

Grammar Scope

Nouns:	
Proper nouns	e.g. Tuesday, Yeng, Fairfield
Common nouns	e.g. sides, triangle, sister, boy
Prepositions:	
Of place	in, on etc., in Newtown
Of accompaniment	with etc., e.g. with my family
Articles:	
Definite	the, e.g. the first day
Indefinite	a, an, e.g. a triangle
Omission of article	
before most proper nouns,	
with uncountable nouns	In Fairfield, in Newtown
Pronouns:	
Subject	I, you, we, it etc., e.g. I come from Thailand.
Possessive	I, my, our, its etc., e.g. I live with my family
Conjunctions and connectives:	
Additive	and, also, as well as etc., e.g. I have black hair and brown eyes.
Adjectives:	e.g. one, cool, cloudy, black, brown
Demonstratives:	this, that, these, those, e.g. This is a triangle.
Question formation:	
'wh'	e.g. What day is it? Where do you come from?
Subject reversal (inversion)	e.g. Is it cold today?
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when no auxiliary	e.g. Does your family live in Hamilton?
Short answer forms:	e.g. Yes, it is. No, it isn't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't.
Verbs:	
Present tense verbs	e.g. am, have, speak, live, go
Simple contractions	what's, where's, it's, she's etc., e.g. It's a cool and cloudy day.
Punctuation:	e.g. question marks, upper/lower case, full stops

Text Structure and Language Features

Text Structure - simple declarative sentences

EXAMPLE 1

This is a triangle. It has three sides and three angles.

EXAMPLE 2

Today is Tuesday 1st March. It is the first day of autumn. It's a cool and cloudy day.

EXAMPLE 3

My name is Yeng. I come from Thailand. I have one sister. Her name is Por-Ye. I live with my family in Newtown. I go to Newtown School.

EXAMPLE 4

I am a boy. I have black hair and brown eyes. I am 10 years old. I speak Chinese. I live in Fairfield. I like computer games. Who am I?

Language Features

Use of very basic sentence patterns e.g. subject/verb/object; subject/verb/adverbial phrase or adjectival phrase

Use of linking verbs, e.g. is, are, have

Use of action verbs, e.g. go, speak

Use of personal pronouns, e.g. I, her, it, my

Use of common adjectives, e.g. cool, cloudy, one, first, brown

Use of nouns to identify places, people, things, e.g. Thailand, Por-Ye, triangle

Use of familiar vocabulary

Use of present tense, e.g. like, go, live