Stage 6	'Grammar Hammer'					Skill Check 7	
1. (W6:1. Sp 5:8, 5:9) A suffix can be added to a root word to change its meaning. If the word ends in 'e', it is usually dropped before adding the suffix 'able' (believe-believable)							
believe	<u>able</u>	c	ite	ify		ous	
2. (W6:2) Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and different spellings. If dictionary used (W6:4).							
She was the (<u>sole</u> / soul) survivor of the terrible accident.							
3. (W6:3. Sp 6:8) Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'trans' means 'across'. (W6:4) Using a dictionary			4. (W6:3 Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'im' means 'not'. (W6:4) Using a dictionary				
sub		semi	<u>im</u>	i <u>m</u> pre		со	
5. (W6:4) Check the definition with that in the dictionary available.							
mausoleum A building which contains the grave of a famous person							
6-7. (W6:5) Check the synonyms with those in the thesaurus available.							
grimy	dirty, grubb	у	filthy, messy		S	smutty, soiled	
8-9. (W6:12) For note taking and précising we only need the essential words. Most adjectives and adverbs can be omitted.							
The leaves gently blew in the cool Spring breeze.							
10-11. (W6:13) Using a wider range of adverbials can help build cohesion within and across paragraphs.							
another thing	a <u>on the v</u>	<u>on the whole</u>		<u>finally</u>		frequently	
 12. (W6:16) A singular subject (I, he, she) usually takes a singular verb. A plural subject (they) usually takes a plural verb. A singular noun (committee, class) usually takes a singular verb. 13. (W6:24) The object is acted upon by the subject. i.e. The striker (subject) kicked (verb) the football (object). A direct object is usually a noun, pro noun or noun phrase. 							
The boxes (is / are) really heavy.			She drew <u>the picture</u> for her mum.				
14. (W6:18,24) Formal language is used for official, legal or professional writing such as job applications and letters of complaint. Informal writing is more like how we speak and is used for letters to friends, emails etc.							
His spectacles were damaged.His glasses were broken.Or His glasses broke.							
15-16. (W6:19) A verb is <i>active</i> when the subject of the sentence does the action. It is <i>passive</i> if the action is done to it.							
The dog		active passive		passive			
17-18. (W6:10,20) Hyphens link two or three words together to show that together they make a compound adjective describing the noun.							
an X	a clear-headed decision						
19. (W6:10,21) A semicolon links independent clauses without using a connective (and/but). It marks a pause stronger than a comma but not as strong as a full stop.			20. (W6:10,21) A dash shows a break in a sentence (normally informal writing) where a comma, semicolon or colon would normally be used in formal writing.				
I had a big tea; I shouldn't be hungry. Sam ordered his favourite meal – curry.							
21-22. (W6:21) Colons are commonly used to introduce lists. Commas separate items in a list. It is not used before the last item which has 'and' in front of it.							
My dad loves junk food: burgers, chips and hot dogs.							
23. (W6:23) An <i>ellipsis</i> is three dots. It creates a longer pause for effect that can help build tension in a story; show confusion or hesitation; or make the reader slow down and emphasise the words.							
There was only one thing for it Pete would have to go himself.							
24-25. (W6:24) Synonyms are words with a similar (but not exact) meaning. Antonyms have the opposite meaning.							
deplete	increase	<u>con</u>	<u>sume</u>	<u>reduce</u>	2	boost	