Stage 6	'Grammar Hammer'					Skill Check 15
1. (W6:1) A suffix can be added to a root word to change its meaning.						
self	en		ish	<u>h</u> ize		ate
2. (W6:2) Homophones are words that sound the same but have diffe			erent meanings	nings and different spellings. If dictionary used (W6:4).		
The scientist kept the liquid in a (<u>vial</u> / vile).						
3. (W6:3) Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'over' means 'too' or 'too much'. (W6:4) Using a dictionary			4. (W6:3. Sp 3:10) Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'in' means 'not'. When a root word starts with 'r', 'in' becomes 'ir'. (W6:4) Using a dictionary.			
circum	<u>over</u>	tele	syn	n <u>ir</u>		ambi
5. (W6:4) Check the define	ion with that in the dictionary available.					
diaphanous Almost transparent.						
6-7. (W6:5) Check the syn	myms with those in the thesaurus available.					
wintry	chilly, frosty cold, f		cold, free	ezing, icy blec		ık, biting, snowy
8-9. (W6:12) For note taking and précising we only need the essential words. Most adjectives and adverbs can be omitted.						
The tiny, baby bird bathed in the warm, spring sunshine.						
10-11. (W6:13) Using a w	Ising a wider range of adverbials can help build cohesion within and across paragraphs.					
alternatively	for this reason in a		ı flash	including		<u>subsequently</u>
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. Th (subject) kicked (verb) the football (object). A direct object 						
Both of the toy s	Peter posted <u>the letter</u> on Monday.					
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.						
Plea	Sit down.					
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.						e to it.
The mu		active		<u>passive</u>		
17-18. (W6:10,20) Hyphens link two or three words together to show that together they make a compound adjective describing the noun.						
a su	the fair-haired girl					
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.			
The book was great; I really enjoyed it. It's the one thing I enjoy most – dancing.						
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 need a few things at the shop: tea, sugar, bread and eggs.						
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.						
Peering into the tank, she hoped to see the lizard it was gone.						
24-25. (W6:24) Synonyms are words with a similar (but not exact) meaning. Antonyms have the opposite meaning.						
shamefaced	proud	<u>ash</u>	<u>ashamed</u>		rrassed	unrepentant