

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Proper nouns e.g. Sydney, Taiwan
Common nouns e.g. zoo, aunt

Prepositions:

Of place to, from, in, on etc., e.g. to the zoo
Of time and date at, after, before, on etc., e.g. on Thursday
Of accompaniment with etc., e.g. with my family

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the plane
Indefinite a, an, e.g. a good day

Pronouns:

Subject I, you, we etc., e.g. I went to the airport. We saw monkeys and kangaroos.
Possessive our, her, his, my etc., e.g. my family

Simple conjunctions:

Temporal when, then, firstly etc., e.g. Then we went home.

Adjectives:

e.g. good, happy

Adverbs:

Of place home, here, there etc., e.g. Then we went home.
Of time yesterday, tomorrow., e.g. Yesterday our class went to the city.

Question formation:

'wh'
Subject reversal e.g. Where did you go?
Do support e.g. Was it on Sunday?
when no auxiliary e.g. Did she come from Taiwan?

Short answer forms:

e.g. Yes, she did. No, she didn't. Yes, it was. No, it wasn't.

Verbs:

Past tense verbs e.g. waited, went, were
Past continuous tense verbs e.g. was coming

Text Structure and Language Features

EXAMPLE 1

Text Structure - Recount

THE ZOO

Orientation

Yesterday our class went to the city.

Record of events

We went to the zoo. We saw monkeys and kangaroos.

Reorientation

We went home at 3 o'clock.

Evaluation

We enjoyed the zoo and learnt lots of things about the animals.

EXAMPLE 2

Text Structure - Recount

THE AIRPORT

Orientation

On Sunday I went to the airport. My aunt was coming from Taiwan.

Record of events

We waited a long time. My aunt came at 10 pm.

Reorientation

Then we went home.

Evaluation

We were very happy. It was a good day with my family.

Language Features

Use of sentences

Use of action verbs, e.g. went, waited

Use of past tense, e.g. went, was, waited

Use of nouns to name people, places, things, e.g. class, city, airport

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. to the city, at 10 p.m.

Use of conjunctions to sequence events, e.g. then