



Glossary of Grammar Terms

Year 5

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

adverbial a word or phrase that gives more information about when, where or why something happens

alliteration the use of words that begin with the same sound to create a special effect in writing (*five fat fish*)

bracket (...) used in matched pairs within text, to set apart or interject other text

cohesion how ideas are held together through the flow of linked sentences

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

dash (-) used in writing; two dashes around words or a phrase can be used like brackets

determiner a word that you use in front of a noun (*a, the, this, many* and *some* are determiners)

first person when you use first person, you use the words *I* and *we* to write about yourself (or the character you are role-playing) in a story

modal verb a verb that comes before a main verbs (*can, could, will, would, shall, ought*)

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

paragraph one section in a piece of writing. You begin each new paragraph on a new line

parenthesis a word or words added to the main text and surrounded by dashes, brackets or commas

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

pronoun a word you can use instead of a noun or noun phrase so that you don't have to repeat a noun (*he, she* and *it* are pronouns)

relative clause a clause (group of words that contain a verb) that gives more information about the main clause in a sentence. A relative clause can start with words such as *where, which, who* and *where*

relative pronoun introduce a relative clause, (*who, whom, whose, which, that*)

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

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*)

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