



Glossary of Grammar Terms

Year 2

adjective a word that describes someone or something (*tall, big and brilliant* are adjectives)

adverb a word that describes how, when or where something happens (*quickly, slowly* are adverbs)

apostrophe (') use this to show possession or omission

comma (,) use this as a pause, to separate ideas in a sentence

command a type of sentence that gives advice, instructions or that expresses a request or command

compound sentence a sentence made up of two sentences joined together by a conjunction (*Ravi played football, but George played cricket*)

conjunction a word that you use to join two parts of a sentence together (*and* and *but* are conjunctions)

contraction a short form of two words (*haven't* is a contraction of *have not*)

exclamation mark (!) use this at the end of a sentence to show someone is angry, surprised or excited. You can also use an exclamation mark after a command (*Look out!*)

full stop (.) put this at the end of a sentence

noun a word that is the name of a person, place, thing or idea (*chair, cat, London* and *sport* are nouns)

noun phrase typically consists of a noun that is modified by other words such as articles, adjectives, additional nouns or preposition phrases (*The shed, The blue shed, The blue garden shed*)

prefix a group of letters that is added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning, such as *un-* and *dis-*

question mark (?) put this at the end of a sentence to show it is a questions (*What's the highest mountain in the world?*)

root word a word to which a prefix or suffix can be added to make a new word. In the word *unhappy*, *un-* is a prefix and *happy* is the root word

sentence a group of words that express an idea independently

suffix a group of letters that is added to the end of a word to change its meaning or make it a different word class. The suffix *-ly* changes an adjective into an adverb (*safe, safely*)

tense the tense of a verb tells you when something happens. You use the present tense to talk about what is happening now and the past tense to talk about something in that past

verb a word that describes what someone or something is doing (*eat* and *bring* are verbs)