

Spring English Activity Booklet

Answers

Sublime Springtime

Pupils' own report-writing on the theme of spring.

Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme.

Plural or Possessive?

The Singular Possessive Hive:

bird's tulip's frog's

The Plural Possessive Hive:

bees' tadpoles' bluebells'

The Plural Hive:

daffodils trees nests

Pupils' own sentence, using one of more of the words above and with the correct use of the apostrophe.

Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s.

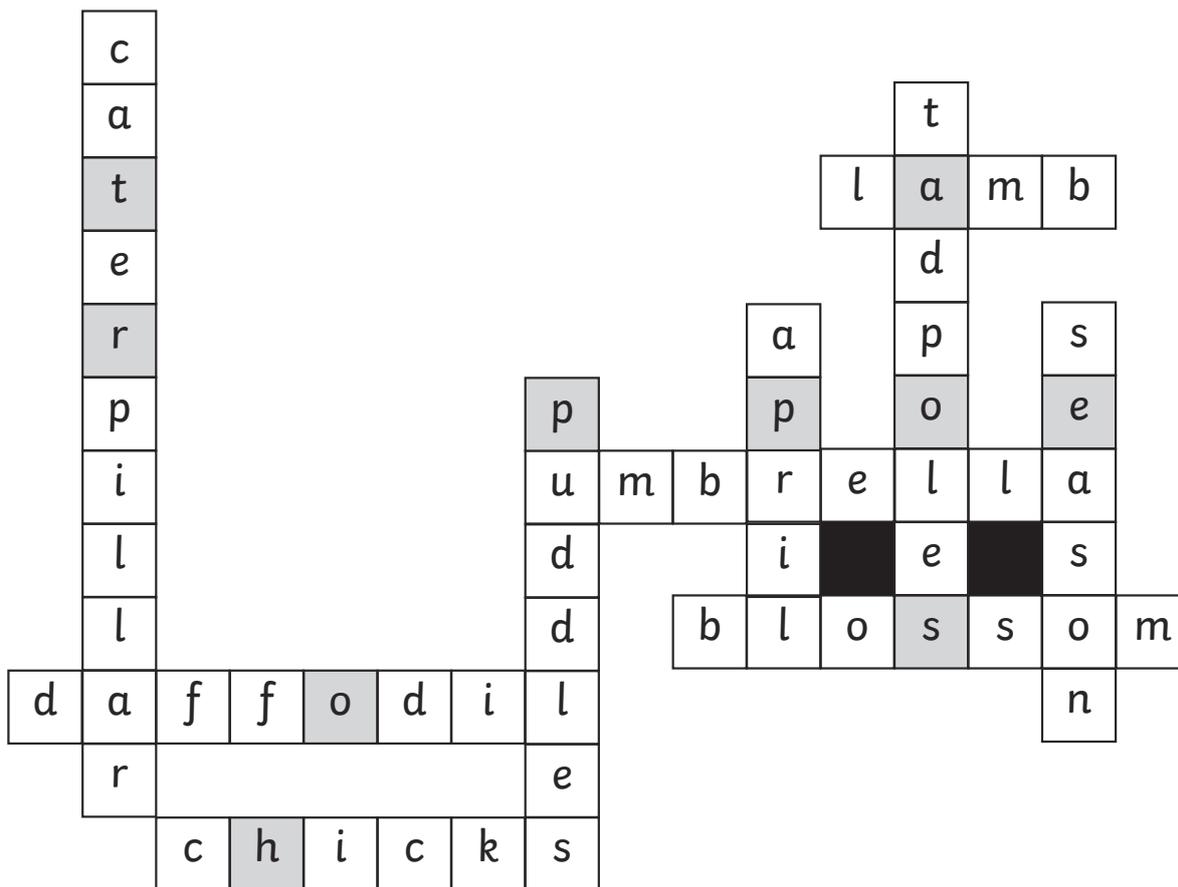
Fabulous Fronted Adverbials

Warm Up Question: A comma is used to separate the adverbial phrase from the main clause.

- 1. Later this month, the daffodils will be in flower.**
- 2. This afternoon, I am going to see the bluebells in the woods.**
- 3. Patiently, the broody hen sat on her eggs.**
- 4. Every year, the migrating frogs return to their home ponds to spawn.**
- 5. In the distance, the snow-topped mountains can be seen.**
- 6. After school, the gardening club is meeting.**
- 7. As the clock struck three, the children rushed out into the sunshine.**
- 8. Very carefully, the daisy chains were made.**
- 9. Without making a sound, Lily played an April Fools' joke on her friend.**
- 10. In the welcome springtime sun, the children laughed and played.**
- 11. Pupils' own sentences (two versions) that make sense and have use of a comma after the adverbial phrase (if used).**

Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: Fronted adverbials; use of commas after fronted adverbials.

Spring Crossword



The hidden word is apostrophe.

Confusing Sentences

Dear Diary,

What a busy day it has been! First, I had to make sure all of the eggs were decorated. Next, I had to collect them. Finally, I had to pack them carefully into my special, woven, yellow basket. It was not easy at all. I said to myself, "Easter Bunny, you are rushing about and you will make a mistake!" Mrs Chicken, my friend who was listening to my muttering, shouted, "It's a bit late now, Easter Bunny!" Nevertheless, the eggs were hidden in the end. Now, I can have a little rest and a snooze.

Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.

Spring in the Bronx

Spring has sprung,

The grass has risen,

I wonder where the birds are,

The little birds are on the wing,

Isn't that absurd?

The little wing is on the bird.

1. 'On the wing' means a bird in flight.
2. The poet was confused because birds have wings on their bodies and he did not know the meaning of the saying 'on the wing'.
3. Pupils' own responses, showing an understanding of the Standard English equivalents for their spoken English.

Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: Standard English form for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms.

Colours of Spring - Holi Festival

1. Holi is usually celebrated in March.
2. Laughter ✓
3. The festival begins with a bonfire.
4. festivities
5. Pupils' own responses, with an explanation. For example, **I would choose blue because I work hard and am very determined.**

Think and Write: A Spring in Your Step

Pupils' own responses but here are some example sentences:

There was a rabbit.

1. There was a brown rabbit.
2. There was a brown rabbit with bright eyes and a bushy tail.
3. There was a brown rabbit with bright eyes and a bushy tail in the middle of the field.
4. Sitting silently, there was a brown rabbit with bright eyes and a bushy tail in the middle of the field.
5. Pupils' own responses to finish the sentence and write a descriptive and interesting paragraph about the rabbit.

Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases.

Wonderful Wordsearch

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- appear
- believe
- bicycle
- calendar
- disappear
- early
- eight
- experience
- February
- favourite
- imagine
- occasionally
- potatoes
- remember
- woman

Pupils' own grammatically correct sentences using as many spelling words as possible.