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Word	Definition	Examples	In the classroom
I and me	According to standard English: * I is used on its own or with a noun when either is the subject of the verb * Me is used on its own or with a noun when either is the object of the verb * Me is also used when the pronoun is the object of a preposition	I went for a walk/Jane and I went for a walk The teacher blamed me/The teacher blamed Jane and me. Jane came cycling with me	Provide children with a variety of sentences which use I and me and get them to identify similarities between them to help them to generate a 'rule' for choosing which to use when.
Imperative	An imperative is a verb form that expresses a directive or a command. The verb is used in its base form, typically without a subject	Sit down. Come here. Put the glass in the basin.	Look at examples of sentences that begin with an imperative and discuss what effect that has on the sentence. Discuss when they are best used.
Noun phrase	A noun phrase typically consists of a noun that is modified by other words such as articles, adjectives, additional nouns or preposition phrases.	The shed The blue shed The blue garden shed The blue garden shed behind the rose bushes	Give children a noun and get them to generate as many noun phrases as they can that will suit the noun. Discuss the effectiveness and when they would be most appropriate.