

# Parent Guide

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## What is this resource and how do I use it?

This helpful list of terms is great for parents of children aged ten to eleven or children studying in year 6. If you are eager to make sure that you are supporting your child's learning in English in the best way possible and using up-to-date terms, you will find everything you need here.

## What is the focus of this resource?

Vocabulary

Empowering Parents

Technical Language

## Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

There is a range of helpful resources on the **Parents Hub** that can aid you in supporting your child's learning at home. Find out what your child will be expected to learn in year 6 English with this handy **parent guide** and help them get on top of their spellings with this **word a day activity**.

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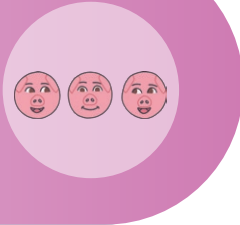
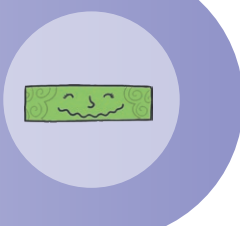
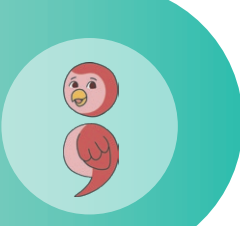
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# English Jargon Buster

## Year 6

This list includes many of the common terms you and your child may come across in English in year 6. Where possible, we have included helpful links to our [Parenting Wiki](#) page for each of the terms, should you wish to learn more. If you can't find the term you are looking for in this list, it may have been taught in another year group. Have a look at our [Jargon Buster category](#) to find similar lists for other key stage 2 year groups.

English Term	Definition	Further Information	
active	the active voice shows a subject performing the action described by its verb. For example, <b>Claire threw the ball</b> . In this sentence, the subject ( <b>Claire</b> ) performs the action ( <b>threw</b> ).	What is an active voice?	
bullet points	bullet points are a type of organisational device that can be used to separate items in a list or to separate sentences or paragraphs to make the text clearer.	What are bullet points?	
colon	a type of punctuation mark used to separate two independent clauses within a sentence. Colons are often used to show that a list or explanation is about to follow.	What is a colon?	
dash	there are two types of dash: the em dash and the en dash. The em dash is slightly longer and is used to separate additional information from the text for dramatic effect. The en dash is shorter and is used to connect compound adjectives ( <b>award-winning</b> ), show a divide ( <b>north-south</b> ) or show a range ( <b>2002-2008</b> ).	What is a dash?	
debate	a formal argument between two sides with opposing views.	What is a debate?	

English Term	Definition	Further Information	
ellipsis	an ellipsis is a punctuation mark that can be used to show that text is missing, to show the reader to leave a pause for effect/suspense or to show that a thought is trailing off.	What is a ellipsis?	
formal	formal speech or texts avoid use of slang words and contractions to keep information precise and polite. An example of a formal text may be a letter or essay.	What is formal speech or text?	
hyphen	a punctuation mark that looks similar to a dash. It is used to join words or parts of words together or to reduce ambiguity.	What is a hyphen?	
informal	an informal speech or text is casual and relaxed and may use slang words, colloquial phrases and contractions as well as following grammar rules less strictly.	What is informal speech or text?	
passive	the passive voice shows that the action is happening to the subject. For example, <b>The ball was thrown by Claire.</b> The subject (Claire) had the action of the ball being thrown happen to her.	What is a passive voice?	
semicolon	a type of punctuation used to join two closely related independent clauses or break up sentences in the place of a conjunction. Semicolons can also be used to punctuate a list.	What is a semicolon?	

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