

Grammatical Terms

Have you been penalised for grammatical errors?

Here are some definitions to help make sense of your feedback:

Grammatical Term	Definition	Example
Adjective	A describing word. Adjectives describe nouns	'A cheap pint' 'A hard exam'
Adverb	Adverbs describe verbs. They show <i>how</i> something is done	'He cheated noticeably '
Clause	The part of a sentence that contains a verb	' Students love dancing , they glide with elegance and grace.'
Conjunction	Word that joins two clauses in a sentence	'I went to the Union and got a taxi home.'
Noun	Describes a person, place or thing	'The Guidance-Centre ' 'The library '
Possessive	Indicates ownership	' My football shirt' ' Jim's lovely horse'
Predicate	Part of a sentence that describes the subject	'The doorman was big and hairy. '
Pronoun	Used in place of nouns	'I will give it to him tomorrow.'
Sentence	A coherent group of words containing a subject and a predicate	'The shopkeeper refused to serve me. '
Subject	Person, thing or idea that the sentence addresses	'My classmate complained to our tutor. '
Subordinate Clause	Words that accompany a clause to make a coherent statement	'Students love dancing, they glide with elegance and grace. '
Tense	Verb usage to show past, present or future tense shifts	Past: 'I went to the bar' Present: 'I'm regretting it now' Future: 'I'll never go back again'
Verb	Describes an action or 'doing' word	'I hate billygoats' 'He walks homewards'