# Grammatical TErms

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| **English Terms** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| Noun | A person, place or thing | House  London  Mark |
| 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* company  Blue, a *blue* car |
| Adverb | Describes a verb – often ends in *-ly* or  -*ment* in French  Describes an adjective | He drives *quickly*  She works *well*  Speak *slowly*  *Very* beautiful, *quite* nice |
| Article  Definite Article  Indefinite Article  Partitive Article | Word placed before a noun e.g. the, a, some  The (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 place  Preposition 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 is  given, told, shown, etc. | We give the report *to the boss*  We sell cars *to China* |
| Pronoun | A word used to save repeating the noun  Pronouns 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 door  He heard me through the *closed* door |