# Grammatical TErms

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| **English Terms** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| Noun | A person, place or thing | HouseLondonMark |
| Verb | A “doing” word i.e. expresses an action or existence | I *work*I *am*They *eat* |
| Infinitive | The main part of the verb, the part found in the dictionary (the default). Usually ends in –*er*, *-re* or -*ir* in French | To eat (manger)To sell (vendre)To finish (finir) |
| Adjective | Describes i.e. gives more information about the noun | Large, a *large* companyBlue, a *blue* car |
| Adverb | Describes a verb – often ends in *-ly* or-*ment* in FrenchDescribes an adjective | He drives *quickly*She works *well*Speak *slowly**Very* beautiful, *quite* nice |
| ArticleDefinite ArticleIndefinite ArticlePartitive Article | Word placed before a noun e.g. the, a, someThe (relates to a specific person, place or thing)A, an (used when not talking about a specific noun)Used to express “some” or “any” in French | The (le, la, l’, les)The house (la maison)A, an (un, une)A house (une maison)Some, any: du, de la, de l’, des |
| Preposition | Shows the relationship of one word to another:Preposition of placePreposition of date and time | In, on ,under, next to, far from*In* August, *on* Monday, *at* 3.00 |
| Subject | The person or thing doing the action of the verb | *I* play tennis*The girl* works*The sun* shines |
| Direct Object | The person or thing to which the action is being done | I buy *a dress*We sell *computers* |
| Indirect Object | The person or thing to whom something isgiven, told, shown, etc. | We give the report *to the boss*We sell cars *to China* |
| Pronoun | A word used to save repeating the nounPronouns in French go before the verb | I saw Peter – I saw *him*I went to Paris – I went *there**The man* works *– he* works |
| Past Participle | A form of the verb, which can be used:* with an auxiliary verb to indicate certain tenses
* as an adjective
 | I have *worked* – j’ai *travaillé*He has *closed* the doorHe heard me through the *closed* door |