

# Parent Guide

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## What is this resource and how do I use it?

If your child has recently moved up to year 3 and you are hoping to support them at home with their English work, it can be difficult to keep up with the jargon that schools use. This resource aims to help you understand some of the common terms you may find in your child's English homework, so that you can continue to support them.

## What is the focus of this resource?

Vocabulary

Empowering Parents

Technical Language

## Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

There is a range of helpful resources on the **Parents Hub** that can aid you in supporting your child's learning at home. Find out what your child will be expected to learn in year 3 English with this handy **Parent Guide** and help them get on top of their spellings with this **word a day activity**.

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# English Jargon Buster

## Year 3

This list includes many of the common terms you and your child may come across in English in year 3. Some of these terms will be new to your child, but they may have already learned about many of them in year 2. Where possible, we have included helpful links to our [Parenting Wiki](#) page for each of the terms, should you wish to learn more. For terms that they may learn in other year groups, have a look at our [Jargon Buster category](#).

English Term	Definition	Further Information
adjective	a word that describes a noun.	<a href="#">What is an adjective?</a>
adverb	a word that describes a verb. Often these end in -ly, but not always.	<a href="#">What is an adverb?</a>
alliteration	a technique that uses repetition of the first sound or letter of a string of words, e.g. red rabbits racing.	<a href="#">What is alliteration?</a>
common exception words	also known as tricky words, these are words that don't fit regular spelling patterns taught in school. Children are taught to recognise and spell these by memory.	<a href="#">What are exception words?</a>
conjunctions	words which join together separate ideas within sentences.	<a href="#">What are conjunctions?</a>
direct speech	speech that is written exactly as it is said by the speaker. It is punctuated with inverted commas.	<a href="#">What are direct speech?</a>

English Term	Definition	Further Information	
exclamation mark	a punctuation mark at the end of a sentence expressing shock or anger. It's used to finish exclamations too, which are sentences which show strong levels of emotion or excitement.	What is an exclamation mark?	
FANBOYS	an acronym for the conjunctions for, and, nor, but, or, yet and so.	What are FANBOYS?	
fiction	a piece of writing that has been made up.	What is fiction?	
first person	text that is written from the point of view of the narrator, using I, we, my and our.	What is first person?	
haiku	a traditional Japanese poem made up of three lines which follows a specific syllable structure.	What is a haiku?	
homophone	a word that sounds the same as another word but has a different meaning.	What is a homophone?	
inverted commas	the punctuation that goes at the beginning and end of direct speech.	What are inverted commas?	

English Term	Definition	Further Information
kenning	a type of poem using two word phrases, either noun-verb or noun-noun.	What is a kenning?
limerick	a five line poem designed to make people laugh.	What is a limerick?
non-chronological report	a piece of non-fiction text that is not written in time (chronological) order.	What is a non-chronological report?
non-fiction	a piece of writing that is based on truth or fact.	What is non-fiction?
noun	a naming word used to name a person, place, thing or idea.	What is a noun?
onomatopoeia	words that use sound to help the reader's imagination, such as boom, hiss or pop. These words sound like the word they are naming.	What is onomatopoeia?
prefix	a group of letters that goes in front of a root word to change the meaning.	What is a prefix?

English Term	Definition	Further Information
root word	a basic word that doesn't have a prefix or suffix added to it.	What is a root word?
suffix	a group of letters that goes at the end of a root word to change the meaning.	What is a suffix?
third person	text that is written from the point of view of an outsider, using he, she and they.	What is third person?
verb	an action word that describes what someone or something is doing.	What is a verb?
WAGOLL	an acronym for 'What A Good One Looks Like' - another name for an example text to show children what the teacher is looking for.	What is WAGOLL?
WALT	We Are Learning To... - a way for the teacher to introduce a topic at the start of a lesson.	What is WALT?
word bank	a visual tool to help children remember key words or spellings.	What is a word bank?
WOW words	advanced, ambitious vocabulary, such as using adjectives like 'incredible' rather than 'good'.	What are WOW words?
ZPD	Zone of Proximal Development - a child's level of reading as assessed by the reading scheme Accelerated Reader, which lets them know which books are suitable for them to read.	What is ZPD?

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