



## Useful information

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## Grammar, Punctuation and Language Features

noun	a person, place or thing <i>man, Arctic, polar bear</i>	noun phrase	determiner + adjective(s) + noun <i>the deserted home</i>
verbs	an action, doing or being word - they change tense! <i>creeping</i>	adverbs	explains how, when or where the verb happens <i>creeping menacingly</i>
adverbial phrase	a group of words that has been used like an adverb to add detail to a verb <i>I'll tidy up in a minute.</i>	fronted adverbials	words/phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows (with comma!) <i>All of a sudden,</i>
preposition	tell you where a noun is in relation to another noun (the position!) <i>across, under, above, next to</i>	prepositional phrase	a group of words containing a preposition and noun it refers to <i>across the deserted landscape</i>
coordinating conjunctions	FANBOYS <i>for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so</i>	subordinating conjunctions	I SAW A WABUB <i>if, since, as, when, although, while, after, before, until, because</i>
apostrophe for possession	singular noun - add ' and s <i>the cliff's edge</i> plural noun ending in s - add ' <i>the eyes' sockets</i>	apostrophe for contraction	used to join two words together, replacing the missing letters <i>it + is = it's</i> <i>should + not = shouldn't</i>

## Vocabulary

habit	doing often in a regular and repeated way
situation	what is <u>happening</u> at a particular time/place
drifted	to move slowly with no control over direction
deserted	if a <u>place</u> is deserted, there are no <u>people</u> in it
rifled	<u>search</u> quickly through something, often to steal
matted	<u>twisted</u> into a firm, <u>messy mass</u>
shunned	to <u>avoid</u> something or someone
landmark	a <u>building</u> or <u>place</u> that is easily recognised
indicator	something that <u>shows</u> what a <u>situation</u> is like
hostile	<u>unfriendly</u> and not liking something
vast	<u>extremely big</u> ; large area
consume	to use up food, fuel, energy or time
omnivore	person/animal that eats all kinds of food
carrion	decaying flesh of a dead animal

## Focus Writing

Outsider narrative	A story where a character who is not from that place arrives and changes things.
Information report	A report which is not written in time order. They are usually non-fiction and give information.