

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Proper nouns e.g. Mohammed
Common nouns e.g. toilet, pants

Prepositions:

Of place to, in, on etc., e.g. to the toilet
Of time and date in, at, after, before etc., e.g. at recess
Of duration for etc., e.g. for a couple of minutes

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the toilet
Indefinite a, an, e.g. a note
Omission of articles
before most proper nouns,
with uncountable nouns e.g. Yes, Ms.

Pronouns:

Subject I, you, we etc., e.g. Can I go to the toilet, please?
Object me, him, her, us etc., e.g. I'd like you to wait...
Possessive your, her, my etc., e.g. Where are your grey pants?

Adjectives:

e.g. grey pants

Adverbs:

Of time tomorrow, yesterday etc., e.g. Wear them tomorrow.

Question formation:

'wh'
Subject reversal e.g. Where are your grey pants?
e.g. Have you got a note?

Verbs:

Present tense verbs e.g. Where are your grey pants?
Past tense verbs e.g. (My) mother washed (them).
Imperative verbs e.g. Make sure you wear them tomorrow.
Modals e.g. You should get a permission slip...

Simple Contractions:

e.g. I'd, Can't,

Text Structure and Language Features

Text Structure - Negotiations

1. NEGOTIATE ENVIRONMENT

Opening

Student: Can I go to the toilet, please?

Response

Teacher: Please wait for a couple of minutes until the last person has come back.

Initiation

Student: Can't I wait by the door, Sir?

Response

Teacher: No I'd like you to wait at your desk.

Initiation

Student: Do I need a note as well?

Response

Teacher: Yes, you should get a permission slip from my desk as you leave the room.

Closing

Student: OK, Sir.

2. NEGOTIATE ENVIRONMENT

Initiation

Teacher: Mohammed, where are your grey pants?

Response

Student: (My) mother washed (them).

Initiation

Teacher: Have you got a note?

Response

Student: Yes, Ms. (Shows note.)

Feedback/closing

Teacher: OK. Make sure you wear them tomorrow.

Language Features

Use of questions, e.g. Can I go to the toilet, please? Where are your grey pants?

Use of polite language, e.g. Please wait...

Use of ellipsis typical of casual conversation e.g. Yes, Ms. (not Yes I have, Ms.)

Use of nouns to name people, things, e.g. Mohammed, pants, toilet