

Vocabulary Grammar and Punctuation Terminology

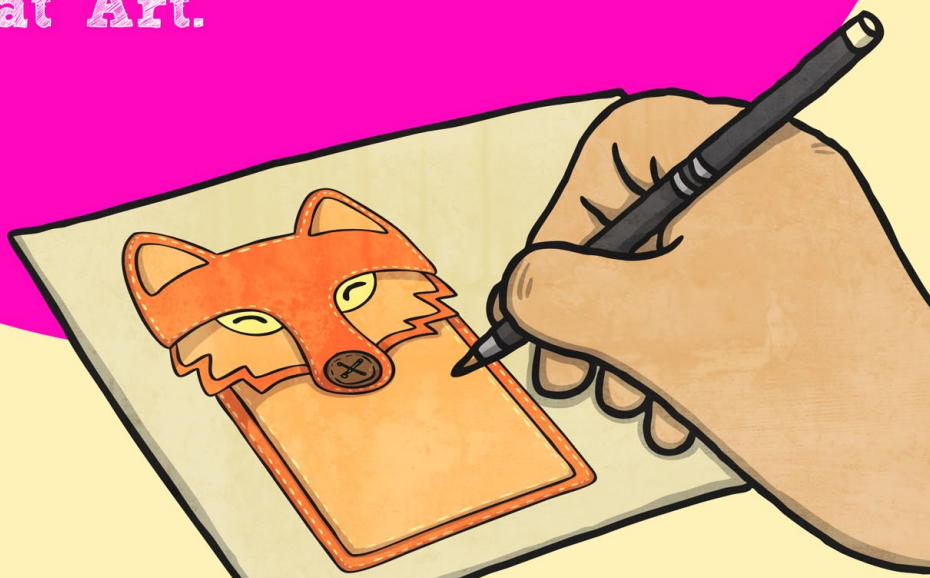
Parenthesis

We use parenthesis to add extra detail to a sentence which is already grammatically correct without it. We can use **brackets**, **dashes** or **commas** to separate the parenthetical information from the main sentence.

- Mrs. Jones (**my teacher**) works in Year 5.

- The product of four and nine **—36—** is a square number.

Michael, **who sits next to me**, is brilliant at Art.



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Relative Pronoun

Relative pronouns (**who**, **which**, **where**, **that**, **when**) introduce a relative clause. They refer back to a noun or clause that we already know.



who

which

where

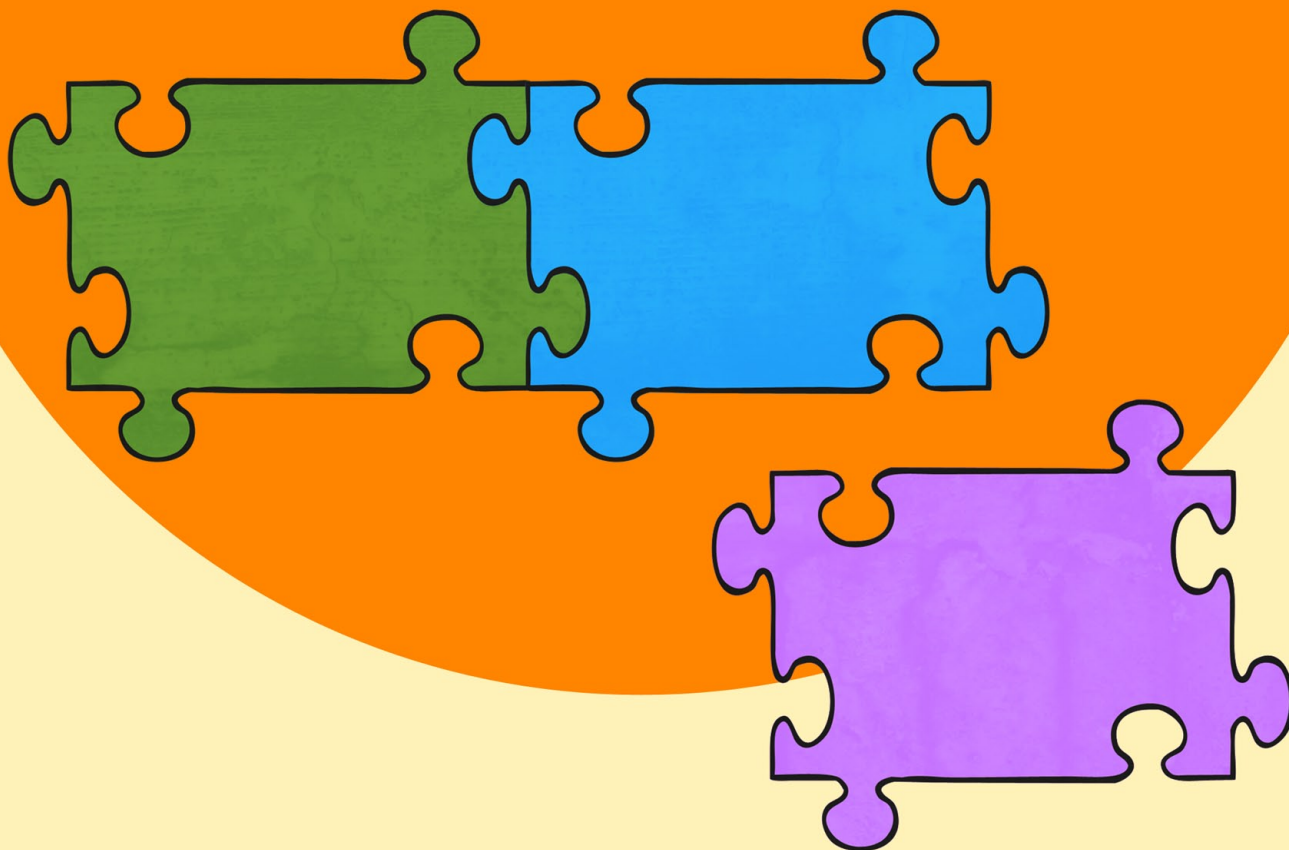
that

when

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Cohesion

A text which has cohesion fits logically together. The reader can see how one part moves on to another or how the end links back to the beginning. We use **cohesive devices**, such as **connective phrases** and **determiners**, to achieve cohesion.

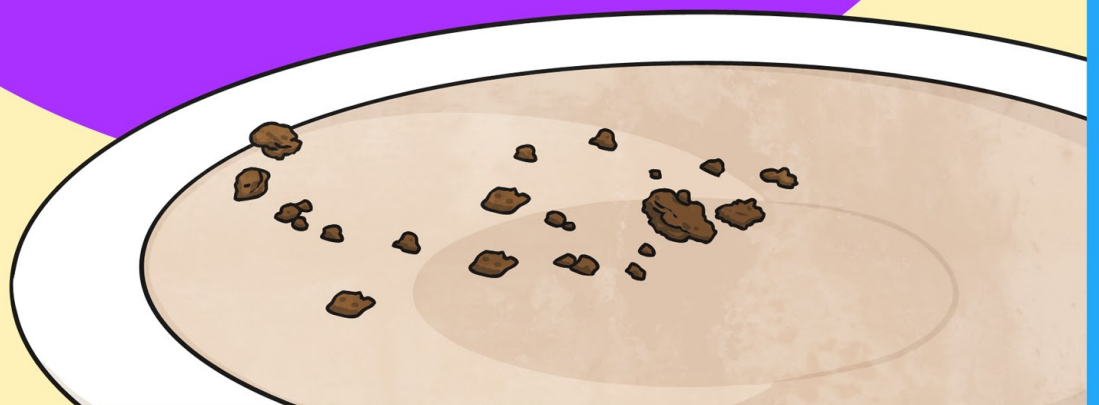


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Relative Clause

A relative clause is a special type of subordinate clause which adds extra information to another noun or clause.

- **James, who never does his homework, is very lazy.**
[the extra clause tells us more about James]
- **All the chocolate pudding was gone by the time I got in to lunch, which really annoyed me.**
[this refers to the whole previous clause about chocolate pudding]



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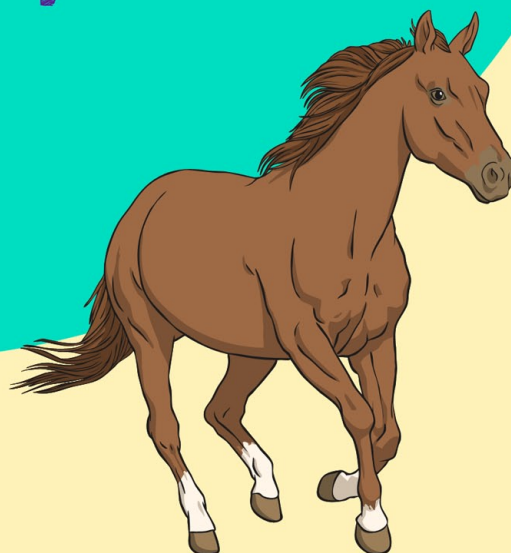
Ambiguity / Ambiguous

If a phrase, clause or sentence is ambiguous, the meaning is not clear. Often, you can solve this problem by re-ordering the sentence or using more precise punctuation.

I rode my horse wearing red pyjamas.
Is it the horse that's wearing pyjamas?

Try...

**Wearing red pyjamas,
I rode my horse.**



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Modal Verb

Modal verbs change or affect other verbs in a sentence. They are used to show the level of possibility, indicate ability, show obligation or give permission.

Some common modal verbs are:

can

will

shall

must

could

should

