

### English Grammar Terms: Quick reference guide to nouns and verbs

#### **Noun**

person, place, animal or thing.

#### **Pronoun**

He, she, they, your etc (used to replace noun in a sentence).

#### **Proper noun**

France/ Mr. Smith/ Sheila (names of people or places).

#### **Common noun**

Boy, table, pen etc (a nonspecific person or thing).

#### **Collective noun**

Crowd, flock, herd (the name of the group).

#### **Abstract noun**

Love, compassion, hate, anger (usually a feeling or a state of being, not anything that can be seen).

#### **Verb**

Run, jump, hop, skip (doing words).

N.B. There are *regular verbs* and *irregular verbs* depending on the tense used. Did you know there were 16 tenses in the English language?! The three main ones are past, present, future.

#### **Adverb**

Gently, slowly, quickly (description of how an action is performed – often end in -ly but not all!)