

Grammar and Punctuation

# Grammar 6 Teacher's Guide

Focus texts

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Slowly, the door slid open. Peering through the visor of my helmet, I stepped out into a new, unexplored world. My space boots sank into the soft grey powder that covered the surface of the planet. Even though I was excited, I was trembling inside my space suit.

The gods who lived on Mount Olympus ruled the world.

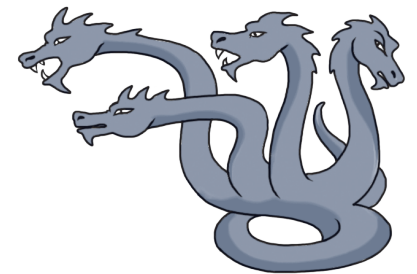
Apollo, who was the son of Zeus, was responsible for the sun's movement across the sky.

Poseidon, the brother of Zeus, was god of the sea.

Hera was the goddess who married Zeus and became queen.

The hydra was a monster that had many heads.

The hydra was a many-headed monster, which was killed by Hercules.



Dad filled the bucket. He climbed the ladder. As he reached the top, he dropped the bucket of water. The bucket hit the floor. The water drenched poor Isla. Mum heard her scream. She opened the back door. The door nudged the ladder.



Flames lit up the night sky. Without thinking, Eric grabbed the fire extinguisher. He flung open the door. Immediately, Eric was choked by thick smoke. He was forced back by the flames.

This pizza has all my favourite toppings: spicy pepperoni, red onions, red peppers, sliced tomatoes and extra mozzarella cheese.

There was a choice of four puddings: apple pie, which was my choice; a chocolate dessert with a gooey centre; strawberry cheesecake; and ice cream in a choice of flavours.



Bullet points can be useful in the following texts:

- a leaflet
- a set of instructions
- an on-screen presentation



To help you stay healthy, we serve healthy meals made with healthy ingredients.

We were happy to be home.

The team's supporters were happy after the victory.

The brave knight walked towards his trusty horse ready to ride bravely into battle.

Grogan Greyheart was a mean, cantankerous, sneaky wizard, who was hostile to everyone he met.



Wenlock Whitebeam was a generous, good-natured, honest wizard, who was friendly to everyone he met.



“There be something fishy goin’ on next door,”  
said Mrs Twig, from behind the twitching  
curtains of Number 6, Chestnut Avenue.

“Them kids is up to no good.”

“They ain’t pinching me spuds again, is they?”  
said Mr Twig, leaving the comfort of his  
armchair. “I know it were them what done it.  
I’ll nip out an’ nab ’em.”



I am writing to complain about the pencil case I bought recently. I only **got/purchased** it on Saturday and the zip has already broken. This is **not good enough/unacceptable**. I hope you will be able to **fix/rectify** the problem. **You could/** It may be possible to replace the zip. Otherwise, I think you should **replace/I hope you will consider** replacing the pencil case.

Mum was on the phone to her friend Jo.

“Hi, Jo. That you? Yes, we’re fine. Have you heard about Beth? A fracture, apparently. What a shock it was! You only saw her the other day, didn’t you? Hope she’s OK.”

We're having a party on Saturday. Our Ellie's 18th. Buffet, disco, the lot. Quite a do! You will come, won't you?

Mr and Mrs Atkins request the pleasure of your company at a party to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of their daughter Ellie. Formal dress is required.



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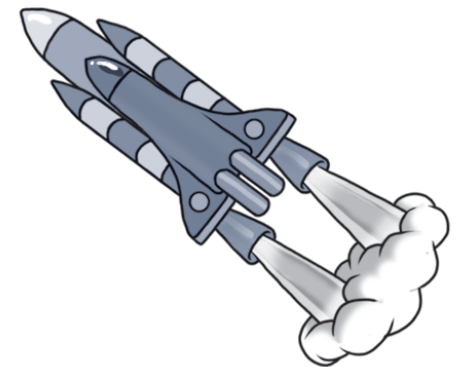
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If Jay were to apologise, I am sure the matter would be resolved. Therefore, I propose that Jay write a letter of apology to Mr Gill. It is important that this matter be dealt with swiftly.



Back in the 1960s, travelling into space was an incredible achievement.

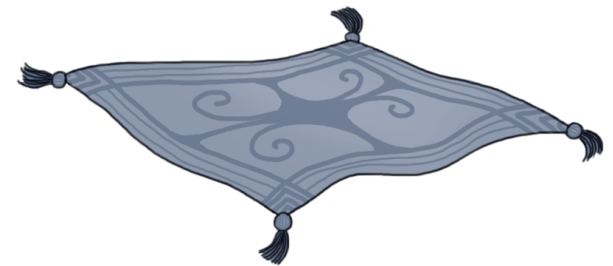
However, even at that time, some people believed the cost of space travel could not be justified.



Have you ever wanted to **fly**? Well, now you can ~~(fly)~~.

With a Merlin Magic Carpet, you can fly whenever you want to fly.

You can take off and you can land at your chosen destination just moments later.



Spectators were flooding into the stadium,  
the excitement was mounting.

The athletes crouched in their starting  
positions the crowd fell silent.

The mill workers' demands were clear:  
they wanted better working conditions.

Current working conditions were  
inhumane: some workers were dying.



Fear gripped Leila – she did not dare move.

She heard a cry – actually, it was more of a sob.

She shouted, listening for an answer – nothing came.

Katie is my fun loving sister.

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Dad teaches seven year-old children.

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Mum's going to recover the old chair.

Mum's going to re-cover the old chair.

What sort of bird can you find in your throat? A **swallow**!

Why did the cat jump out of the tree?  
Because it saw the tree **bark**!

Why was the skeleton embarrassed?  
Because it made a **grave** mistake!

Should animals have the same rights as humans? Clearly, cruelty to animals is wrong. What about the hunting of animals? Should animals be kept in captivity? Should they be kept for our entertainment? Is the freedom of an animal more important than conservation?



Have you ever thought about what it would be like in a world without gravity?

When the correct date appears, press 'OK'.

Nobody moved.

In 2012, the company made its first robotic device, which was instantly a worldwide success.



Jason could not become king until he had claimed the Golden Fleece, which was guarded by a huge snake. So that he could travel across the ocean, Jason had a boat built, which was called the Argo, and he chose a crew, called the Argonauts, to go with him on his quest.

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Of course, I hate magicians like you I find them so boring.



“The ... the ... there’s a monster out there,”  
said Emily, trembling.

The clawing outside the door certainly  
sounded terrifying (but I pretended to  
be brave).

I approached the door – very slowly. I flung  
it open. You wouldn’t believe it ...

There was Emily’s ‘monster’ –  
it was a fluffy, white cat!



Before he left, he looked up at the window one last time. That was when he caught a glimpse of her. She was standing in the window, staring down at him.

He knew at once that he had seen her somewhere before.

I always thought time travel was impossible. It was something we only read about in stories. But now, as I sit here in my time pod, I am a believer. In the future, we will all travel through time – and I am going to be the first.

“Hiya. I want to **lend** a book about grammar,”  
said the young girl.

“You would like to **borrow** a book about grammar,”  
sniffed the librarian, coldly.

“Yeah. Miss Li is **learning** us about it at school,”  
said the girl.

“Miss Li is **teaching** you, is she?” said the librarian.

“Well, we have the Complete Grammar Guide.”

“Wow! That’s a big book. Do you have  
one with less pages?”



## How the Olympic Games have grown

	1908	1948	2012
Nations	22	59	205
Athletes	2800	4104	12500

