

Quick Guide: Grammar Terms

As it's summer, I thought you may like a quick, fun quiz on some grammatical terms that you will have heard at some time. Have a look at the words in the table and decide what are the grammatical terms for these words? In keeping with tradition, the answers are at the end!

1.	bare/bear; heir/air	6.	rapid/quick; big/large
2.	Hannah, radar	7.	rough/smooth; tall/short
3.	bang, crash, sizzle	8.	As slow as a tortoise
4.	NATO, SMART, WAG	9.	The news ignited her face
5.	Lord Sandwich	10.	damp, dreary, dismal day

- HOMOPHONE: Bear/bare** A word that is pronounced like another but has a different meaning.
- PALINDROME: Hannah, radar** A word that is the same spelt forwards and backwards.
- ONOMATOPOEIA: Bang, crash, sizzle** Remember this from studying poetry at school? It is a word that sounds like the meaning of the word.
- ACRONYM: NATO, SMART, WAG** It is a set of capital letters representing the name of something and making a word.
- EPONYM: Lord Sandwich** This is a word derived from someone's name.
- SYNONYM: Rapid/quick** Describes words with the same meaning.
- ANTONYM: Rough/smooth** Describes two words with opposing meanings.
- SIMILE: As slow as a tortoise** This is when you compare two things using the words 'like' or 'as'.
- METAPHOR: The news ignited her face.** This is a way of describing something in terms of something else to enhance the image or impact of what you are writing.
- ALLITERATION: Damp, dreary, dismal day** Back to poetry – it is when the first letters/sounds of each word are the same.

So how did you do? You may not use these terms in business writing but it is always useful to know what they mean.

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