

Mastering the Mechanics: A Guide to Grammar

Unleash your inner author: Craft sentences that sparkle, dance, and inform!

- **A fronted adverbial is a word or phrase at the start of a sentence that describes how, when, or where an action happens. It must always be followed by a comma to separate it from the main clause.**
- **Conjunctions act as bridges. Use coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or) to join two equal ideas, or subordinating conjunctions (because, although, if, since) to add extra detail.**
- **Expanded noun phrases add colour and detail to your writing. By adding adjectives and determiners to a noun (e.g., 'the shimmering, silver moon'), you paint a vivid picture for your reader.**
- **Relative clauses start with words like 'who', 'which', or 'that' to provide extra information about a noun without needing to start a brand new sentence.**
- **Punctuation is the rhythm of your writing. Full stops, commas, and apostrophes for possession tell the reader exactly when to pause, breathe, and understand who owns what.**

Did you know? Did you know? The English language contains over 170,000 words in current use! By mastering grammar, you are learning the secret 'rules of the road' that help you steer your readers through your imagination, ensuring your stories and reports make perfect sense.

Key vocabulary: Fronted adverbial · Subordinating conjunction · Expanded noun phrase · Determiner · Relative clause · Punctuation