

Key vocabulary for English- Summer Term

Spelling

Vocabulary	Definition	Example
Common Exception words	Words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way	Some, come, was
Compound word	A word made by joining two or more existing root words together	starfish, football, cowboy, Goldfish
Plural	A plural word indicates there is more than one noun	girls, horses, buildings etc.
Prefix (We concentrate on the prefix un in Year 1)	A string of letters that go at the beginning of a root word, changing its meaning	untie, unmade
Root Word	A basic word with no prefix or suffix added to it. By adding prefixes and suffixes to a root word we can change its meaning.	star, tie, made, step
Singular	When a noun is singular , it means there is only one person, place or object.	fish, girl, horse, building etc.
Suffix (we concentrate on adding ed, er, ing, est to root words where no change is needed in Year 1)	A string of letters that go at the end of a root word, changing or adding to its meaning	worked, jumping, kindest Faster, slowest
Syllable	A single, unbroken sound of a spoken (or written) word. Syllables are sometimes called the 'beats' of a word.	Cow boy (2 syllables) fish (1 syllable) Sat ur day (3 syllables)

Reading

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Apostrophe	Apostrophes are punctuation marks used to show possession and to show contraction (also known as omission).	Dad's sock, the children's shoes, it's, we're, I'm
Author	The person who wrote the book	Roald Dahl, Jaqueline Wilson
Blurb	A short description of a book or film written by the author/producer in such a way as to encourage people to read it/see it.	

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Consonant		A sound that is made by blocking air from flowing out of the mouth with the teeth, tongue, lips or palate. Two consonants which appear next to each other are known as a consonant cluster .		T, v, n, r, x, q, s, p etc.
Decoding		The process of seeing written words on a page and being able to say them out loud.		
Digraph		Two vowels which together make one sound (as in the words tail, boat, found or read).		Ch, sh, th, ae, ee, ie, oa etc
Grapheme		The letter shapes that make up a sound		Cow boy (2 syllables) fish (1 syllable) Sat ur day (3 syllables)
Infer		Making an educated guess using your own knowledge and experience		"I think that a race is about to take place because the people are lined up on a track".
Letter string		A group of letters that appear in a word. For example, the letter string str is contained in each of these words: string, straight, strike, strain.		Str, ight,
Phoneme		The smallest unit of sound		
Predict		Making a statement about something that may happen based on what you already know and your own experiences		Predicting what a character might do next, predicting how a story might end.
Retell		The process of retelling an event or a story in your own words		
Spit Digraph		A digraph is two vowels which together make one sound (as in the words tail, boat, found or read). When a digraph is split by a consonant it becomes a split digraph . This used to be known as 'magic e'		a-e, e-e, i-e, o-u, u-e
Summarise		A very brief retelling of a story or event		

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Title	What a book is called	<i>Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, Where The Wild Thing Are</i>
Trigraph	3 letters which combine together to make one sound	air, ure, are
Vowel	A sound that is made by allowing breath to flow out of the mouth, without closing any part of the mouth or throat.	a, e, i, o, u

Writing

Vocabulary	Definition	Example
Word		
Adjective	A word used to describe and give more information about a noun, which could be a person, place or object	The <i>beautiful</i> girl, the <i>spotty</i> dog, the <i>grumpy</i> man
Apostrophe	Apostrophes are punctuation marks used to show possession and to show contraction (also known as omission).	Dad's sock, the children's shoes, it's, we're, I'm
Capital letter	Used as the initial letter when writing the name of a person, place, day of the week or the personal pronoun I. Capital letters are also used to mark the start of a sentence	London, Sophia, I , Saturday After lunch I am going to go to the park.
Conjunction	A word that joins two ideas together in a sentence	<i>and, so, because, but</i> I wanted to go outside but it was raining. We were thirsty so we had a drink. I think the boy is tired because he is raining
Exclamation mark	A punctuation mark used at the end of a sentence to show strong feelings e.g. surprise, anger or joy or to get your point across.	Ow that hurt! Stop! Help!
Full stop	A punctuation mark used to show where a sentence ends.	I went to the shop. I went outside because it was sunny.

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Noun	A naming word. It is a thing, a person, an animal or a place. Nouns can be common, proper, abstract or collective.	Mrs Daniels, London, lion, tiger, table, chair
pronoun	A word used to replace a noun. Examples of pronouns are: he, she, it, and they. Pronouns can be personal and possessive.	he, she, I, it, we
Question mark	a punctuation mark placed at the end of a sentence to indicate a question	How are you feeling? What is the weather going to be like?
Sentence	A sentence is one word or a group of words that makes sense by itself (a grammatical unit). Sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop, a question mark or an exclamation point. Sentences usually contain a subject (doing something) and a verb (what is being done).	The cat sat on the mat.

Writing-Composition

Fantasy	A Genre (type) of fiction writing. Fantasy stories are about magical people or beings that exist in fantastic or strange worlds.	Harry Potter, Where The Wild Things Are, The Chronicles of Narnia, Alice in Wonderland, The Hobbit
Information text	An information text is a non-fiction text which gives information about a particular thing. Information texts are sometimes called non-chronological reports, because they are reporting information about something without mentioning the order of events.	A book about dinosaurs, mammals etc.
Instructions	A series of steps which explain how to do something	Recipe, instructions on how to play a game, make a model etc.
Narrative	A spoken or written account of a series of connected events which can be real or imaginary	A story

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Non-Narrative	Writing that is about real events and facts rather than stories	Information books, letters, instruction writing, newspapers, articles
Recount	A recount is a non-fiction piece of writing that gives details of an event that has happened	Diary entries, newspaper articles and letters
Setting	The place where a story takes place	A beach, a town, at school
Subheading	A heading given to a section of writing in a non-fiction text	<u>What is a tiger? What do tigers eat? Types of Tigers etc.</u>