Writing Progression English Curriculum: Year 4 Sentence Level

Phonics &	Vocabulary, Grammar, Punctuation	Sentence Types
Spelling		
International	- use fronted adverbials	See Y3 for BOYS, simile, question
Irregular	 A fronted adverbial goes at the beginning of a sentence 	, , , ,
Illegal	It describes the verb in the sentence	Short sentence
Automobile	It describes where, when and how	Then it happened.
Antibiotic	Eg	Everything failed.
Submarine	As soon as he could, Tom jumped off the train.	, ,
Rewind	Last week I went to the dentist	List sentence
Reference	In the winter, some animals hibernate.	It was a cold, wet, miserable morning.
Recommendation	Outside my house, I found a pizza.	
Nation		ing opener
Happily	Other examples:	Screaming hysterically, Lisa shouted for
Suddenly	Gently, Before I go to bed, At last,	help.
Pressure	Suddenly, At the park, Every playtime	
Measure		If, then sentence
Adventure	consistent use of punctuation	If the alarm had gone off, then his life
Creature	- use commas after fronted adverbials	would not have been destroyed.
Decision	Eg Gently, she lifted the sleeping baby.	
Mission		Adverb sentence
Disastrous	- indicate possession by using the	He laughed quietly, not wanting to
Hilarious	possessive apostrophe with plural	attract any attention.
Nation	nouns eg pupils' books	Smiling suspiciously, the man put his hand
Intention		in his pocket and pulled out a handful of
Comprehension	- use and punctuate direct speech	magic beans
Possession	with speech marks and commas to	
Impression	mark start of speech	Expanded noun sentence
Magician		It was an overgrown, messy garden with a
Optician	Use conjunctions/ openers generally found at the beginning of a sentence or which may	lifeless, leafless tree.
Men's room	introduce a paragraph/signal a change of topic	
James' house		Verb sentence
Accept/except	In addition furthermore meanwhile on the other hand however	Amazed and excited, he left the circus
Affect/effect	o Donaih!	reluctantly
Ball/bawl	Complex sentences using relative clauses:	Dressed all in black, the man appeared
Berry/bury	A relative clause is a type of subordinate clause.	very strange to Jack.
Break/brake	A relative clause usually adds more detail about the noun in the main clause.	
Fare/fair	Relative clauses turn simple sentences into complex sentences.	

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Grate/great
Groan/grown
Hear/here
Heel/heal/he'll
Knot/not
Mail/male
Main/mane
Meat/meet
Meddle/medal
Missed/mist
Piece/peace
Plane/plain
Reign/rain/rein
Seen/scene
Weather/whethe

Who's/whose

Eg The boy, who was caught stealing apples, was chased by the farmer's dog.

The main clause could stand alone as a simple sentence, but the relative or subordinate clause cannot.

Key words to signal the use of a relative clause are who, whose, which, where

The man, who was a sailor, was waiting in the queue.

The snarling beast, whose breath smelled like rotting eggs, roared with all his might.

Use commas to mark **embedded clauses** eg The pirate, <u>with his cutlass clenched in his teeth</u>, swung on to the ship.

Use commas when using a drop-in clause:

The giant, howling with rage, raced after Jack.

In non- chronological writing ensure layout uses key elements:

- Related elements are grouped into paragraphs
- Some attempt to link paragraphs
- Use a range of technical and descriptive language
- Vary use of adjectives and verbs to achieve impact.
- Adverbs are used to add detail to actions.

Introduce idea of sentence of three

Jack clambered down the beanstalk. He picked up his axe. He shouted, "Timber!" becomes

Jack clambered down the beanstalk, picked up his axe and shouted, "Timber!"

Uses and identifies,

Articles eg a/an/the

Use a when word starts with a consonant

Use an if word starts with a vowel

A banana

An apple

Use the in front of a singular, countable or common noun

The three blind mice

Conjunction opener

While we were driving along the country lanes, my sister was sick

3 questions - statement

Who was at the door? Why were they here? What did they want from me? I was soon to find out

Adverb, simile, action

Quickly, like a lightning bolt, he flew done the road, hoping he wouldn't miss school.

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demonstratives

Words which show which person or thing is being referred to Eg this, that, these and those

This/that - refer to singular These/those - refer to plural

This is my brother **These** are my sisters

Possessive pronoun

my, your, his, her, its, their, our, mine, yours, ours **Your** breakfast is ready
Her purse matches **her** shoes

Qualifiers

A bit less A little more

Pretty Quite Rather Very

Least Mighty

She was the **most** beautiful girl there.