Punctuation Quick Guide

- A full stop (.) ends a sentence.
- A question mark (?) ends a sentence that asks a question.
- A comma (,) is used to separate parts of a sentence. It is also used to split up items in a list.
- An exclamation mark (!) is used at the end of a sentence to show a strong feeling or emotion like surprise, shock, pain, joy or anger.
- An ellipses (...) is used to show that something has been left out or is not yet finished.
- An **apostrophe (')** is used to show ownership (The girl's coat). It is also used to show that a word has been shortened by missing out letters (I am= I'm).

- Inverted Commas ("") are used to show that someone is speaking they wrap around the words that are being spoken.
- A colon (:) is used to introduce a list or a following example (ie a classification).
- A semi-colon (;) is used to separate two parts of a sentence that could be written as two sentences.
 (I liked the book; it was a great read.)
- Brackets or Parenthesis () are used to explain something or add extra detail (elaborate).
- A dash (-) is used instead of a comma, colon, semicolon or brackets. (After months of deliberation, the jurors reached a unanimous verdict—guilty.)

Grammar Basics Guide

- We use **Nouns** to give names to people places and things.
- Abstract Nouns things you cannot see or touch (e.g., bravery, joy)
- 2. Collective Nouns words to describe groups (e.g., team, choir)
- 3. **Proper Nouns** start with capital letters and they can be:
 - -Names of Particular
 - People (Sally)
 - -Places (Paris, Alderman
 - Jacobs)
 - -Days and Months (Monday, June)
- Noun Phrases are groups of words that do the job of the noun. (<u>The old, brown</u> <u>cow</u> walked slowly to the field.)
- **Pronouns** are used to replace the noun.
 - -<u>Jane</u> went to school > <u>She</u>

went to school

- Determiners give important information about the noun. Determiners have to go before adjectives in sentences.
- 1. Articles: Definite (specific nouns)

Articles: the (the picture was amazing) Indefinite (any noun)

articles: A, an (an apple is good for you)

- 2. Demonstrative: this, that (that book is fantastic)
- 3. Quantifiers: some, every (some noisy people arrived)
- 4. Possessive Adjectives: my, your (my name is Sam)
- Adjectives gives information to the noun (The blue pencil. An enormous turnip.)
- Verbs often tell us what

	someone or something is
	doing or feeling.
	Present Tense: I feel full.
	Past Tense: They walked
	home.
•	Modal Verbs are words
	like: will, would, can, could,
	should, might,shall and
	must. They change the
	meaning of other verbs.
	Modal Verbs indicate
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Examples: You **should** help your mother. We **must** follow the directions.)

possibility.

• Conjunctions join two parts of a sentence and help to show the connection between the two parts of the sentence.

and, for, but, or, yet, when, so, because,

although, before and after

Dave **and** his friend went to the park.

They couldn't play because

it was snowing.

 Adverbs usually gives information about how, when, where or how much, They can be used with verbs, adjectives or other adverbs.

He shouted <u>loudly</u>. (Verb) The game was <u>really</u> <u>exciting</u>. (Adjective) She ran <u>very quickly</u>. (Adverb)

• A conjunctive adverb connects two independent clauses or sentences together.

however, furthermore, secondly, consequently, meanwhile

Example: I wanted to see a Disney movie; however, my friend wanted to see a comedy.

• Subjunctive If Will were a better footballer, he could kick the ball straight.

- Adverbials are groups of words used like an adverb (The ship sets sail <u>in ten</u> <u>minutes</u>).
- Fronted Adverbials: Adverbials at the front of the sentence (In ten minutes the ship sets sail. Soon the ship will set sail.)
- **Prepositions** tell us where something or someone is. (The message is **in** the bottle. The toy is **under** the table.)
- Passive Voice The noun that is the object of a sentence. The ball was kicked by Will. The lolly was licked by Eva.
- Active Voice : When the verb of a sentence is in the active voice, the subject is doing the acting, as in the sentence "Kevin hit the ball." Kevin (the subject of the sentence) acts in

	relation to the ball.
	Will kicked the ball. Eve
	licked the lolly.
•	Present Progressive
	indicates continuing action,
	something going on now.
	Will is kicking the ball. Eva
	is licking the lolly.
•	Interjections are used to
	show feeling and emotion.
	They often have
	exclamation marks after
	them. (Ouch! I hit my toe!)
٠	Relative Clause: First, it
	will contain a <u>subject</u> and
	verb.
	Next, it will begin with a
	relative pronoun [who,
	whom, whose, that, or
	<i>which</i>] or a <u>relative adverb</u>
	[when, where, or why].
	Finally, it will function as an
	adjective, answering the
	questions What kind? How
	many? or Which one?They
	are most often used to
	define or identify the noun

that precedes them. Will, **who enjoyed football**, played every week.

- Expanded Noun-Phrase: Expanded noun phrases add information to nouns (naming words) with an adjective. The dark-haired girl with a taste for frozen lollies.
- Present Perfect Present perfect is a tense of a word that indicates that an action has ended but not at a definite time. Will has kicked the football.