

Grammar Scope

Positive, neutral and negative connotations of all parts of speech Nouns:

- Proper nouns e.g. Sadako, Pearl Buck
- Common nouns e.g. novel, author, characters

Prepositions:

- Of place in, on, over, to etc., e.g. in China, to the South
- Of time at, on, after, before etc., e.g. at night, at the beginning

Articles:

- Definite the, e.g. the story
- Indefinite a, an, e.g. an American

- Omission of articles before most proper nouns, with uncountable nouns e.g. in China, after World War II

Pronouns:

- Subject she, you, we, they etc., e.g. She lived. They moved.
- Object it, him, her, us etc., e.g. She gave it to Wang Lung.
- Possessive our, her, my, their etc., e.g. her family, It hasn't rained on their farm for a long time.
- Relative who, which, that, where etc., e.g. others who also found themselves in the same situation

Conjunctions and connectives:

- Additive and, also, as well as etc., e.g. the gods would grant their wish and make them healthy again.
- Contrastive but, although etc., e.g. but died before she had finished
- Temporal when, while etc., e.g. An exciting incident happened when they went to the South.
- Causal therefore, so etc., e.g. So Sadako fought bravely.

Adjectives:

e.g. brave, courageous, energetic, optimistic

Adverbs:

- Of focus, comment really, even etc., e.g. I really liked this book.
- Of manner bravely, untiringly, quickly, carefully etc., e.g. they worked untiringly.

Demonstratives:

this, that, these, those, e.g. I really liked this book.

Quantifiers:

all, some etc., e.g. readers of all ages

Question formation:

- 'wh' e.g. Why did you like the book? What was the book about?
- Subject reversal e.g. Is the book funny?
- 'do' support
- when no auxiliary e.g. Did you like the book?
- Modal e.g. Would you recommend the book to teenagers?
- Negation e.g. It hasn't rained on their farm for a long time.
- Short answer forms e.g. Yes, she does. No, she doesn't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't. Yes, it was. No, it wasn't.

Verbs:

- Present tense verbs e.g. The author portrays Sadako as a brave girl. 'The Good Earth' is a family saga.
- Past tense verbs e.g. Sadako developed leukaemia. Wang Lung's family moved to the South.
- Infinitive verbs e.g. They have to move.
- Saying, thinking and opinion verbs e.g. believed, liked, enjoyed
- Passive voice e.g. An atom bomb was dropped. The novel was written.
- Modals e.g. I would recommend it to readers of all ages.

Simple contractions:

e.g. It hasn't rained.

Punctuation:

e.g. apostrophes, question marks, upper/ lower case, full stops, commas, sentences, paragraphs