

Highbury Glossary

(for definitions not in the main glossary)

Year Group	Word	Definition / example	Punctuation example
Year 1	Letter	abcdef etc.	
	Capital letter	ABCDEF etc.	
	Singular	A single item. E.g. a cat / a dog / the ball.	
	Full stop	Used to mark the end of a sentence.	.
	Question mark	Used to mark the end of a question.	?
	Exclamation mark	Used at the end of a sentence to show surprise or shock.	!
Year 2	Statement	A definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing.	
	Question	A sentence worded in a way to find out something.	
	Exclamation	An exclamation sentence must start with ' What ' or ' How ' and must contain a verb (e.g. ' What a beautiful day it is !' Or ' How clever you are !')	
	Command	A sentence that tells you to do something, like an instruction.	
	Compound	When two words are put together to make a new single word.	
	Comma	(e.g. football / downstairs / flowerpot / bedroom) used to separate items in a list, or phrases in a sentence	,
Year 3	Direct speech - a sentence in which the exact words spoken are reproduced in speech marks (see example below).		
	Inverted commas (or 'speech marks') E.g. "You'll never guess what I've just seen!" said Sam, excitedly.		" "
Year 4	All terminology is included in the main glossary		

Year 5	Relative pronoun	A pronoun that introduces relative clauses in sentences, e.g. who, which, that.	
	Parenthesis	Additional information that is not essential to the meaning of the sentence. It is usually marked within dashes, commas or brackets.	
	Bracket	Used to show parenthesis.	()
	Dash	used to separate information, sometimes used instead of commas or brackets.	-
	Ambiguity	A word, expression or sentence that is not clear in meaning.	
Year 6	Hyphen	Used to link two or more words together, e.g. You are a fun-loving person.	-
	Colon	Used after a statement to introduce a definition, an explanation or a list.	:
	Semi-colon	Used to separate clauses which have equal meaning in a sentence, but have no conjunction between them. Also used to separate items in a list.	;
	Bullet points	Used to show information in a list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple • Pear • banana