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Fix the Gap

SATs SPaG Misconception Mastery

Targeted grammar, punctuation and spelling teaching, practice and reassessment across 9 Year 6 mastery areas.

9 mastery modules	150+ original questions	18 worked examples
9 recheck sets	grammar + punctuation + spelling	1 teaching guide

How this pack works

Use the free SPaG Find the Gap diagnostic first. Then select the matching module: Teach -> Model -> Practise -> Recheck. The pack targets the misconception behind the error rather than simply adding more mixed questions. This is an independent Redbridge Publishing resource and is not an official Standards and Testing Agency paper.

How to use this pack

Use repeated errors as evidence. If a pupil misses one apostrophe but uses nine others correctly, that may be a slip. If the same rule fails repeatedly, teach the rule directly.

1. Diagnose	Use the free 36-question SPaG diagnostic or another reliable assessment.
2. Select	Choose one or two modules that match repeated error patterns.
3. Teach	Explain the grammatical rule and model why it works.
4. Practise	Move from identification to correction and then explanation.
5. Recheck	Complete three fresh questions without coaching.

Module map

1. Word classes & function - Identify and use nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, determiners, prepositions and conjunctions accurately.

2. Phrases, clauses & sentence structure - Recognise phrases, main and subordinate clauses, subjects and objects, and control sentence structure.

3. Verb forms, tense & aspect - Use tense, perfect forms and progressive forms accurately and consistently.

4. Standard English & agreement - Maintain subject-verb agreement and recognise standard English forms.

5. Commas, apostrophes & speech punctuation - Use commas, apostrophes and speech marks accurately in Year 6 writing.

6. Colons, semicolons, dashes & hyphens - Use higher-level punctuation purposefully and explain why it is used.

7. Pronouns, determiners & cohesion - Use pronouns, determiners and linking words to create clear cohesion across sentences.

8. Spelling patterns & word building - Apply common Year 6 spelling patterns, morphology and homophone knowledge.

9. Mixed editing & reasoning - Apply grammar, punctuation and spelling knowledge flexibly in complete sentences and short texts.

Mastery tracker

Area	Diagnostic clue	Taught	Recheck	Next step
Word classes & function				
Phrases, clauses & sentence structure				
Verb forms, tense & aspect				
Standard English & agreement				
Commas, apostrophes & speech punctuation				
Colons, semicolons, dashes & hyphens				
Pronouns, determiners & cohesion				
Spelling patterns & word building				
Mixed editing & reasoning				

MODULE 1

Word classes & function

Identify and use nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, determiners, prepositions and conjunctions accurately.

What this gap often looks like

Naming a word class from memory without checking how the word is used in the sentence; confusing determiners, pronouns, conjunctions and adverbs.

Teaching priority

Ask what job the word is doing in this sentence. The same word can perform different functions in different contexts.

Worked examples

Model the rule and the reasoning, not only the final answer.

Example 1

In 'The fast train arrived', what word class is 'fast'?

Model answer

Adjective - it describes the noun 'train'.

Example 2

In 'The train moved fast', what word class is 'fast'?

Model answer

Adverb - it describes how the train moved.

Before you move on

Ask the pupil to explain why the answer is correct. If they can only guess the form but cannot explain the rule, the misconception may still be present.

Practice A - Secure the rule

Identify, correct and explain. Work independently where possible.

1 Identify the adjective: 'The narrow path curved uphill.'

Answer:

2 Identify the adverb: 'Maya answered calmly.'

Answer:

3 What word class is 'under' in 'The shoes are under the bench'?

Answer:

4 What word class is 'those' in 'Those apples are ripe'?

Answer:

5 Identify the pronoun: 'Sam gave it to me.'

Answer:

6 What word class is 'although' in 'Although it rained, we walked on'?

Answer: