

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Proper nouns e.g. Cook, Tahiti, Great Southern Land, Rotorua
Common nouns e.g. coast, spears, ship, trip, village

Prepositions:

Of place at, to, in, on etc., e.g. from England, to Tahiti
about 180 kilometres away
Of time and date in, at, after, before, on etc., e.g. in 1769, on 19 April 1770
Of purpose for etc., e.g. for a walk,
Of accompaniment with etc., e.g. with their daypacks and lunch

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the Endeavour, the motorcamp
Indefinite an, a, e.g. a musket, a guide
Omission of article before
most proper nouns,
with uncountable nouns, e.g. in Tahiti, on Thursday

Pronouns:

Subject he, I, you, we etc., e.g. at first he couldn't
Object them, him, her, us etc., e.g. they didn't have to carry them.
Possessive his, their, my etc., e.g. his second-in-command, their landing
Relative which, who, where, that etc., e.g. who resisted their landing,
which are small decorations.

Conjunctions: and connectives

Temporal when, then, firstly, finally etc., e.g. when he arrived
Contrastive but, e.g. but at first he couldn't
Additive and etc., e.g. Cook fired a musket and hit one of them.
Causal because, so, such as etc., e.g. because they wanted to walk, so
they anchored in a bay

Adjectives:

e.g. thermal, hot, steaming, long, difficult
Note that there are not many opinion adjectives, as this is a factual recount.

Adverbs:

Of time today, yesterday etc., e.g. Today this bay is called Botany Bay.
Of manner quickly, loudly etc., e.g. The Aboriginal man shouted loudly.
Of place here, there etc., e.g. There they were shown...

Quantifiers:

many, very, some etc., e.g. some students

Question formation:

'wh' e.g. Where did Cook go? What did Cook do there?
Subject reversal e.g. Was it in 1770? Were there any native people there?
'do' support
when no auxiliary e.g. Did he travel by ship? Did Cook find the Great Southern Land?

Negation:

e.g. He couldn't.

Short answer forms:

e.g. Yes, he did. No, he didn't. Yes, it was. No, it wasn't.

Verbs:

Past tense verbs e.g. met, decided, took, arrived, spent, walked
Passive voice e.g. They were shown this by a guide.

Verbal nouns (nominalised forms and gerunds):

e.g. resisted their landing, after leaving

Simple contractions:

didn't, couldn't, isn't etc., e.g. He couldn't.

Punctuation and text organisation:

e.g. apostrophes, question marks, upper/lower case, full stops,
commas, paragraphs