



My Great Grammar Glossary

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Words	Definition	Example
adjective	A describing word found before a noun or after a verb.	A sticky bun. He was surprised .
noun	<p>noun - names for people, places and things</p> <p>common noun - Objects or things which you can see and touch (not unique names of people, places and things).</p> <p>proper noun - Unique names given to people, places and things (must start with a capital letter).</p> <p>collective noun - A word which groups nouns.</p>	<p>dog, child, day, computer</p> <p>Fred, Stockwood, Monday, Xbox</p> <p>class of children, herd of sheep</p>
verb	verb - A word which tells us what someone or something is doing or feeling (can be present, past or future).	He lives in Bristol. She was crying . I feel happy. I am tall.
adverb	A word that describes a verb often ending in 'ly'.	Ben soon started snoring loudly and quickly .
preposition	A word which tells us where something or someone is in time or place .	Behind, beyond, on, close She'll be back from Peru in two weeks.
conjunction	A word used to link parts of a sentence together (a type of connective).	but, because, or, yet, so, how, whether, when
article	Three words that introduce a noun (the, an, a) (these are a type of determiner).	the, an a
determiner	A word which introduces and clarifies a noun .	the, a, an (articles) this, that, some, every my, your, one, two,
pronoun	A word which replaces a noun that has already been mentioned.	John put his hat on and he left. That is a good idea.
subject	The subject of a sentence is the person, place, thing, or idea that is doing or being something .	I am, you are, he is, Rita went out. That is uncertain Children like dogs.
synonym	Words are synonyms if they have the same meaning .	Old, ancient, elderly Small, minute, tiny
homophone	Words are homophones if they look different, sound the same and mean different things .	hear, here some, sum



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phrase	A group of words without a verb or any punctuation, which wouldn't make sense as a sentence on its own.	the dog and the chicken
noun phrase	A phrase that tells you more about a noun, without a verb.	the long, winding road people with glasses
clause	A group of words containing a verb which makes sense on its own but has no punctuation.	the small mouse squeaked
sentence	A group of words containing at least one verb and subject, which makes sense on its own . It can be a statement, question, exclamation or command.	Noisily the rain crashed down onto the golden leaves.
main clause	A group of words which contains a subject and a verb , which makes sense on its own.	The man wore a purple hat.
subordinate clause	A group of words that gives us extra information and doesn't make sense on its own.	He watched her as she disappeared .
relative clause	A 'w' clause is a type of subordinate clause . Often starting with who, which, when or where, adds in extra information.	The boy, who had brown hair , tripped over.
adverbial phrase	A phrase which tells you more about a verb.	She brushes her hair from top to bottom .

