

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Proper nouns e.g. Southern Cross, Aoraki, New Zealand

Common nouns e.g. flags, stars, equipment

Prepositions:

Of place near, in, on etc., e.g. on the blue background, in the Aoraki - Mt Cook National Park

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the New Zealand flag

Indefinite an, a, e.g. an independent country

Omission of article before most proper nouns e.g., One of these is Aoraki.

Pronouns:

Subject I, you, we, it etc., e.g. It is 3754 metres high.

Conjunctions and connectives:

Additive and, also, as well etc., e.g. the New Zealand Prime Minister and the government

Adjectives:

red, six, left, middle etc., e.g. It has four red and white stars on the blue background.

Adverbs:

Of time then, tomorrow, yesterday once etc., e.g. New Zealand was once a colony

Of degree about, approximately, almost, very etc., e.g. people need to be very careful.

Demonstratives:

this, that, these, those etc., e.g. One of these is Aoraki.

Empty subject (there/it) + existential 'be' + noun:

e.g. There are many interesting things in the South Island.

Question formation:

'wh' e.g. What colour is it? Why does it have five points?

Subject reversal e.g. Are the stars white? Is the background blue?

'do' support when no auxiliary e.g. Does it have stars on it?

Short answer forms:

e.g. Yes, it is. No, it isn't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't.

Present tense verbs:

e.g. One of these is Aoraki. Its Maori name means 'cloud piercer'. Each year several people die on Aoraki.