

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.

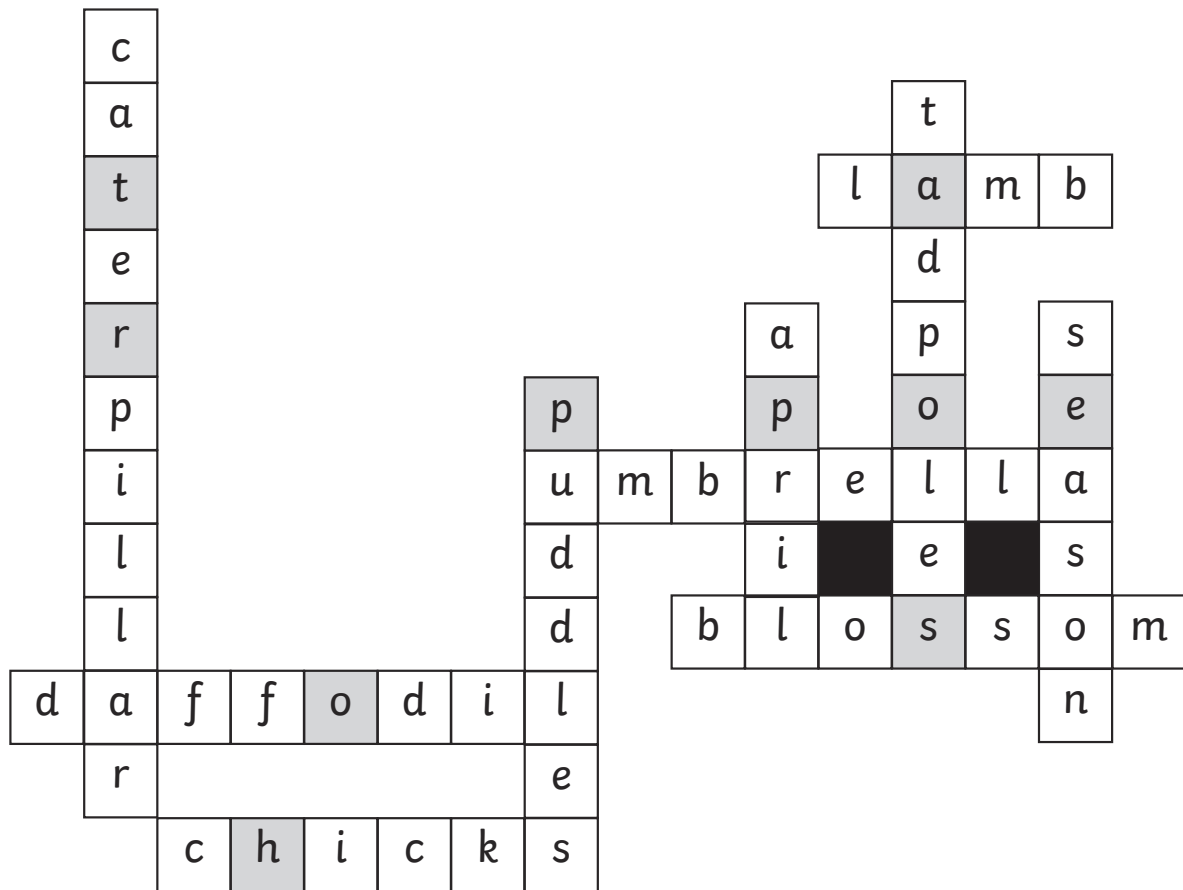
Year 4 Statutory Requirement Reference: The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s.

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.