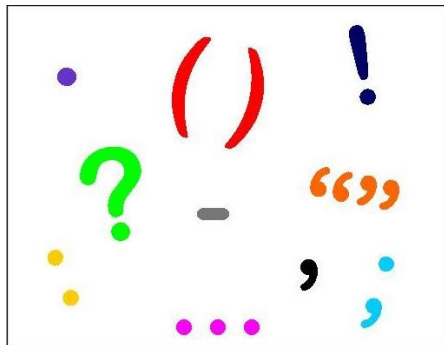


Punctuation

- Separation of words with *finger spaces*.
- The use of *capital letters*, *full stops*, *question marks* and *exclamation marks* in sentences.
- *Capital letter* for *proper nouns* (names).
- *Capital letter* for the *personal pronoun I*



Grammar and Vocabulary

- The use of regular *plural noun suffixes* e.g. adding *s* or *es*. (dog - dogs and wish - wishes)
- Adding *suffixes* to words where there is no change to the spelling of the root word:
e.g. root word - help becomes helping, helper, helped.
- Using and understanding how the *prefix un* changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives.
e.g. kind - unkind, tie - untie.
- How *words* can *make simple sentences*.
 - Join words and clauses with *and*.

Grammatical terms that children should know

- Letter
- Capital letter
- Word
- Singular and plural
- Sentence
- Punctuation
- Full stop
- Question mark
- Exclamation mark

Let's eat grandpa.
Let's eat, grandpa.

**correct punctuation can
save a person`s life.**

Spelling

ff, ss, ll, zz and ck

Children may work on learning the spellings of words containing the consonants listed above which usually come straight after a short vowel in a word, e.g. mess, fuzz and peck. Exceptions include if, us and bus.

In addition to this, they may learn spellings ending in 'nk', 'y', and 'tch' which usually comes after a vowel, e.g. kitchen and patch. A few exceptions to the 'tch' rule include which, rich, such and much.

K or c?

The letter 'k' is used instead of 'c' before 'i', 'e' and 'y', e.g. kit.

Ending in 've'

In Year 1, your child may be taught that most words ending with the 'v' sound are followed by an 'e', e.g. pave, have and live.

adding '-ing', '-er' and '-ed' to verbs

If the verb ends in two consonants, then simply add the endings listed above.

You can also add 'er' and 'est' to adjectives in the same way (providing the word ends in two consonants), e.g. fresher and quickest.

Spelling Continued

adding 'un-' to words

The prefix 'un' is added to the beginning of words to change its meaning.

compound words

These are two words joined together e.g. blackberry and football.

common exception words

There are a number of words which are exceptions to the phonics rules that have been taught so far such as; the, today, said, says, were, your, they, where, love, come, ask, friend, and house, etc.



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