Y2 Expected Grammar Mat

Expanded noun phrases

Expanded noun phrases are phrases that tell you more about the noun. These can be achieved by adding an adjective to a noun phrase.

'The scary monster'

The dinosaur had sharp teeth.

Tense

Verbs are words which express actions and we must look at these to determine the tense of the sentence.

Past simple – the action took place in the past and is now finished.

I walked to my friend's house.

Past progressive – the action took place in the past over a period of time.

I was walking to my friend's house.

Present simple – the action takes place regularly.

I walk to my friend's house.

Present progressive - the action is taking place now.

I am walking to my friend's house.

Co-ordinating conjunctions

A co-ordinating conjunction joins two clauses of equal value or importance in a sentence.

I like swimming and my brother likes football.

We might go to the cinema or we could go to the funfair.

I want to wear my sun hat, but it is raining.

Sentence types

Statement - tells the reader something.

Tigers have sharp teeth.

Command — tells you to do something.

Go and look at the tiger.

Question – gains further information by asking something.

Did you see the tiger at the zoo?

Exclamation – makes a statement but is usually said with a strong emotion such as anger or surprise.

What sharp teeth the tiger had!

Subordinating conjunctions

A subordinating conjunction introduces a subordinate clause (a clause that does not make sense on its own).

We couldn't do PE today because it was raining.

When playtime was over, the teacher rang the bell.

Make sure you wear your coat if it gets too cold.

I was so hungry that I ate the whole cake.

Adverbs

Adverbs give you more information about a verb. They tell you where, why, how or when something happens or is done.

The dog greedily ate its dinner.

