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Prefix

A prefix is added to the beginning of a word to turn it into a different word.

submerge

disappear

return

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Inverted Commas

Inverted commas (speech marks) go around the speaker's words only. Use them in stories to show when a character is speaking.

"Why didn't anyone tell me I had my underpants on the outside?" asked Flashman.

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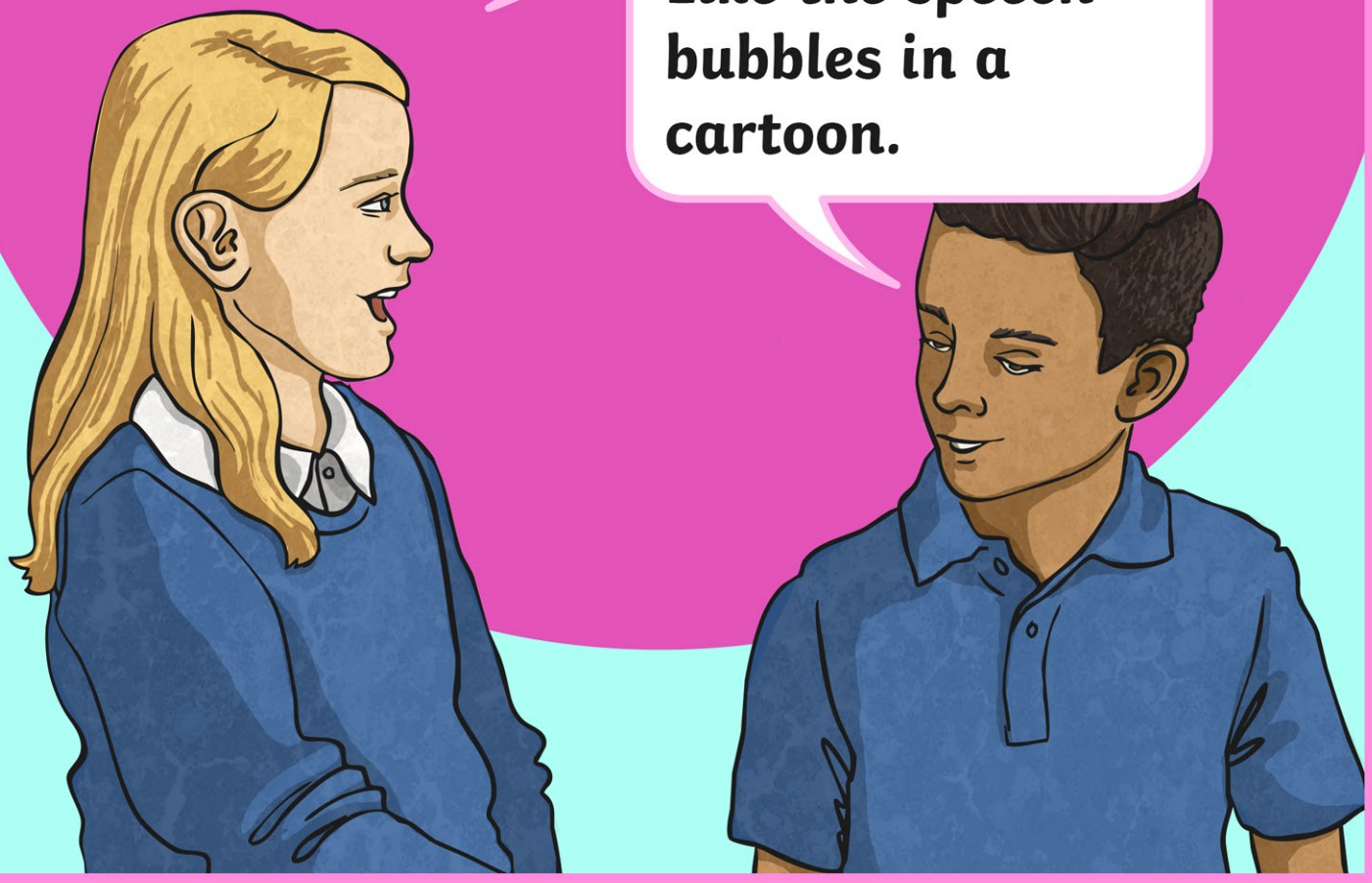
Direct Speech

Direct speech is the words which actually come out of someone's mouth.

Like the speech bubbles in a cartoon.



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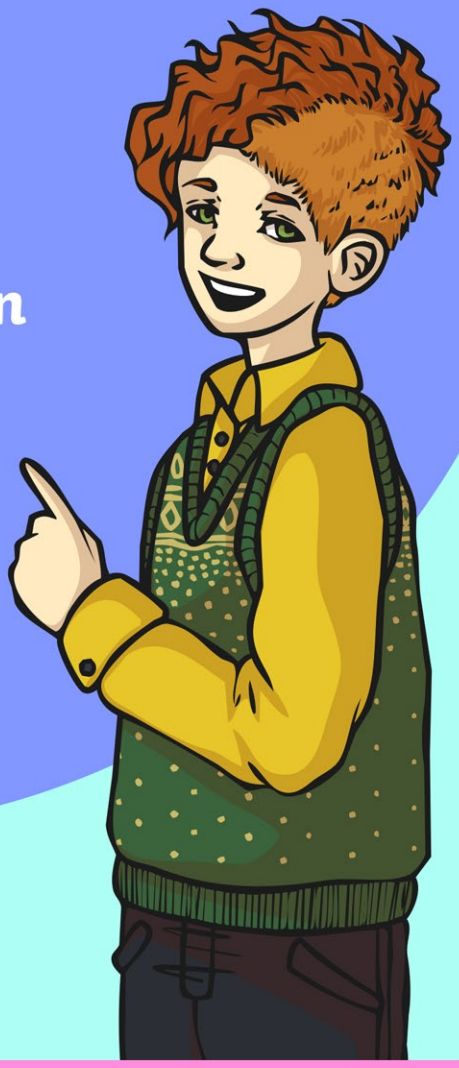
Consonant Letter

A consonant is a letter sound made when you use your teeth, lips and/or tongue to change how the air comes through your mouth.
Most letters are consonants, like these:

- **The sounds p and b are made when you close your lips then open them quickly.**
- **The sound t is made when you press your tongue behind your top teeth.**



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Vowel Letter

A vowel letter is one that you make by just changing the shape of your open mouth. You don't use your teeth, tongue or lips.

- **The letters a, e, i, o and u are vowels. They can be spoken or written.**
- **The letter y can also be used to represent a vowel sound.**

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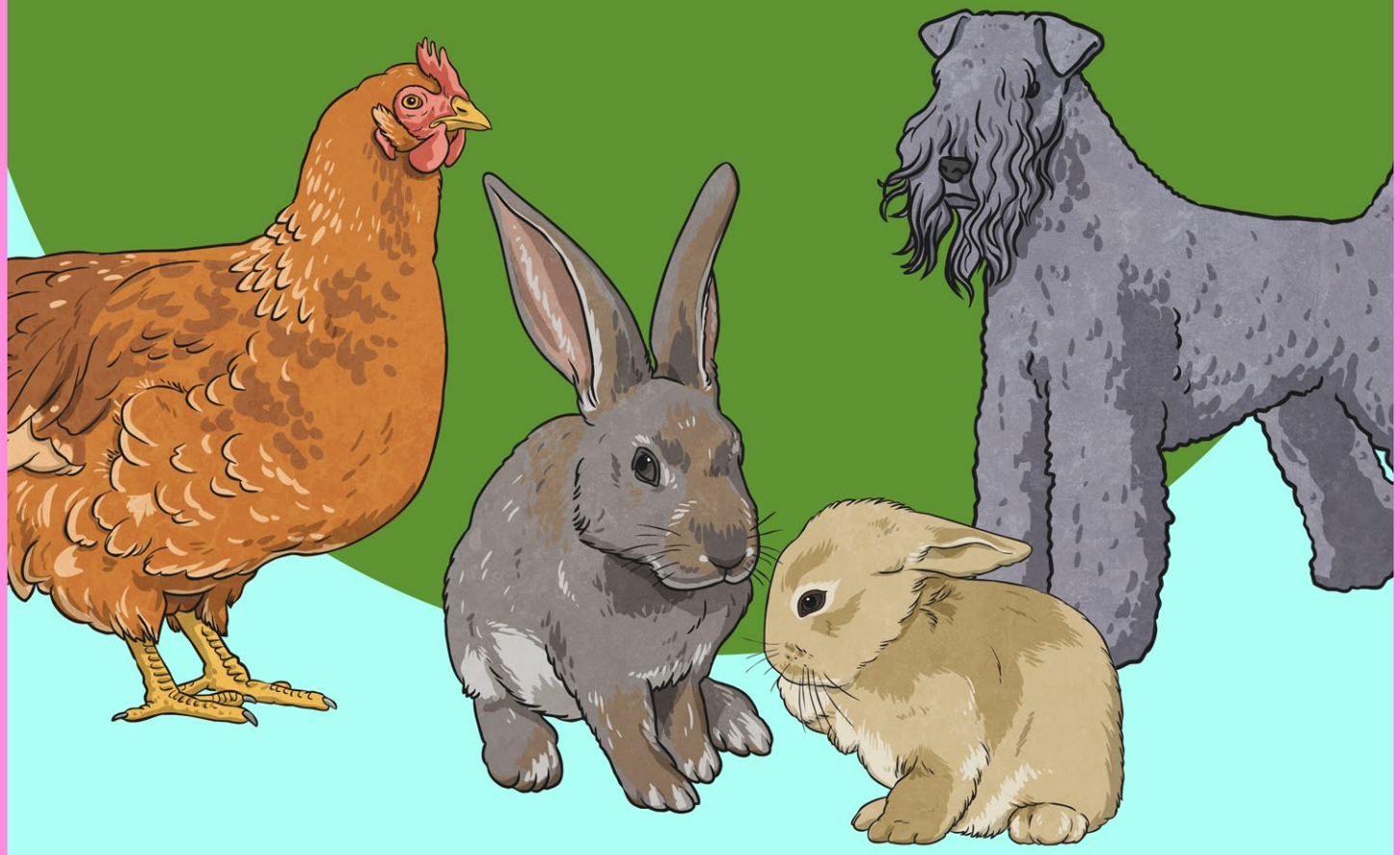
Clause

A clause is a phrase of two or more words.
It has a verb as the key word.

- **It's raining.**
- **Samira has four pets because she likes animals.**



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Subordinate Clause

A subordinate clause adds to another clause.
It can't be a sentence by itself.

- **Here's the book that I promised you.**
- **When I grow up, I want to be a pilot.**

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Preposition

A preposition links a noun or noun phrase to another word. They often mark direction or locations, but can also make time links.

- **Please put your pens in the tub.**
- **We went to the USA on holiday.**
- **I haven't seen her since she was 10-years-old.**

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Conjunction

A conjunction links two words, phrases or clauses together as part of a sentence. There are two main types of conjunction:

Words such as **and**, **but** and **so** link two words or phrases which are equally important.

Words such as **because**, **if** or **when** introduce a subordinate clause.

- **I got a bike for my birthday and I received a football for Christmas.**
- **If you like, we can have chips for tea.**
- **There's no tennis today because it's raining.**

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Word Family

Words in a word family are related by meaning, grammar or spelling.

- **Teach, teacher, teaching.**
- **Child, children, childish(ly).**