

KS3 Recommended Vocabulary

Term	Definition	Example
Adjective	An adjective is a word that describes a noun.	The <u>intelligent</u> child wrote their definitions beautifully.
Verb	A verb is a word used to denote an action	She <u>ran</u> to her next lesson, worried she would be late.
Adverb	An adverb is a word that describes or modifies a verb, adjective or sentence.	<u>Suddenly</u> , the door flew open and the teacher marched into the room.
Noun	A noun is a word for a person, place or thing	The <u>girl</u> sat at the <u>table</u> waiting for the <u>teacher</u> .
Simple Sentence	A sentence consisting of only one clause, with a single noun and a verb.	The <u>dog sat</u> down.
Compound Sentence	Two simple sentences connected by a conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet)	The <u>dog sat</u> down <u>and waited</u> for his <u>dinner</u> .
Complex Sentence	A complex sentence is a sentence that contains an independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.	Although he wasn't very good at football, he practised every day.
Exclamatory Sentence	A sentence that has an exclamation mark at the end, often used for effect	Oh no!
Declarative Sentence	A sentence that declares something	I am going to the shop.
Imperative Sentence	A sentence that instructs someone to do something.	Be quiet.
Simile	Comparing two ideas or images using the words 'like' or 'as'	She was <u>like</u> an angel
Metaphor	Comparing two ideas or images	Her voice was music to my ears
Personification	Giving human qualities to inanimate objects	The alarm clock <u>screamed</u> at me to get out of bed
Pathetic Fallacy	Giving human qualities to nature / using the weather to reflect mood or feeling	Lightning <u>danced</u> across the sky and thunder roared down from the black clouds.
Triadic Listing	Listing three adjectives or phrases for effect or emphasis	She was <u>dedicated, determined and focused</u> on the job.
Hyperbole	exaggeration for deliberate effects	I am absolutely starving!
Alliteration	the repetition of the first letter	<u>H</u> orrid <u>H</u> enry
Onomatopoeia	when something sounds like its sound	<u>BANG! CRASH!</u>
Repetition	When a word or phrase is used more than once for effect	<u>Believe in yourself x3</u>
Syntactic Parallelism	When a sentence structure is repeated	<u>I have a dream.</u>
Writer	The person who has created and written the text	Shakespeare
Reader	The person the text is intended for	You
Summary	To provide an overview of the key information	e.g. A Monster Calls is a book about grief
Theme	The bigger ideas within the work	e.g. love / war / betrayal
Character	The person or people that feature within the text	e.g. Achilles
Protagonist	the leading character or one of the major characters in a text (typically the hero)	e.g. Conor in A Monster Calls
Antagonist	a person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something; an adversary. (typically the villain)	e.g. Thanos in Avengers
Tone	the overall mood or atmosphere created	e.g. sad, happy etc