KS2 English Knowledge

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Be curious always! For knowledge will not acquire you: you must acquire it.

scientia potentia est





Word	Definition
the 'title'	The title tells you what the whole text is about.
sub-heading	Sub-heading tells you about the next part of the text.
contents page	The contents page is found at the front of the book and is in chronological order.
chronological order	Chronological order means in time order. (What comes first, e.g. a recipe.)
index	An index is found at the back of the book and is in alphabetical order.
glossary	A glossary is a mini dictionary of a list of definitions of specialised words.



Start book with adding knowledge from Y3 as revision.

Word	Definition
synonym	A word that means the same.
antonym	A word which means the opposite.
proof read	To check your work thoroughly before you hand it in to be marked.
simile	A simile compares two things using the word like or as: the sun was like a golden orb in the sky; the path was as slippery as an eel.
alliteration	The use of the same sound at the start of a word.
cycle	Events repeated in a particular order again and again e.g., the water cycle.



Start with adding knowledge from Y3 and Y4 as revision.

Word	Definition
fact	A fact is something that is true and that you can't disagree with. Today is Monday. The sky is blue.
opinion	An opinion is what someone believes or thinks. It might not be a fact. (Pork pies are the best ever pies.)
personification	A way of describing an inanimate object giving it human qualities. (The fog reached out his long fingers.)
caption	A title, brief explanation or comment that goes with an illustration or drawing.
root word	A root word is the family of words a word comes from: helpful = help residential = reside courageous= courage
phrase	A group of words without a verb.
summary	A brief (short) account giving the main points.
scan	To look over a text quickly to try to locate the information by looking for key words.



Start with adding from Y3/4 and Y5 as revision.

Word	Definition
biography	A life story of an individual written by another person.
autobiography	A life story of an individual written by that person.
metaphor	This a way of describing something by saying it is something else. She is going through a roller coaster of emotions. (Our emotions can't take a roller coaster ride.) I am feeling blue. (We can't turn blue.)
punchline	Where the writer saves the joke till the last line.
etymology	The origins of where words and language come from.