Grammar and Punctuation

Grammar 5 Teacher’s Guide

Focus texts

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Usually, Tyler hated getting up in the morning.

In a faraway land, on a distant hillside, beside a trickling stream, there stood a cottage.

Gradually, the green smoke cleared.

Jane was extremely worried about her son.
For a moment, as the lightning lit up the night, she saw a figure in the doorway. Although it was just a glimpse, Abbie thought it was him. She needed to get closer so that she could be sure.
“Did you hear that scratching sound?” asked Maya, springing to her feet.

“It sounds like rats in the cellar,” said Dylan. “There are probably hundreds of them down there.”

“I heard it before,” said Maya, “but this time it’s louder.”
Megan said that she couldn’t come.

“What are we going to do now?” snapped Greg.

Yasmin suggested that we ask Zara. Jamal said that we could manage on our own.
A man was walking along a country lane when he saw something on the ground – a handful of sparkling beads. He picked them up. “Well, look at these,” he said to himself. “Someone must have dropped them.” He saw an old lady ahead of him and he thought he would ask if they were hers.
Although it was old, Aaron still rode his bike every day.

When Aaron rode his bike into the fence, he badly damaged it.
United have been woeful all season and this was another dismal performance. Until Johnson scored, a goal did not look likely. Then Allan crossed the ball and Johnson was waiting at the far post to nod home. Now, United will face City in the next round.
Joe Bromley is now a rich man but he has known hard times. He has become a successful businessman but he has not forgotten his humble beginnings.

Once Joe had learnt to drive, he got a job in Manchester. After a few years, the business had grown and he was promoted.
I asked George about when he first started to play sport.

“Sport has always bin an important part of me life. Me brother and me was always playing footie in the park. Them was great days. The fun what we had.”
Officer: Come on, Bill. You know something.

Bill: I told ya. I don’t know nothing about it.

Officer: You saw somebody, didn’t you?

Bill: I didn’t see nobody.
The report shows that many children travel to their local primary school in a car.

This school is introducing two new schemes to encourage our pupils to walk to school.

Some parents will be helping us to set up these schemes.
Almost all squirrels in this area are grey squirrels. They have dense silvery grey fur with a brown tinge along the back. They have a bushy, grey tail and ears without tufts.

They are tree squirrels. Their long, muscular hind legs and short front legs help them to leap. Sharp claws are used for gripping bark and the long tail helps them to balance.
Once, there was a king who had a threadbare cloak.

The crown that he wore was made of tin.

He had a wonky throne, which had a broken seat.

He was the only king whose castle was for sale.
We stayed in a house. The house was haunted.

We stayed in a house *that was haunted*.

At the end of the street, there was a house. No-one ever went to the house.

At the end of the street, there was a house *where no-one ever went*. 
Jesse Owens (1913–1980) won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics.

Jesse Owens (an American athlete) won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics.

Jesse Owens (my dad’s sporting hero) won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics.
Jamie’s mother, who was a great cook, had been baking all day. We went into the kitchen to find that the cakes – all ten of them – had vanished!
Dan: I think we should try to get out of here.

Ruby: I agree. That is definitely the best idea.

Sunita: Perhaps ... but maybe we should wait for help.

Alex: We clearly can’t stay here. Obviously, Dan is right.
Today will be a good day. I shall stay in bed until 10 o’clock. Then I can have boiled eggs for breakfast. This afternoon I could go swimming. Then I might watch a film this evening.
We *classify* materials as solids, liquids and gases. How would you *categorise* water?

Water is a liquid, but if we freeze it, water will *solidify* [harden] and form ice. If it is boiled, water will *evaporate* and form steam.
Load the machine. Do not overload it.

Connect the battery. Always disconnect it after use.

Let the machine fire up. It may misfire.

If so, reload the machine, reconnect the battery and retry.
The stairs creaked, I sat up with a start. I had locked the door, hadn’t I?

“Dad, is that you?” I called into the darkness.

There was no answer. I thought perhaps I was dreaming.

Then, out of the silence, I heard another creak. Someone, or something, was out there. Clutching the duvet, I huddled in bed.
Keep tackling Joe.
Keep tackling, Joe.

Stop children crossing.
Stop, children crossing.

The things I like best are cooking my dog and music.
We would like to offer some suggestions for improving the school playground.

Firstly, we would like you to consider providing new equipment.

Secondly, we could set up a quiet area in the school grounds.

Finally, ...

These suggestions would really improve the playground.
One suggestion is that we start a gardening club. We could grow our own vegetables and then sell them or eat them ourselves. For example, we could grow tomatoes in pots or potatoes in sacks. This would not be too expensive. It would, however, require the help of an adult. Therefore, we were going to ask parents if they would like to help.
What did you think of the athletes’ performances today?

Well, I thought Zain ran quick in his race.

Yeah, Jess done good to reach the final.

Ben were in a real difficult heat.
Dad said we had approximately half an hour to thoroughly clean the kitchen before Mum arrived home.

Really, he should know better.

Fortunately, Mum was delayed by bad traffic. Surprisingly, even then she didn’t seem to notice the mess hidden in the cupboards.
I left **before** the end of the match.

Indicate **before** you turn **left**.

I see **her** every day, standing outside her flat.

She told me to post **this** in **that** box.
Should we be concerned about the planet’s future? As the world’s population increases and the Earth’s natural resources decrease, what will happen? Should we listen to environmentalists’ concerns about climate change and people’s destruction of habitats? The choice is ours.
There have been many attempts to scale Everest, which is the highest mountain peak in the world.

In 1953, Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing were the first to reach the summit of Everest, which was a remarkable achievement with the equipment of the time.
We should be there by ten if we leave at nine o’clock.

If the weather is fine, we will do lots of outdoor activities.

If it rains, we may need to go indoors.

The trip will go ahead unless the weather is really bad.