

What is the shape of our speech?



Non-fiction shape

Direct Address



Togetherness/Unity



Time to get tough



A brighter future



What will Battle be like



No guarantees



Belief/Trust



Call to action

What is the grammar and language of our Battle Cry?

Noun

A word for a person, place or thing. Can be proper nouns (Joe, Paris); common nouns (table, glue); abstract nouns (love, happiness) or collective nouns (choir, crew)

Verb

A doing (run, sing) or being (are, was) word. All sentences must contain a verb to make sense. Verbs show us the tense of a sentence.

Adjective

Words that describe a noun (green, happy, slow), often used in a noun phrase.

Adverb

An adverb is a word that modifies (describes) a verb (he sings loudly), an adjective (very tall), another adverb (ended too quickly), or even a whole sentence (Fortunately, I had brought an umbrella). Adverbs often end in -ly, but not always

Determiner

Words that come in front of (determine) the noun. Most commonly the, a/an but also words such as that, those and numbers (three chairs)

Conjunction

Words that join clauses together. Subordinating conjunctions join subordinate clauses (even though, since, as); Co-ordinating conjunctions join main clauses together (and, but, so).

Preposition

Words that show the position of things in space or time (next to, above, below, before, after)

Imperative Verbs

A verb used at the beginning of a command sentence (take three eggs; listen to your teacher; trust in your leader)

Modal Verbs

Verbs to show possibility (may, might) or certainty (will, shall). Used with other verbs.

Personification

When you give an animal or object qualities or abilities that only a human can have. Lightning danced across the sky; The wind howled in the night.

Repetition

Repeating a word or phrase for effect. They waited. They waited curiously. They waited curiously and silently.

Rhetorical Questions

A question to make your reader think. Do you want to join me?

Alliteration

Repeated consonant sounds on the beginning of words. Perfect puddings, joyous gingerbread.