

Key Stage 3 Grammar Year 7 – Year 9

This grammar course is split into 5 distinct sections;

- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Grammar: Basic
- Grammar: Tense
- Writing Skills

The course builds on and develops what student learnt on the Key Stage 2 Year 4- Year 6 course. Each lesson is standalone – if student have a particular topic they want to learn or review these lessons can be taught separately. Each lesson is one hour long – the full course is 42 lessons in total. At the end of each section we will do a review test lesson. We can also start each section with a review test lesson to identify areas of weakness, teach those areas and then complete the review/test lesson again to see the improvement.

As with all courses designed by Jinstar this course is benchmarked against the British National Curriculum for English Language

Section	Lesson Title	Introduction
Spelling	Plurals	Plural means more than one – this lesson will look at the rules to change a singular into a plural.
	Prefixes and Suffixes	Prefixes are letters that get fixed onto the beginning of a word and change its meaning. For example, happy and unhappy. Suffixes are the letter that are added to the end of a word.
	Comparing Things – Saying something is the most or the least	Comparatives – creating sentences with ‘more’ and ‘than’ – Chocolate is more delicious than sprouts. This lesson will focus on using superlatives and comparatives.
	Silent letter and Vowel Sounds	Silent letters - can make spelling very tricky – such as knowledge and kneel. Vowel sounds can be stressed and unstressed.
	Hard and Soft ‘c’ Sounds	Understanding the difference - what is a hard ‘c’ and a soft ‘c’. It is all in the sound.
	i Before e rule	The i before e spelling rule – what is it and which words break the rule.
	Commonly Misused Words	Words that can trip you up with the use and spelling – is it noway or no way???
	Mixed Questions – Section Test	Section test and review
Punctuation	Punctuating Sentences	Punctuating is practice, practice, practice - then it will come naturally. Full stops, exclamation marks, question marks.
	Commas, Colons and Semicolons	Using commas, colons and semicolons correctly in your writing. Using commas in list, parenthesis and in sentences. When do you use a colon and when do you use a semicolon?
	Brackets and Dashes	Using brackets and dashes in sentences.

	Hyphens	Which words use a hyphen, which words do not. When should you use a hyphen?
	Apostrophes	The use of apostrophes to show when words are missing something – like letters. You are can become you're.
	Inverted Commas	What is an inverted comma? When do you use them?
	Mixed Questions – Section Test	Section test and review
Grammar: Basic	Nouns	Proper, collective, concrete, abstract, common – what is the difference.
	Articles	'A', 'an' and 'the' are all articles – but when do you use a, and when do you use an? What are the rules.
	Pronouns	Pronouns such as - we, she, his, ours... personal and possessive
	Verbs	Verbs are doing words and can also show tense – past, present and future.
	Adjectives	Adjectives are describing words – we increase our adjective vocabulary using adjectives such as – harmonious, rhythmical, invigorating.
	Adverbs	Adverbs tell us how or when something happened. We also look at adverbial phrases.
	Sentence Structure	Sentences are the building blocks of any written work. We look at up-levering sentences and writing the perfect sentence
	Phrases and Clauses	What is a phrase, what is a clause, what is the difference?
	Prepositions	What is a preposition?
	Conjunctions	The FANBOYS conjunctions.
	Paragraphs	What is a paragraph – what are the rules?
	Negatives	How to use negatives in your writing correctly. Which one is right? Barry doesn't think no one will come, or Barry doesn't think anyone will come.
	Mixed Questions – Section Test	Section test and review
Grammar: Tense	Writing About Now	Using the present tense correctly.
	Writing About the Past	Using the past tense correctly.
	The Past Tense with Have	Writing sentences using past tense with the word have. Understanding 'have' forms.
	Staying in the Right Tense	Writing and staying in the right tense – changing words to stay in the right tense.
	Mixed Questions – Section Test	Section test and review

Writing Skills	Writing in Standard English	Standard English is what you use most in your written work – but what are the rules?
	Writing in the Right Style	Formal and Informal writing styles – when to use the right style for the audience you are addressing.
	Choosing Active or Passive	What is the difference between an active and passive sentence? – how do you change a sentence to make is active or passive?
	Spelling Tips	Spelling tips using mnemonics – how to remember how to spell the tricky words
	Mixed Questions – Section Test	Section test and review