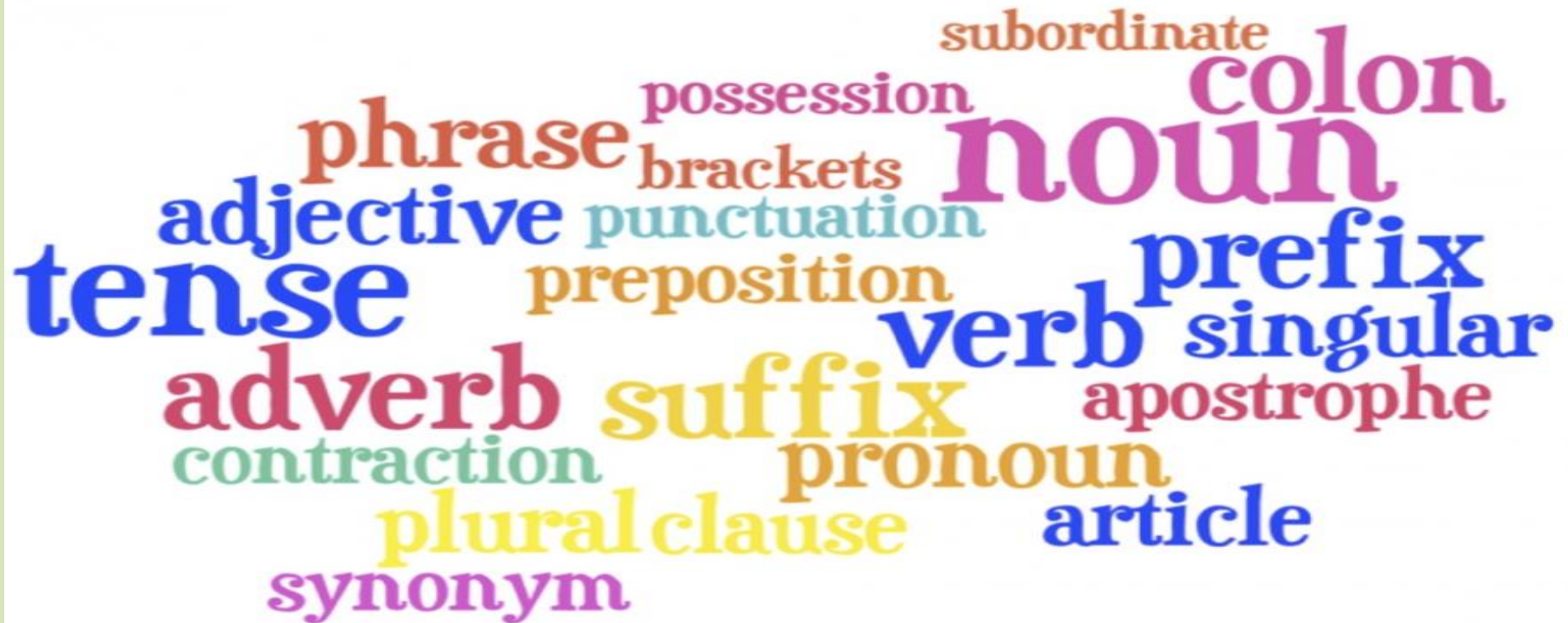


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Warm up game

Quickwrite – nouns

Remember a noun is a person, place, animal or thing.

Find a timer and set it to one minute. Either write down or say to the screen all the **nouns** you can see in the room you are in at the moment.



Pause the video to do the game

How many types of sentence can you think of?



Have a think.

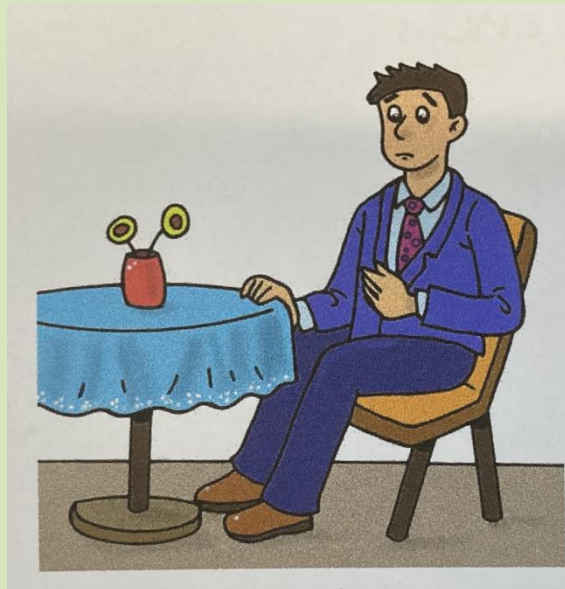
Sentence Structures

- Simple
 - Compound
 - Complex
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- There are many others, but for the time being we'll stick with these three.

Today's focus – Simple Sentences

- Just because the word 'simple' is in the title, doesn't mean we have to use simple vocabulary.
- Everyone writes simple sentences all the time, without even realising it.

The man rubbed his stomach!



The man **rubbed** his stomach!



- short sentence – gives dramatic impact / evokes a feeling from the reader
- one verb
- exclamation mark emphasises feeling

The man rubbed his stomach.

A full stop could be used and it would still be a simple sentence.

However...

The man rubbed his stomach!

When an exclamation mark is used, it emphasises how hungry he is. It is more sophisticated and more effective.

Using simple sentences effectively

Sometimes when you write, you tell the reader exactly how the character is feeling. E.g.

Jemima was happy.

Today, we're going to experiment suggesting a feeling and giving dramatic impact.

Let's change Jemima was happy. to Jemima's eyes sparkled!

Sad



Take the emotion 'Sad' – think about how you know some is feeling sad, but don't use the actual word.



Have a think.

Here are some ideas

Tom sat alone!

Her smile fell!

Laura was silent!

The girl fell in a puddle of her own tears!

His shoulders slouched!

The above all suggest sadness but none of them use the word 'sad'.

Your turn...



Take the emotion 'happy'.

1. Think about how you can show the character is happy without using the actual word.
2. Consider facial expressions, body language and actions that your character could do.
3. I'll start you off, **Nathaniel jumped for joy!**

Write (at least) ten of your own 'happy' sentences.



Today we've focussed
on simple sentences
with exclamation
marks for effect.