



Y6 Grammar Glossary

Grammar term	What does it mean?
Active	<p>When a sentence is the active voice, the pattern is subject-verb-object. The <u>subject</u> of the verb is more important.</p> <p><u>James</u> broke the window.</p> <p>The <u>caretaker</u> painted the playground.</p>
Passive	<p>When a sentence is in the passive voice, the pattern is usually object-verb-(subject). The object of the verb is more important.</p> <p><u>The window</u> has been broken.</p> <p><u>The playground</u> was painted (by the caretaker).</p>
Subject	<p>The subject is the person, noun phrase, pronoun or thing which does the verb in a clause.</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> is my favourite day.</p> <p><u>Cheryl's mum</u> is picking me up today.</p> <p>Are <u>you</u> coming to the disco?</p>
Object	<p>The object is the person, noun phrase, pronoun or thing which usually comes directly after the verb. It shows what the verb is acting on.</p> <p>Fri ay is <u>my favourite day</u>.</p> <p>Cheryl's mum is picking <u>me</u> up today.</p> <p>Are you coming to <u>the disco</u>?</p>
Antonym	<p>Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.</p> <p>young - old</p> <p>full - empty</p> <p>straight - bendy</p>
Synonym	<p>A synonym is a word or phrase with the same or similar meaning to another. You can find synonyms in a thesaurus.</p> <p>talk = speak = mention</p> <p>sleep = doze = nap</p>