

Grammar Scope

**Nouns:**

Proper nouns e.g. Tuesday, Yeng, Fairfield  
 Common nouns e.g. sides, triangle, sister, boy

**Prepositions:**

Of place in, on etc., in Newtown  
 Of accompaniment with etc., e.g. with my family

**Articles:**

Definite the, e.g. the first day  
 Indefinite a, an, e.g. a triangle  
 Omission of article  
 before most proper nouns,  
 with uncountable nouns In Fairfield, in Newtown

**Pronouns:**

Subject I, you, we, it etc., e.g. I come from Thailand.  
 Possessive I, my, our, its etc., e.g. I live with my family

**Conjunctions and connectives:**

Additive and, also, as well as etc., e.g. I have black hair and brown eyes.

**Adjectives:**

e.g. one, cool, cloudy, black, brown

**Demonstratives:**

this, that, these, those, e.g. This is a triangle.

**Question formation:**

'wh' e.g. What day is it? Where do you come from?

Subject reversal (inversion) e.g. Is it cold today?

'do' support

when no auxiliary e.g. Does your family live in Hamilton?

**Short answer forms:**

e.g. Yes, it is. No, it isn't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't.

**Verbs:**

Present tense verbs e.g. am, have, speak, live, go  
 Simple contractions what's, where's, it's, she's etc., e.g. It's a cool and cloudy day.

**Punctuation:**

e.g. question marks, upper/lower case, full stops

Text Structure and Language Features

Text Structure - simple declarative sentences

**EXAMPLE 1**

This is a triangle. It has three sides and three angles.

**EXAMPLE 2**

Today is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. It is the first day of autumn. It's a cool and cloudy day.

**EXAMPLE 3**

My name is Yeng. I come from Thailand. I have one sister. Her name is Por-Ye. I live with my family in Newtown. I go to Wellington High School.

**EXAMPLE 4**

I am a boy. I have black hair and brown eyes. I am 14 years old. I speak Chinese. I live in Fairfield. I like computer games. Who am I?

**Language Features**

Use of very basic sentence patterns e.g. subject/verb/object; subject/verb/adverbial phrase or adjectival phrase

Use of linking verbs, e.g. is, are, have

Use of action verbs, e.g. go, speak

Use of personal pronouns, e.g. I, her, it, my

Use of common adjectives, e.g. cool, cloudy, one, first, brown

Use of nouns to identify places, people, things, e.g. Thailand, Por-Ye, triangle

Use of familiar vocabulary

Use of present tense, e.g. like, go, live