

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Common nouns e.g. computers, curse

Prepositions:

Of place in, to, on, under etc., e.g. in front of television, from all over the world

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the classroom

Indefinite a, an, e.g. a detention, an extra sports practice

Omission of article before most proper nouns, with uncountable nouns and when noun used as non-specific term

e.g. Cellphones, pornography

Pronouns:

Subject it, they, we etc., e.g. ...they are a vital piece of equipment.

Object it, her, us, them etc., e.g. Students can use them

Possessive our, her, my, their etc., e.g. our lives

Conjunctions and connectives:

Temporal first, as, when, while etc., e.g. When you're using cell phones in class...

Contrastive but, although, on the other hand etc., e.g. On the other hand, cellphones can be used as a way of increasing students' safety.

Additive and, also, as well as etc., e.g. Teachers also worry...

Causal because, so etc., e.g. ...because they monitor everything we do

e.g. advanced, complex, better, unpleasant

Adjectives:

Adverbs:

Of intensity very, so etc., e.g. make it very quick

Demonstratives:

this, that, these, those, e.g. This has been shown, These tiny pieces of technology

Quantifiers:

no, many, some, all, most etc., e.g. Some people,

Empty subject (there/it) + existential 'be' + adjective/noun:

e.g. It has been said,

Question formation:

'wh'

e.g. What makes us so dependent on computers? Why do some people use cellphones to bully others?

Subject reversal

e.g. Are cellphones more of a blessing than a curse ?

'do' support

when no auxiliary

e.g. Do computers make us lazy?

Modal

e.g. Should cellphones be banned at school?

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. Computers have many everyday uses. Teachers also worry

Infinitive verbs

e.g. If you're going to be late home...

Modals

e.g. They could be misused.

Passive voice

e.g. Cellphones can be used as a way of increasing safety. We hear stories of phones being stolen.