

Grammar Scope

**Nouns:**  
 Proper nouns e.g. Australia, Antarctica  
 Common nouns e.g. kangaroos, shelf, iceberg

**Prepositions:**  
 Of place in, to, on etc., e.g. in most areas of Australia, to Antarctica  
 Of time and date on, after, before, at etc., e.g. at night  
 Of purpose for etc., e.g. for balance  
 Of duration during, since etc., e.g. during winter

**Articles:**  
 Definite the, e.g. the oceans  
 Indefinite an, a, e.g. an ice-shelf  
 Omission of article before most proper nouns, with uncountable nouns, e.g. of Antarctica

**Pronouns:**  
 Subject I, you, we, they etc., e.g. They live in most areas of Australia.  
 Object it, him, her, us etc., e.g. the oceans around it  
 Possessive our, her, my, their etc., e.g. Kangaroos hop on their back legs.

**Conjunctions and connectives:**  
 Additive and, also, as well etc., e.g. two short front legs and two long back legs  
 Causal because, so etc., e.g. Because of the ice-shelf, ships cannot reach the coast.

**Adjectives:**  
 e.g. brown, grey, short, long, ice covered, thick  
 superlative forms - note the suffixes -est and -iest which differ according to the last letter of the base word if it ends in a y, the superlative will be -iest e.g. -lonely=loneliest, windy, but cold=coldest

**Adverbs:**  
 Of frequency usually, always, sometimes, never etc., e.g. Usually an iceberg is very big.

**Demonstratives:**  
 this, that, these, those, e.g. This is called an ice-shelf. These are called icebergs.

**Quantifiers:**  
 very, some etc., e.g. Icebergs are very dangerous.

**Empty subject (there/it) + existential 'be' + noun:**  
 e.g. It is dark all day.

**Question formation:**  
 'wh' e.g. Where do they live? What do they eat?  
 Subject reversal e.g. Are kangaroos white?  
 'do' support  
 when no auxiliary e.g. Do kangaroos eat meat?  
 Modal 'can' e.g. Can kangaroos move fast?

**Short answer forms:**  
 e.g. Yes, they do. No, they don't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't. Yes, it is. No, it isn't.

**Verbs:**  
 Present tense verbs e.g. Kangaroos eat grass. Kangaroos live in most area of Australia. Day and night are different.  
 Infinitive verbs e.g. to get through  
 Passive voice e.g. Special ships are needed.

**Conditional constructions:**  
 e.g. Special ships are needed if the ice is extra thick.

**Punctuation:**  
 e.g. apostrophes, question marks, upper/lower case, full stops, commas, paragraph

**Text organisation** - Topic is tracked through repetition of the main participant (Antarctica) and (Kangaroos) as the first element of almost every sentence and paragraph.