English Vocabulary Progression
2026 - 2027

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Write to inform	Letter, word	Letter, word, capital letter, sentence	Letter, capital letter, word, sentence punctuation, full stop, verb, noun	Letter, capital letter, word, sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, verb, tense, past tense, adjective, noun, noun phrase exclamation mark comma command statement question, adverb *conjunction – not statutory until Y3, instead can use the term 'linking word'	comma, apostrophe, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, preposition, adverb, noun, verb, tense, past tense, present tense, apostrophe, paragraph, conjunction, pronoun	noun, adverb, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, paragraph, pronoun, comma verb, present tense, preposition, adverbial, past tense, inverted commas, direct speech, pronoun	verb, tense, past tense adjective, noun, noun phrase, comma, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, preposition, paragraph, adverbial, parenthesis, bracket, bracket, relative pronoun, relative clause, dash, cohesion, ambiguity. colon, bullet points (statutory terminology for Year 6 but introduced in year 5)	Comma, past tense, present tense, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, preposition, paragraph, adverbial, parenthesis, ambiguity, cohesion, relative pronoun, relative clause, bracket, dash, object, subject passive, active bullet point semi-colon, colon, hyphen

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Write to entertain	Letter, word	Letter, word, capital letter, sentence, full stop	letter, capital letter, word, sentence punctuation, full stop, verb, noun, adjective, exclamation mark	Letter, capital letter, word, sentence punctuation, full stop, exclamation mark, question mark, verb, noun, noun phrase, tense, present tense, past tense adjective, comma statement apostrophe adjective *conjunction – not statutory until Y3, instead can use the term 'linking word'	sentence punctuation, full stop, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, adjective, adverb, verb, comma, preposition, inverted commas, direct speech, consonant vowel	noun, noun phrase, adverb, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, preposition, inverted commas, paragraph, adjective apostrophe, adverbial, pronoun, direct speech	adjective, noun, noun phrase, comma, verb, conjunction, preposition inverted commas, direct speech, adverbial, cohesion, ambiguity, relative pronoun, relative clause, modal verb colon, ellipsis (statutory terminology for Year 6 but introduced in Year 5)	Comma, verb, tense, adjective, noun, noun phrase, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, inverted commas, paragraph, direct speech, adverbial, ambiguity, cohesion, pronoun, relative pronoun, brackets, dash, parentheses, relative clause, semi-colon, colon, dash, ellipsis
Write to persuade					adverb, apostrophe, tense (past, present, present perfect tense)	noun, noun phrase adjective, adverb, conjunction, preposition, paragraph,	Comma, adverb, inverted commas, direct speech, adverbial, relative	comma, adverb, clause, subordinate clause, conjunction, modal verb

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						verb, comma, adverbial, pronoun	pronoun, relative clause bracket, dash, parenthesis cohesion, ambiguity, modal verb	ambiguity, object, subject passive, active semi-colon, colon, dash
Write to discuss							Comma, adverbial, relative pronoun, relative clause cohesion, ambiguity colon (statutory terminology for Year 6 but introduced in Year 5)	present tense, comma, paragraph, adverbial, cohesion, modal verb bracket, dash, parenthesis, semi-colon, colon