

Year 3 English Glossary

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| Adjective | A word that describes a noun e.g. a blue balloon. |
| Adverb | A word that describes a verb, usually ending in -ly. For example, she ran quickly . |
| Apostrophe (') | An apostrophe is a mark used to show that a letter has been left out. Example: he is can be written he's . Apostrophes are also used to show ownership. Examples: the cat's bowl, the cats' bowls . |
| Author | A person who writes books, stories and poem. |
| Bossy verbs | A verb that commands or tells the reader or listener to do something e.g. Write neatly! |
| Capital letter | A larger letter used at the beginning of sentences and for naming specific people, places and things. |
| Character | A character is an individual in a story, play or poem. |
| Chronological order | The order in which events happen (time order). |
| Comma | A punctuation mark used to break up sentences so that they are easier to understand. They can be used in lists. |
| Conclusion | The ending of a piece of writing. |
| Connective | A word or group of words which joins sentences or parts of sentences e.g. and, then, but, so. |
| Consonant / vowel | In the English alphabet there are 5 vowels (a,e,I,o,u) and 21 consonants (b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,q,r,s,t,v,w,x,y,z). |
| Dialogue | Speech between two or more people. |
| Draft | A rough piece of writing which is later edited and then written neatly. |
| Edit | To change the grammar, spelling, punctuation or words in writing. |
| Event | Something which happens. |
| Exclamation mark | A punctuation mark used at the end of a sentence to show strong feelings e.g. Help! Wow! |
| Fiction / Non-fiction | Fiction is an invented story, poem or play. Non-fiction is writing about real events, feelings or things. |
| Full stop | A mark used to end a sentence, when the sentence is not a question or exclamation e.g. Miss Marina likes cake. |
| Illustration | A picture, plan or diagram which is part of a text. |
| Introduction | The beginning of a piece of writing. |
| Label | The words which tell us about part of a diagram, picture or map. |
| Noun | A word that names a person, place or thing. |
| Plural | More than one. |
| Prefixes | Letters added to the beginning of the word which change the meaning e.g. un, pre, dis |
| Pronouns | Words which stand in the place of a noun e.g. I, we, he, she. |
| Question mark | Used at the end of a question e.g. Where is my bag? |
| Rhyme | Words which have the same ending sounds e.g. bed, head, said. |
| Setting | Where the story takes place. |
| Simile | Where something is compared to something else using like or as e.g. She is as tall as a giraffe. |
| Speech marks | Punctuation marks that go around the words that are actually spoken in a piece of writing " " |
| Sub-title | Smaller headings. |
| Suffixes | Letters added to the end of a word to change the meaning e.g. -ed, -ing, -er. |
| Time connectives | Connectives which show order e.g. next, then, suddenly, after that, just then. |
| Title | The heading that tells us what the writing is about. |
| Verb | An action word e.g. run, walk, shout. |

