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Grammar and Punctuation

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

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Have a go at these.

1. Fill each gap with a conjunction from the box:

   because but so when

   a) We stayed inside _____ it was pouring with rain.

   b) I like apples _____ I do not like pears.

   c) The film was very long, _____ we took some snacks.

   d) Wash your hands _____ you get home.

2. Rewrite each sentence so that it starts with the **fronted adverbial**. Remember the comma.

   a) We played football after lunch.

   _____

   b) The children crept downstairs as quietly as they could.

   _____

3. Tick the sentence that uses the comma correctly.

   Before bedtime we, read a story. ☐

   Before bedtime, we read a story. ☐

   Before, bedtime we read a story. ☐

   Before bedtime we read, a story. ☐

4. Write each phrase using an apostrophe to show possession.

   a) the bone belonging to the dog _____

   b) the coats belonging to the boys _____

   c) the toys belonging to the children _____

5. Add the inverted commas and any other missing punctuation.

   a) Can we go to the park asked Maya

   _____

   b) Mr Shah said put your books away

   _____

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6. Turn each noun into an **expanded noun phrase** by adding adjectives and a prepositional phrase.

   a) the castle _____

   b) a dragon _____

BetterChallenge:

Think it through

a) Underline the **two** adverbs:

Yesterday, the cat slept peacefully on the sofa.

_____

b) Explain the difference in meaning:

the girl's ponies and the girls' ponies

_____

c) Write a sentence that starts with a fronted adverbial and also uses the conjunction **because**.

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