

Talking about language

A Language words

This book uses some grammar words in English.

<i>grammar word</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>example</i>	<i>in your language</i>
noun	a person or thing	book, girl, pen	
verb	something we do	do, read, write	
adjective	describes a person or thing	good, bad, happy, long	
adverb	describes a verb	slowly, badly	
preposition	a little word used before a noun or pronoun	in, on, by, at	
singular	just one	book, house	
plural	more than one	books, houses	
phrase	a group of words (<i>not</i> a complete sentence)	in a house, at home, an old man	
sentence	a complete idea in writing, beginning with a capital letter and ending with a full stop	The man went into the room and closed the door.	
paragraph	a short part of a text (one or more sentences) beginning on a new line	This book has 60 units. Each unit has 2 pages.	
dialogue	a conversation between two people	Ann: How's Jo? Bill: OK, thanks.	
question	a set of words that begin with a capital letter and end with a question mark	Are you English? Do you like school?	
answer	reply to a question	Yes, I am. No, I don't.	

B The language of the exercises in this book

Here are some of the instructions which we often use for the exercises.

- 1 Match the words on the left with the words on the right. Draw lines.

orange — ice-cream
chocolate — juice

- 2 Fill the gaps in the sentence.

Jack is ... at ... home today.

- 3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

Jack is ~~in~~ home today. *Jack is at home today.*

- 4 Complete the sentence for yourself.

I go to work by ... bus ...

- 5 Add another example.

cat, dog, horse ... cow ...

Exercises

- 1.1** Write the grammar words in A opposite in your own language.
- 1.2** Look at B opposite. Write the exercise instructions in your own language.
- 1.3** Write these words in the correct column.

book	speak	good	word	house	have
write	new	man	right	blue	say

noun

verb

adjective

book

- 1.4** Think of four examples of prepositions.
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- 1.5** Are these phrases, sentences or questions?

- 1 in the park *phrase*
- 2 Do you speak English?
- 3 a black cat
- 4 She's writing a book.
- 5 What's your name?
- 6 I like English.

- 1.6** Answer these questions.

- 1 What is the plural of **book**?
- 2 What is the singular of **men**?
- 3 Is **from** a verb?
- 4 Is **cat** an adjective?
- 5 Is 'Jane loves Hari.' a phrase?
- 6 Is **bad** an adverb?

- 1.7** Follow these instructions.

- 1 Fill the gap in the question. What*is*..... your name?
- 2 Add another example of a colour. black, green, blue ...
- 3 Correct these words. speak, *english*
- 4 Answer **this** question. Is there a river in your town?
- 5 Match the verbs on the left with the nouns on the right. Draw lines.
make homework
do a shower
have a mistake