



### Grammar and punctuation – Year 4

Year 4: Detail	of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
Word	The grammatical difference between <b>plural</b> and <b>possessive</b> –s	<u>Link</u>
	Standard English forms for <b>verb inflections</b> instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done]	<u>Link</u>
Sentence	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)	<u>Link</u> <u>Link</u>
	Fronted adverbials [for example, <u>Later that day</u> , I heard the bad news.]	<u>Link</u>
Text	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme	Coming soon
	Appropriate choice of <b>pronoun</b> or <b>noun</b> within and across <b>sentences</b> to aid <b>cohesion</b> and avoid repetition	<u>Link</u>
Punctuation	Use of inverted commas and other <b>punctuation</b> to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: <i>The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"</i> ]	Link Link Link Link
	Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names] Use of commas after fronted adverbials	<u>Link</u>
Terminology for pupils	determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial	





### Spelling – Years 3 and 4

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non- statutory)	Example words (non- statutory)	Game links
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation	<u>Link</u>
The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	These words should be learnt as needed.	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery	<u>Link</u>
The /ʌ/ sound spelt as ou	These words should be learnt as needed.	young, touch, double, trouble, country	Link (Level 2)





Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in- below.  Like un-, the prefixes dis- and mis- have negative meanings. The prefix in- can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'. Before a root word starting with I, in- becomes iI. Before a root word starting with m or p, in- becomes im Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir re- means 'again' or 'back'. sub- means 'under'. inter- means 'between' or 'among'. super- means 'above'. anti- means 'against'. auto- means 'self' or 'own'.	<ul> <li>dis-: disappoint, disagree, disobey</li> <li>mis-: misbehave, mislead, misspell (mis + spell)</li> <li>in-: inactive, incorrect illegal, illegible</li> <li>immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect</li> <li>irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible</li> <li>re-: redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate</li> <li>sub-: subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge</li> <li>inter-: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)</li> <li>super-: supermarket, superman, superstar</li> <li>anti-: antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial</li> <li>auto-: autobiography, autograph</li> </ul>
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The suffix – ation	The suffix <b>–ation</b> is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration	Link (Level 2) Link
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The suffix –ly	The suffix <b>-ly</b> is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply.	sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly),	Link (Levels 1 and 2)
	The suffix <b>-ly</b> starts with a consonant	comically (comical + ly)	Link
	letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.	happily, angrily	
		gently, simply, humbly,	
	Exceptions:	nobly	
	(1) If the root word ends in –y with a consonant letter before it, the <b>y</b> is changed to <b>i</b> , but only if the root word has more than one syllable.	basically, frantically, dramatically	
	(2) If the root word ends with <b>-le</b> , the <b>- le</b> is changed to <b>-ly</b> .		
	(3) If the root word ends with <b>-ic</b> , <b>-ally</b> is added rather than just <b>-ly</b> , except in the word <i>publicly</i> .		
	(4) The words truly, duly, wholly.		
Words with endings sounding like	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt – <b>sure</b> .	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure	Link (Level 2)
/ʒə/ or /tʃə/	The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is often spelt -ture, but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending - e.g. teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher.	creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure	
Endings which	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is	division, invasion,	<u>Link</u>
sound like /ʒən/	spelt as <b>-sion</b> .	confusion, decision, collision, television	<u>Link</u>
The suffix – ous	Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters.	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various	<u>Link</u>





	Sometimes there is no obvious root word.	tremendous, enormous, jealous	<u>Link</u>
	-our is changed to -or before - ous is added.	humorous, glamorous,	
	A final 'e' of the root word must be	vigorous courageous, outrageous	
	kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept.  If there is an /i:/ sound before the – ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.	serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous	
Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –	Strictly speaking, the suffixes are – ion and –ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion	Link Link
tion, –sion, – ssion, –cian	suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word.	expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission	
	-tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te.	expansion, extension, comprehension, tension	
	<b>-ssion</b> is used if the root word ends in <b>ss</b> or <b>-mit</b> .	musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician	
	<ul> <li>-sion is used if the root word ends in d or se.</li> <li>Exceptions: attend – attention, intend – intention.</li> </ul>	mainematician	
	-cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.		
Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character	<u>Link</u>





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Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		chef, chalet, machine, brochure	<u>Link</u>
Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –		league, tongue, antique, unique	<u>Link</u>
que (French in origin)			
Words with the /s/ sound spelt so (Latin in origin)	In the Latin words from which these words come, the Romans probably pronounced the <b>c</b> and the <b>k</b> as two sounds rather than one – /s/ /k/.	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent	<u>Link</u>
Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey	Link (Level 1)
Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The apostrophe is placed after the plural form of the word; <b>-s</b> is not added if the plural already ends in <b>-s</b> , but <i>is</i> added if the plural does not end in <b>-s</b> (i.e. is an irregular plural -e.g. <i>children's</i> ).	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's  ( <b>Note:</b> singular proper nouns ending in an s use the 's suffix e.g. Cyprus's population)	<u>Link</u>





Homophones and	accept/except, affect/ effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury,	<u>Link</u>
nearhomophones	brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown,	<u>Link</u>
	here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not,	<u>Link</u>
	mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle,	(Level 2)
	piani, piano, rani, ron , roigni,	<u>Link</u>
	scene/seen, weather/ whether, whose/who's	<u>Link</u>

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non- statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)	Game links
Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –	Not many common words end like this.	vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious	<u>Link</u> <u>Link</u>
cious or -tious	If the root word ends in <b>-ce</b> , the /ʃ/ sound is usually spelt as <b>c</b> – e.g. <i>vice</i> – <i>vicious</i> , <i>grace</i> – <i>gracious</i> , <i>space</i> – <i>spacious</i> , <i>malice</i> – <i>malicious</i> .	ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious	<u>Link</u>
	Exception: anxious.		