

More useful grammar terms

Pronouns

Pronouns replace nouns.

Subject pronouns are: *I, you, he, she, it, we, they.*

Helen is a patient person. → She's a patient person.

Object pronouns are: *me, you, him, her, it, us, you them.*

Children like bananas. → Children like them.

Possessive pronouns are: *my, your, his, her, its, our, their.*

That's Lisse's house. → That's her house.

(See *Test it, Fix it: Grammar Pre-intermediate*, page 65.)

Quantifiers

Quantifiers are words that tell you about amounts. These are the most common quantifiers: *a, an, some, any, a lot, a bit, a few.*

I like you a lot. There isn't any milk. How much cash have you got?

(See *Test it, Fix it: Grammar Pre-intermediate*, page 53.)

Prepositions

There are prepositions and expressions of place, time and movement.

They do three things:

- *in, on, at, behind, under, on top of, at the bottom of*, etc. tell you where something is.
The cat's behind the sofa. The office is at the end of the street.
- *in, on, at, tomorrow, last week*, etc. tell you when something happens.
My birthday's in June. We're sailing to France tomorrow.
- *over, across, through*, etc. tell you how something moves and where it moves to.
Tony ran across the road. We drove over the bridge.

(See *Test it, Fix it: Grammar Pre-intermediate*, pages 69 and 73.)

Question words

The most common question words are: *who, what, which, where, when, why, how, whose*. You can use question words to ask about people, things, places, time, reasons, and possessions.

Who's that? What colour is the sky? Where have you been?

When are they leaving? Why are you laughing? How did he do that?

Whose book is this?

A question word can be the subject or object of a sentence.

'Who saw you?' 'Mike saw me.' (*Who* is the subject.)

'Who did you see?' 'I saw David.' (*Who* is the object.)

(See *Test it, Fix it: Grammar Pre-intermediate*, pages 77, 81 and 85.)