Stage 6	'Grammar Hammer'					Skill Check 5	
1. (W6:1) A suffix can be added to a root word to change its meaning. Adding the suffix 'ly' changes an adjective into an adverb.							
complete	ify		ous	<u> </u>	Y	ate	
2. (W6:2) Homophones an	nes are words that sound the same but have different meanings and diffe				spellings. If die	ctionary used (W6:4).	
The college (principal / principle) was very strict.							
					6:7) Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'tri' means 4) Using a dictionary		
sub	non	<u>semi</u>	tri		multi	sym	
5. (W6:4) Check the definition with that in the dictionary available.							
ludicrous	Ridiculous or laughable.						
6-7. (W6:5) Check the synonyms with those in the thesaurus available.							
blatant	flagrant, brazen		parefaced, glaring sho		shame	hameless, unconcealed	
8-9. (W6:12) For note taking and précising we only need the essential words. Most adjectives and adverbs can be omitted.							
Danny was quietly reading his new, adventure book.							
10-11. (W6:13) Using a wider range of adverbials can help build cohesion within and across paragraphs.							
indeed	<u>unbelievably</u> t		prefore <u>frighte</u>		eningly	after that	
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 							
The class (<u>was</u> / were) in the hall.				Dan broke <u>his ankle</u> whilst ice-skating.			
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.							
I am writing to inform you Just to let you know Just so you know etc							
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 wind <u>blew</u> the tree down.				active		passive	
<i>17-18. (W6:10,20) Hyphens link two or three words together to show that together they make a compound adjective describing the noun.</i> <i>a long-term relationship my mother-in-law</i>							
19. (W6:10,21) A semicolon links independent clauses without 20. (W6:10,21) A dash shows a break in a sentence (normally							
using a connective (and/but). It marks a pause stronger than a comma but not as strong as a full stop. informal writing) where a comma, semicolon or colon would normally be used in formal writing.							
She says the bathroom; I say the toilet. My sister loves Take That – I hate them.							
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 bought lots of fruit at the shop: apples, bananas, pears and grapes.							
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.							
"Listen can you hear something?" whispered Sarah.							
24-25. (W6:24) Synonyms are words with a similar (but not exact) meaning. Antonyms have the opposite meaning.							
choppy	smooth	<u>r</u>	<u>rough</u>		<u>rmy</u>	calm	