

Year 6 Grammar Glossary



Grammar term	What does it mean?
Active	<p>When a sentence is in the active voice, the pattern is subject-verb-object. The <u>subject</u> of the verb is more important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>James</u> broke the window.• <u>The PTA</u> painted the playground.
Antonym	<p>Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• young – old, straight – bendy, full - empty
Object	<p>The object is the person, noun phrase, pronoun or thing which usually comes directly after the verb. It shows what the verb is acting on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday is <u>my favourite day</u>.• Cheryl's mum is picking <u>me</u> up today.• Are you coming to <u>the sleepover</u>?
Passive	<p>When a sentence is in the passive voice, the pattern is usually object-verb-(subject). The object of the verb is more important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>The window</u> has been broken.• <u>The playground</u> was painted (by the PTA).
Subject	<p>The subject is the person, noun phrase, pronoun or thing which does the verb in a clause.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Wednesday</u> is my favourite day.• <u>Cheryl's mum</u> is picking me up today.• Are <u>you</u> coming to the
Synonym	<p>A synonym is a word or phrase with the same or similar meaning to another. You can find synonyms in a thesaurus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• talk = speak = mention• sleep = doze = kip