

# Collective Vision Trust

## English Writing Curriculum

Year by Year



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## Overview – Key to Components

**Letters and Spacing**

**Word**

**Building a Sentence**

**Sentence Types**

**Punctuation**

**Text**

## English Writing - EYFS - Crucial Knowledge Overview

### Letters and Spacing

#### **lower case letters**

usually smaller in size  
used most often in writing

#### **capital letters**

also called upper case usually taller in  
size used when writing your name

#### **finger spaces**

gaps left between words

### Word

#### **word**

a group of letters that mean something

### Building a Sentence

#### **phrase**

a group of words that does not have a  
verb but tells information  
*the hungry dog*

## English Writing - Year 1 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

### Letters and Spacing

#### **lower case letters**

usually smaller in size  
used most often in writing

#### **capital letters**

also called upper case usually taller in size  
used at the start of a sentence and a proper noun

#### **finger spaces**

gaps left between words

### Word

#### **noun**

person, place or thing

#### **verb**

doing, having or being

### Building a Sentence

#### **conjunction**

a word to connect phrases and sentences

### Sentence Types

#### **sentence**

- starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop,
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

### Punctuation

#### **full stop**

•  
a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

## English Writing - Year 2 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

### Letters and Spacing

#### lower case letters

usually smaller in size  
used most often in writing

#### capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in  
size used at the start of a sentence  
and a proper noun

#### finger spaces

gaps left between words

### Word

#### noun

person, place or thing

#### verb

doing, having or being

#### adjective

describes a noun

### Building a Sentence

#### phrase

a group of words that does not have  
a verb but tells information  
*the hungry dog*

#### conjunction

a word to connect phrases and  
sentences

#### tense

shows if writing is set in the past,  
present or future.

## Sentence Types

### sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

### statement

tells you something

### command

tells you to do something

### question

asks you something

### exclamation

exclaims (surprise) about something

## Punctuation

### full stop

.

a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

### question mark

?

placed at the end of a question sentence

### exclamation mark

!

placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

### comma

,

a short pause goes on the bottom line

### apostrophe

'

shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction) goes high above letters

# English Writing - Year 3 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

## Letters and Spacing

### lower case letters

usually smaller in size  
used most often in writing

### capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at the  
start of a sentence and a proper noun

### finger spaces

gaps left between words

## Word

### noun

person, place or thing

### verb

doing, having or being

### adjective

describes a noun

### adverb

gives more information about a  
verb

### prefix

a group of letters put before a  
word to change its meaning

### suffix

a letter or a group of letters put  
after a word to change its  
meaning

### contraction

two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe '  
where the removed letters were - **they will = they'll**

## Building a Sentence

### preposition

tells the position, time or way of  
something of *under, until, with sadness*

### phrase

a group of words that does not have a  
verb but tells information  
*the hungry dog*

### clause

a group of words containing a noun and  
a verb  
*the hungry dog ran*

### conjunction

a word to connect phrases and  
sentences

### tense

shows if writing is set in the past, present  
or future.

## Sentence Types

### sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have one or more clauses
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

### statement

tells you something

### command

tells you to do something

### question

asks you something

### exclamation

exclaims (surprise) about something

## Punctuation

### full stop

.

a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

### question mark

?

placed at the end of a question sentence

### exclamation mark

!

placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

### comma

,

a short pause goes on the bottom line

### apostrophe

'

shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction) goes high above letters

### inverted commas

“

shows words being spoken goes high above letters



# English Writing - Year 4 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

## Letters and Spacing

### lower case letters

usually smaller in size  
used most often in writing

### capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at  
the start of a sentence and a proper noun

### finger spaces

gaps left between words

## Word

### noun

person, place or thing

### verb

doing, having or being

### adjective

describes a noun

### adverb

gives more information about a  
verb

### prefix

a group of letters put before a  
word to change its meaning

### suffix

a letter of a group of letters put  
after a word to change its  
meaning

### contraction

two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe ‘  
where the removed letters were - **they will = they’ll**

## Building a Sentence

### preposition

tells the position, time or way  
of something of *under, until,*  
*with sadness*

### determiner

a word to give context to a  
noun (*the, a, this*)

### phrase

a group of words that does not  
have a verb but tells information  
***the hungry dog***

### tense

shows if writing is set in the  
past, present or future.

### conjunction

a word to connect phrases and sentences

### clause

a group of words containing a noun and a verb  
***the hungry dog ran***

## Sentence Types

### sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have one or more clauses
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

### statement

tells you something

### command

tells you to do something

### question

asks you something

### exclamation

exclaims (surprise) about something

### simple sentence

a sentence with one clause which makes sense  
*The hungry dog ran.*

## Punctuation

### full stop

.

a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

### question mark

?

placed at the end of a question sentence

### exclamation mark

!

placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

### comma

,

a short pause goes on the bottom line

### apostrophe

'

shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction) goes high above letters

### inverted commas

“

shows words being spoken goes high above letters

# English Writing - Year 5 & 6 - Crucial Knowledge Overview

## Letters and Spacing

### lower case letters

usually smaller in size  
used most often in writing

### capital letters

also called upper case usually taller in size used at  
the start of a sentence and a proper noun

### finger spaces

gaps left between words

## Word

### noun

person, place or thing

### verb

doing, having or being

### adjective

describes a noun

### adverb

gives more information about a  
verb

### prefix

a group of letters put before a  
word to change its meaning

### suffix

a letter of a group of letters put  
after a word to change its  
meaning

### contraction

two words put together and made shorter using an apostrophe ‘  
where the removed letters were - **they will = they’ll**

## Building a Sentence

### preposition

tells the position, time or way  
of something of *under, until,*  
*with sadness*

### determiner

a word to give context to a  
noun (*the, a, this*)

### phrase

a group of words that does not  
have a verb but tells information  
**the hungry dog**

### tense

shows if writing is set in the  
past, present or future.

### conjunction

a word to connect phrases and sentences

### clause

a group of words containing a noun and a verb  
**the hungry dog ran**

## Sentence Types

### sentence

- starts with a capital letter and ends with either a full stop, question or exclamation mark
- must have one or more clauses
- must have a verb and a noun
- must make sense

### statement

tells you something

### command

tells you to do something

### question

asks you something

### exclamation

exclaims (surprise) about something

### simple sentence

a sentence with one clause which makes sense

*The hungry dog ran.*

## Punctuation

### full stop

.

a dot to show the end of a statement or command sentence

### question mark

?

placed at the end of a question sentence

### exclamation mark

!

placed at the end of an exclamation sentence

### comma

,

a short pause goes on the bottom line

### apostrophe

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shows belonging or two words shortened (contraction) goes high above letters

### inverted commas

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## Text

***Across the year groups children will write in different ways which will use the following knowledge:***

### **describe**

to say or write what something is like

### **information**

facts about a person, place, event etc

### **instruction**

lists of items and numbered points detailing how to carry out a certain activity

### **argue**

express a points of view 'for' or 'against'

### **explanation (explain)**

describes a how and why something is done

### **playscript**

a piece of writing written for actors to read from

### **poetry**

a piece of writing that uses imagination and words to share ideas, feelings or a story

### **fiction**

a piece of writing which describes people and events which are not true facts

### **non-fiction**

a text that is not a story and gives true facts and information

### **setting**

the place in a story takes place

### **character**

a person (or animal) in a story