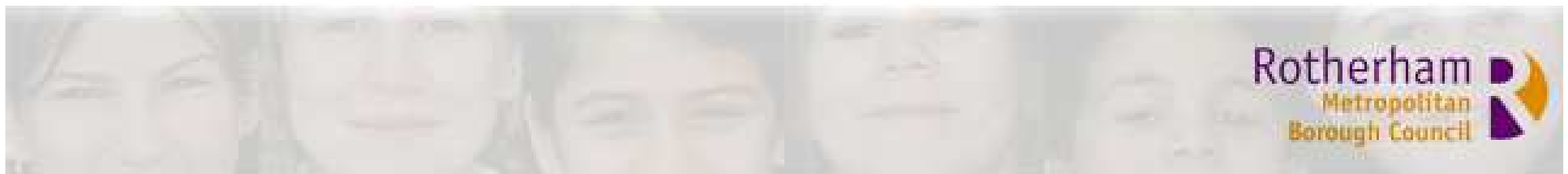
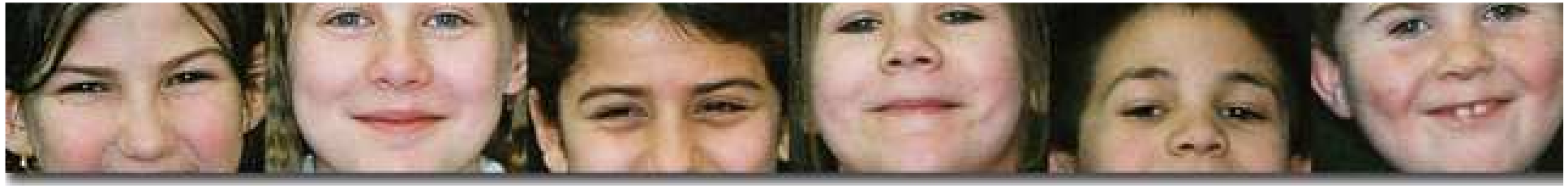


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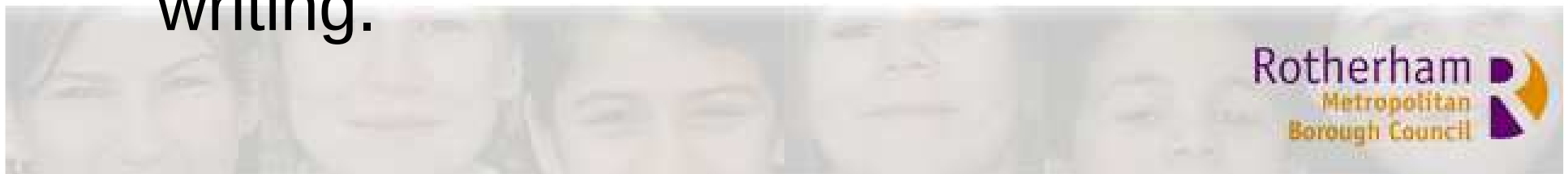
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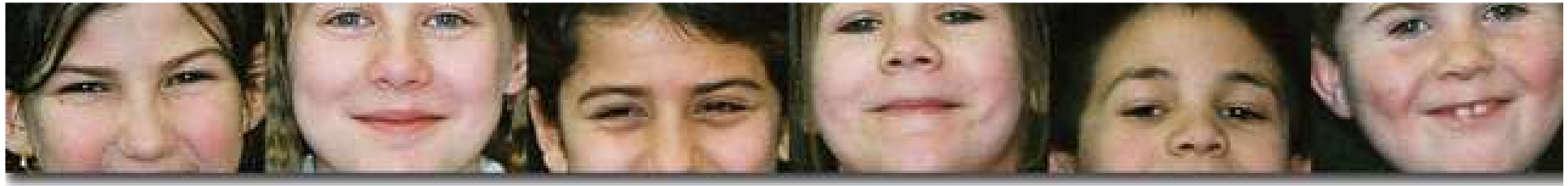




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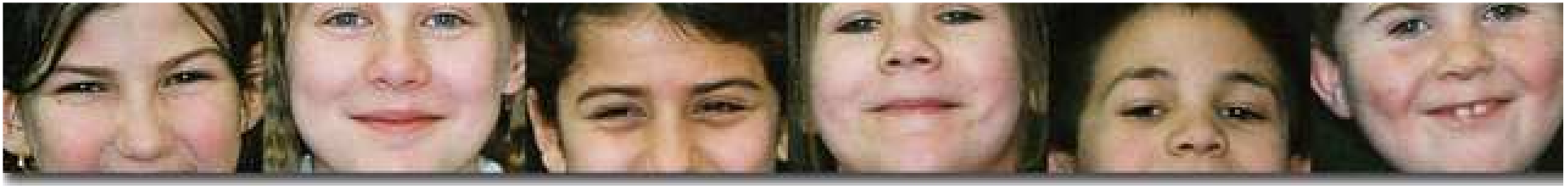
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling are high priority
- This is reflected in the new tests for Y2 and Y6
- Spelling and handwriting matter!
- Teachers and children expected to use 'Standard English' in the classroom and in writing.





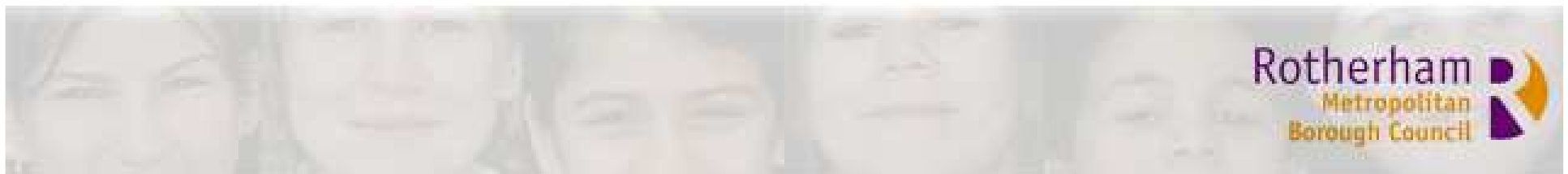
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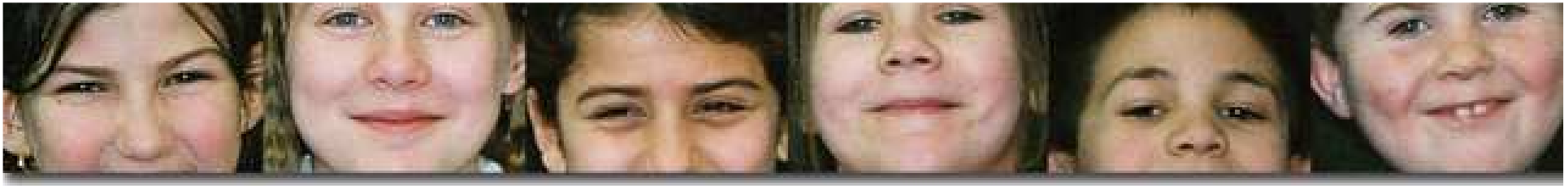
- All children should speak audibly and fluently with increasing command of Standard English
- Write with grammatical accuracy
- Demonstrate Standard English in subject/verb agreement (Y2)



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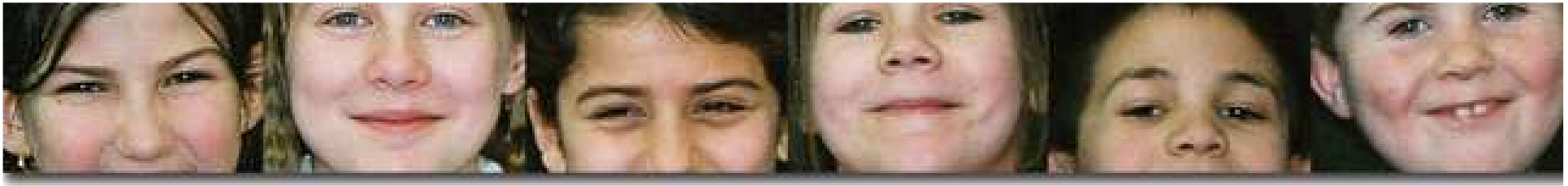
- Paper 1 – Spelling (20 marks/15 mins)
- Paper 2 – Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary (20 marks/20 mins)
- At KS1 timings are approximate recommendations





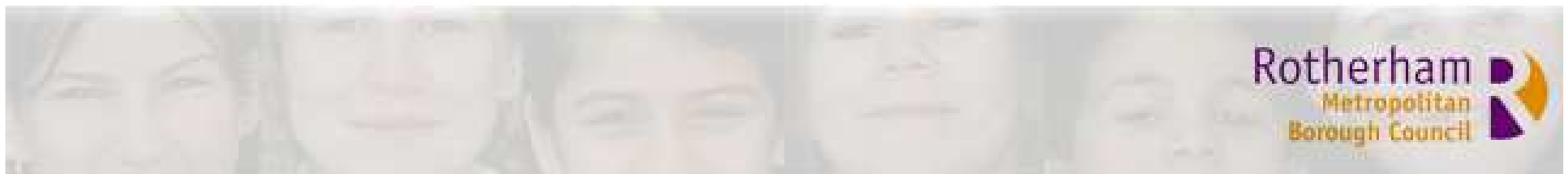
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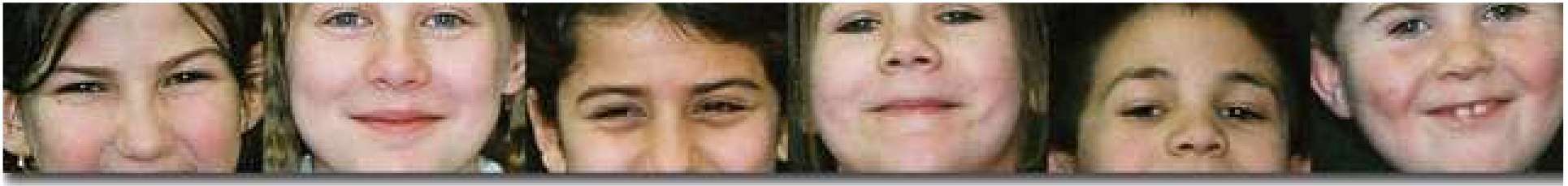
- Spelling of responses
 - Verb forms – the whole word must be correctly spelt
 - Contractions – the full contraction must be correctly spelt and the apostrophe correctly placed
 - Prefixes and suffixes – the whole word must be correctly spelt
 - Plurals – the whole word must be correctly spelt (no apostrophes)
 - Spelling must be British English apart from s/z eg organise/organize
 - Capital letters must be clear and unambiguous. Where letters do not have unique capital letter forms, this means that the height of the capital letter will be similar to the height of letters with ascenders and will clearly be greater than the height of letters that do not have ascenders.



Grammatical Terms and word classes

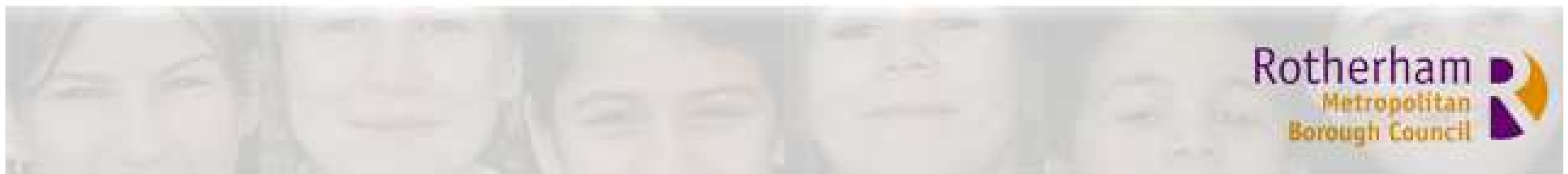
- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs (use of -ly to turn adjectives into adverbs)

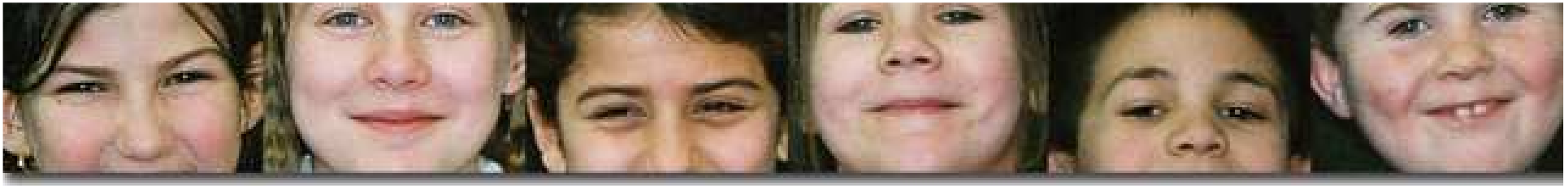




Functions of sentences

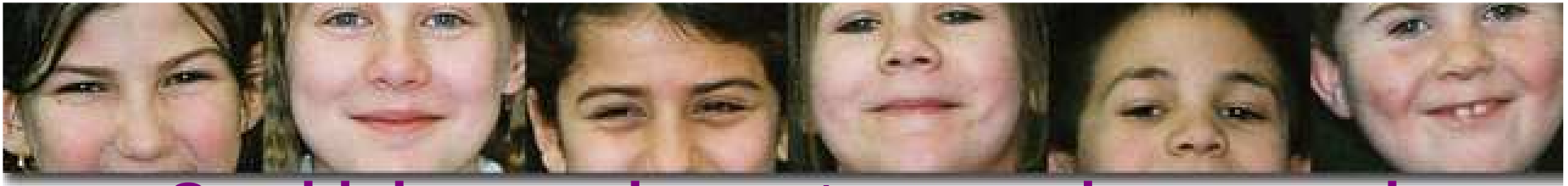
- Statements
- Questions
- Commands
- Exclamations





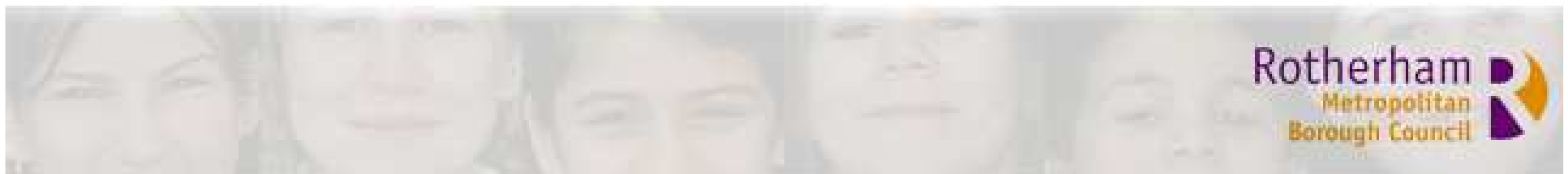
Exclamations!

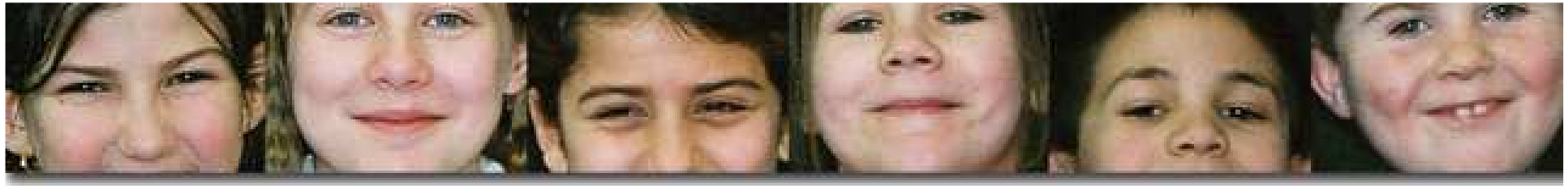
- Exclamative sentences are used to make exclamations.
- These are what or how constructions
- What a beautiful sight!
- How fabulous you are!
- A sentence that ends in an exclamation mark, but which does not have one of the grammatical patterns above, is not considered creditworthy as an exclamation.
- With the appropriate intonation, other sentence types (especially statements) can be used to form exclamatives in order to express strong emotion such as excitement, delight, fear, anger or surprise. These are known as exclamatory statements!



Combining words, sentences, phrases and clauses

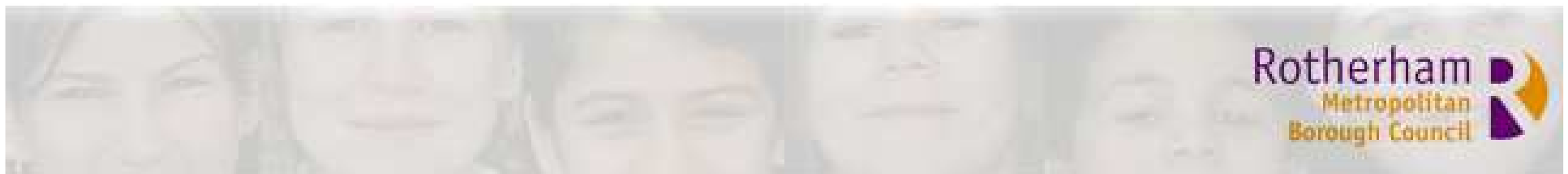
- Sentences
- Noun Phrases
- Co-ordinating Conjunctions
- Subordinating Conjunctions

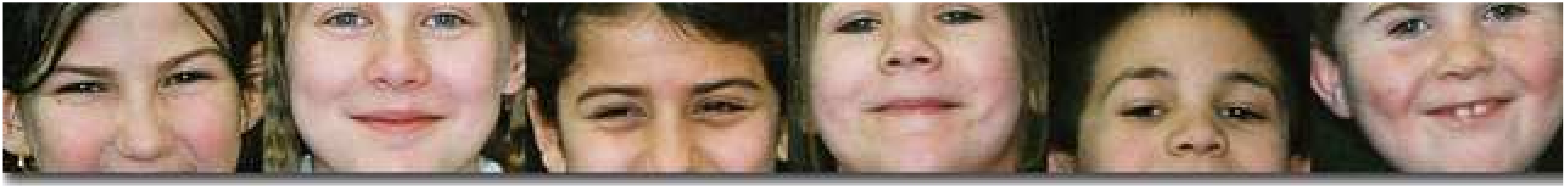




Verb forms, tense and consistency

- Simple past and present
- Present and Past Progressive
- Tense Consistency (in past and present)





Punctuation

- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Question marks
- Exclamation marks
- Commas in lists
- Apostrophes

