Stage 6	'Grammar Hammer'					Skill Check 8	
1. (W6:1. Sp 5:4) A suffix can be added to a root word to change its meaning.							
differ			ent .	ate		ize	
2. (W6:2) Homophones an	erent meanings	and different spel	lings. If die	ctionary used (W6:4).			
He bought a new (<u>suite</u> / sweet) for the living room.							
3. (W6:3) Recognising pre	4. (W6:3. Sp 4:3) Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'de' means 'undo' or 'the opposite of'. (W6:4) Using a dictionary						
circum	uni	<u>over</u>	ir <u>q</u>		<u>de</u>	со	
5. (W6:4) Check the defini	on with that in the dictionary available.						
cagoule	A waterproof jacket.						
6-7. (W6:5) Check the synt	W6:5) Check the synonyms with those in the thesaurus available.						
grateful	thankful,	pleased	indebted,	obliged	appreciative		
8-9. (W6:12) For note taking and précising we only need the essential words. Most adjectives and adverbs can be omitted.							
The beautiful, purple butterfly landed on the bright, red flower.							
10-11. (W6:13) Using a wider range of adverbials can help build cohesion within and across paragraphs.							
<u>to sum up</u> a		minority	on	<u>on balance</u>		compared with	
12. (W6:16) A singular sul verb. A plural subject (they noun (committee, class) us	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.						
Joe and Sam (<u>love</u> / loves) to play football. He lifted <u>the box</u> down from the shel							
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.							
He aided r		He helped (me) with my work.					
15-16. (W6:19) A verb is active when the subject of the sentence does the action. It is passive if the action is done to it.							
The		active		passive			
17-18. (W6:10,20) <i>Hyphens</i> link two or three words together to show that together they make a <i>compound adjective</i> describing the noun.							
a devil-may-care attitude a fine-tuned motor							
19. (W6:10,21) A semicolo using a connective (and/bu comma but not as strong a	informal writi	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.					
My dog is silly; he's scared of puddles! We saw a fox in the woods – amazing.							
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.							
I love to draw lots of things: flowers, butterflies and animals.							
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.							
She heard a twig snap behind her she started to run.							
24-25. (W6:24) Synonyms are words with a similar (but not exact) meaning. Antonyms have the opposite meaning.							
downcast	<u>unhappy</u>	<u>v</u> <u>mise</u>	<u>miserable</u>		y	cheerful	