

GRAMMATICAL TERMS

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 <i>work</i> I <i>am</i> They <i>eat</i>
Infinitive	The main part of the verb, the part found in the dictionary (the default). Usually ends in <i>-er</i> , <i>-re</i> or <i>-ir</i> in French	To eat (<i>manger</i>) To sell (<i>vendre</i>) To finish (<i>finir</i>)
Adjective	Describes i.e. gives more information about the noun	Large, a <i>large</i> company Blue, a <i>blue</i> car
Adverb	Describes a verb – often ends in <i>-ly</i> or <i>-ment</i> in French Describes an adjective	He drives <i>quickly</i> She works <i>well</i> Speak <i>slowly</i> <i>Very</i> beautiful, <i>quite</i> nice
Article	Word placed before a noun e.g. the, a, some	The (le, la, l', les)
Definite article	The (relates to a specific person, place or thing)	The house (la maison)
Indefinite article	A, an (used when not talking about a specific noun)	A, an (un, une) A house (une maison)
Partitive article	Used to express "some" or "any" in French	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 <i>In</i> August, <i>on</i> Monday, <i>at</i> 3.00
Subject	The person or thing doing the action of the verb	<i>I</i> play tennis <i>The girl</i> works <i>The sun</i> shines
Direct Object	The person or thing to which the action is being done	I buy <i>a dress</i> We sell <i>computers</i>
Indirect Object	The person or thing to whom something is given, told, shown, etc.	We give the report <i>to the boss</i> We sell cars <i>to China</i>
Pronoun	A word used to save repeating the noun Pronouns in French go before the verb	I saw Peter – I saw <i>him</i> I went to Paris – I went <i>there</i> <i>The man</i> works – <i>he</i> 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 <i>worked</i> – j'ai <i>travaillé</i> He has <i>closed</i> the door He heard me through the <i>closed</i> door