

coordinating conjunctions

Connects two main clauses.
for, and, nor, but, or, so, yet

inverted commas

Inverted commas are used to indicate direct speech
"Did you hear that noise?" whispered Sam.

apostrophe for possession

the girl's eyes (shows singular possession)
the girls' eyes (shows plural possession)

apostrophe for contraction

Apostrophes show where the letters would be if the word was written in full.
cannot → can't

subordinating conjunctions

Connects a subordinate clause to a main clause
as if, because, unless, since, even if, when, whenever, wherever, whereas, while, rather than, until



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parenthesis

We can use brackets (), dashes - or commas , to add additional information into the main clause.
After lunch (around 1pm) we will finish our history lesson.

expanded noun phrases

Adds additional detail to the noun by adding adjectives or by explaining where the noun is.
beautiful, blue sky
The adjectives must not be synonyms and must have a comma to separate them.
the fox in the playground
the strict maths teacher with curly hair

modal verbs

Express the certainty, ability, or obligation of other verbs.
will, would, may, might, can, could, must, ought to, shall, should

relative clause

Uses a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, which, that) to add additional information.
The book, that I borrowed from the library, is due back tomorrow.

fronted adverbials

Used at the start of a sentence to describe manner, time or place.
Must be followed by a comma.
In the early morning, they began their thrilling adventure.
With great caution, he removed the top layer.
Startled, unnerved, terrified, he cowered in the corner of the room.
Brimming with excitement, she jumped out of bed eager to start her day.

narrative point of view

1st person: I, we, me, my, mine, our, ours
2nd person: you, your, yours
3rd person: he, his, him, she, her, hers, it, its, their, theirs

pronouns

Using pronouns avoids repetition of the noun and helps cohesion
She waved to him.
His mother is over there.
This will be an overnight visit.