Stage 6	'Grammar Hammer'					Skill Check 13	
1. (W6:1) A suffix can be added to a root word to change its meaning.							
accident	ous is			ful		<u>al</u>	
2. (W6:2) <i>Homophones</i> are words that sound the same but have different meanings and different spellings. If dictionary used (W6:4).							
Laura did not know ( weather / <u>whether</u> ) she should go to the party.							
3. (W6:3) Recognising pre	4. (W6:3. Sp 4:2) Recognising prefixes. The prefix 'non' means 'not'; when added to a root word, it gives it the opposite meaning. (W6:4) Using a dictionary						
<u>syn</u>	tele over		ambi tri		non		
5. (W6:4) Check the definition with that in the dictionary available.   plateau A flat area of high land.							
6-7. (W6:5) Check the syn	Check the synonyms with those in the thesaurus available.						
thunderous	deafening, tumultuous		resounding, loud			booming	
8-9. (W6:12) For note taking and précising we only need the essential words. Most adjectives and adverbs can be omitted.							
Katie sensibly wore her strong, plastic, cycle helmet.							
10-11. (W6:13) Using a wider range of <b>adverbials</b> can help build cohesion within and across paragraphs.							
<u>because of this</u>	in the end secr		etly	including		<u>as a result</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 <b>object</b> is acted upon by the subject. i.e. The striker ( <b>subject</b> ) kicked ( <b>verb</b> ) the football ( <b>object</b> ). A direct object is usually a noun, pro noun or noun phrase.							
All of the apple <b>s</b> ( was / <u>were</u> ) eaten. Sarah rocked <u>the baby</u> in						<b>by</b> in her arms.	
14. (W6:18,24) <b>Formal</b> language is used for official, legal or professional writing such as job applications and letters of complaint. <b>Informal</b> writing is more like how we speak and is used for letters to friends, emails etc.							
I shall require a total refund. I want/need (all) my money back.						-	
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 a							
Luckily, th			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.							
the quick-thinking policeman the bad-tempered child							
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 							
Max was tired; he went to bed early. We saw dolphins in the sea – incredible.							
21-22. (W6:21) <b>Colons</b> are commonly used to introduce lists. <b>Commas</b> separate items in a list. It is not used before the last item which has 'and' in front of it.							
We went to three cities on our holiday: Newcastle, Durham and Leeds.							
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.							
To his horror, Sam found himself in the forest alone.   24-25. (W6:24) Synonyms are words with a similar (but not exact) meaning. Antonyms have the opposite meaning.							
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plentiful	ample	spa	ise	Ē	<u>prolific</u>	scarce	