

Use a before a word that starts with a consonant sound.

a rock a shaggy dog

Use an before a word that starts with a vowel sound.

an ice-cream an awful noise

Include **adjectives** to create **expanded noun phrases**:

The beautiful lake...

The scary monster...

The deep puddle...

The over-excited puppy...

Organise your writing in paragraphs.

Paragraphs are collections of sentences that are grouped together because they deal with an idea or a topic. There is no set length to a paragraph.

Use correct punctuation when writing direct speech.

inverted commas

capital letter

punctuation BEFORE the inverted commas

“It’s pizza for dinner,” said Dad.

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How?

angrily
anxiously
cautiously
courageously
crossly
cruelly
defiantly
elegantly
frantically
gently
gladly
gracefully
hungrily
inquisitively
irritably
loudly
quickly
safely
solemnly
weakly
wildly

When?

afterwards
again
before
beforehand
early
lately
never
now
often
recently
soon
then
today
tomorrow
yesterday

How often?

always
constantly
daily
hourly
monthly
never
occasionally
once
regularly
repeatedly
sometimes
usually

Where?

above
around
away
below
down
downstairs
everywhere
here
inside
outside
there
up
upstairs
whenever

How much?

almost
completely
entirely
little
much
rather
totally
very

Use conjunctions to link words and phrases.

after because but
so if
as when
and yet since

Use **possessive apostrophes** to show that one thing belongs to something.

The cat's tail was fluffy.

Use **apostrophes** to show where letters are missing.

I'm don't shouldn't
I'll can't she's he's they've
won't hasn't isn't

