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Grammar and Punctuation – Answers

Year 4 – Word Classes, Conjunctions, Fronted Adverbials, Apostrophes and Speech

Answer key – for the tutor or parent

Words *Word classes*

noun – person, place or thing
verb – doing or being word
adjective – describes a noun
adverb – how, when or where

Marks *Punctuation*

Later that day**,** we left.
the dog**'s** lead (one dog)
the dogs' leads (two or more)
"Stop!**"** shouted Sam.

A Underline every noun. **B** Underline the verb. **C** Is the word in bold an adjective or an adverb? Write it in.

	A Nouns		**B** Verbs		**C** Adjective or adverb?
1.	The **owl** hooted.	1.	Birds **sing** at dawn.	1.	a **tiny** mouse **adjective**
2.	**Mum** fixed the **car**.	2.	Leo **kicked** the ball.	2.	ran **quickly** **adverb**
3.	A **fox** ran past.	3.	The bus **stopped**.	3.	a **cold** day **adjective**
4.	Our **teacher** smiled.	4.	We **ate** pizza.	4.	sang **loudly** **adverb**
5.	The **river** froze.	5.	She **whispered** softly.	5.	**muddy** boots **adjective**
6.	**Ali** lost his **hat**.	6.	The baby **cried**.	6.	arrived **early** **adverb**
7.	Two **ducks** swam.	7.	They **climbed** up.	7.	a **gentle** breeze **adjective**
8.	The **shop** was shut.	8.	I **painted** a sign.	8.	spoke **calmly** **adverb**
9.	**Grandad** grew **carrots**.	9.	Dad **drove** to work.	9.	a **bright** star **adjective**
10.	The **clock** ticked.	10.	The dog **barked**.	10.	worked **carefully** **adverb**
11.	**London** is busy.	11.	We **are** happy.	11.	**heavy** bags **adjective**
12.	A **wasp** stung **Ben**.	12.	Jo **jumped** high.	12.	will arrive **soon** **adverb**

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Have a go at these – Answers

1. a) **because** b) **but** c) **so** d) **when**
   Accept other sensible choices, e.g. a) when.
2. a) **After lunch, we played football.**
   b) **As quietly as they could, the children crept downstairs.**
3. ✓ **Before bedtime, we read a story.**
4. a) **the dog's bone** b) **the boys' coats** c) **the children's toys**
5. a) **"Can we go to the park?" asked Maya.**
   b) **Mr Shah said, "Put your books away."**
6. Any sensible answer, e.g. a) **the old stone castle on the hill** b) **a fierce green dragon with golden eyes**

BetterChallenge:

Think it through

a) **Yesterday** and **peacefully** (on the sofa is a prepositional phrase acting as an adverbial).

b) **the girl's ponies** – the ponies belong to **one** girl. **the girls' ponies** – they belong to **more than one** girl.

c) Any correct sentence, e.g. **In the morning, we went to the beach because it was sunny.** (Check for the comma after the fronted adverbial.)