants on the outside?" asked Superman.
Prefix	A prefix is added to the beginning of a word to turn it into a different word. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> overtake, disappear, return
Preposition	A preposition links a noun or noun phrase to another word. They often mark direction or locations, but can also make time links. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please put your pens <u>in</u> the tub. • We went <u>to</u> the USA <u>on</u> holiday. • I haven't seen her <u>since</u> playtime.

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Speech marks	See inverted commas .
Subordinate clause	A subordinate clause adds to another clause. It can't be a sentence by itself. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Here's the book <u>that</u> I promised you. <u>When</u> I grow up, I want to be a pilot.
Vowel letter	A vowel letter is one that you make by just changing the shape of your open mouth. You don't use your teeth, tongue or lips. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letters a, e, i, o and u are vowels. They can be spoken or written. Letter y can also be used to represent a vowel sound.
Word family	Words in a word family are related by meaning, grammar or spelling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach, teacher, teaching Child, children, childish(ly)