

GCSE RESOURCES: ENGLISH LANGUAGE KEY

Term	Meaning	Example
Common Noun	A word used to identify a group of people, places or things.	Man, cat, flower.
Pronoun	A word which replace a noun.	Me, she, we, they.
Proper noun	A name used for an individual person or place.	Barrack Obama or England.
Adjective	A word which describes a noun.	Pretty or yellow.
Verb	A word which describes an action.	Cook, run, dream.
Adverb	A word which modifies a verb or adjective.	The girls runs quickly .
Simile	A comparison of two things using the words like or as .	She shone bright like the sun.
Metaphor	A comparison of two things by saying one thing is the other.	You are my sunshine.
Hyperbole	An exaggerated statement.	This is the most amazing thing I ever seen in my whole life.
Onomatopoeia	A word which is named after an associated sound.	Omg, pow, or crash.