

Grammar Scope

Nouns:
 Proper nouns e.g. Australia, Antarctica
 Common nouns e.g. kangaroos, shelf, iceberg

Prepositions:
 Of place in, to, on etc., e.g. in most areas of Australia, to Antarctica
 Of time and date on, after, before, at etc., e.g. at night
 Of purpose for etc., e.g. for balance
 Of duration during, since etc., e.g. during winter

Articles:
 Definite the, e.g. the oceans
 Indefinite an, a, e.g. an ice-shelf
 Omission of article before most proper nouns, with uncountable nouns, e.g. of Antarctica

Pronouns:
 Subject I, you, we, they etc., e.g. They live in most areas of Australia.
 Object it, him, her, us etc., e.g. the oceans around it
 Possessive our, her, my, their etc., e.g. Kangaroos hop on their back legs.

Conjunctions and connectives:
 Additive and, also, as well etc., e.g. two short front legs and two long back legs
 Causal because, so etc., e.g. Because of the ice-shelf, ships cannot reach the coast.

Adjectives:
 e.g. brown, grey, short, long, ice covered, thick
 superlative forms - note the suffixes -est and -iest which differ according to the last letter of the base word if it ends in a y, the superlative will be -iest e.g. -lonely=loneliest, windy, but cold=coldest

Adverbs:
 Of frequency usually, always, sometimes, never etc., e.g. Usually an iceberg is very big.

Demonstratives:
 this, that, these, those, e.g. This is called an ice-shelf. These are called icebergs.

Quantifiers:
 very, some etc., e.g. Icebergs are very dangerous.

Empty subject (there/it) + existential 'be' + noun:
 e.g. It is dark all day.

Question formation:
 'wh' e.g. Where do they live? What do they eat?
 Subject reversal e.g. Are kangaroos white?
 'do' support
 when no auxiliary e.g. Do kangaroos eat meat?
 Modal 'can' e.g. Can kangaroos move fast?

Short answer forms:
 e.g. Yes, they do. No, they don't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't. Yes, it is. No, it isn't.

Verbs:
 Present tense verbs e.g. Kangaroos eat grass. Kangaroos live in most area of Australia. Day and night are different.
 Infinitive verbs e.g. to get through
 Passive voice e.g. Special ships are needed.

Conditional constructions:
 e.g. Special ships are needed if the ice is extra thick.

Punctuation:
 e.g. apostrophes, question marks, upper/lower case, full stops, commas, paragraph

Text organisation - Topic is tracked through repetition of the main participant (Antarctica) and (Kangaroos) as the first element of almost every sentence and paragraph.