



## Y4 Grammar Glossary

| Grammar term       | What does it mean?   |
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| Adverbial          | <p>Adverbials are words or phrases that we use to add information to a verb or clause. They add to the verb! They act like adverbs.</p> <p>She laughed <u>like a hyena</u>.</p> <p>Please hang up your coats <u>over there</u>.</p> <p>We had a sleepover <u>last night</u>.</p>   |
| Fronted adverbial  | <p>They are at the front of the sentence, before the verb. They are at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows.</p> <p><u>As fast as he could</u>, the rabbit hopped away.</p> <p><u>Before the sun came up</u>, he ate his breakfast.</p>   |
| Determiner         | <p>Determiners are words which specify which noun we mean. They come before any adjectives or other describing phrases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>a</u>, <u>an</u> and <u>the</u> are common determiners. They are called articles.</li> <li>• <u>that</u> small book, <u>his</u> own name, <u>some</u> flowers</li> </ul> |
| Possessive pronoun | <p>Possessive pronouns take the place of a noun and apostrophe to show who something belongs to.</p> <p>It is <u>Rachel's</u> birthday.</p> <p>It is <u>her</u> birthday.</p>  |
| Pronoun            | <p>A pronoun takes the place of a noun which is already known, perhaps from a previous sentence.</p> <p><u>I</u> like cheese.</p> <p><u>They</u> come from London.</p> <p><u>These</u> socks are smelly!</p>   |