



## St. Luke's C.E Primary English Skills Progression

Adapted from Pie Corbett - developed with the South2together writing project

To be used alongside the English NC Programmes of Study

## **Reception**

Text Stru	ıcture		Sentence Construction		Word Structure	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	/ Language		for children to know and understand
Introduce:	Factual writing	Introduce:	Simple coordinating	When Adverbs	Introduce:	Introduce:	Introduce:
Planning Tool	closely linked	Simple sentences	conjunctions:	Then	Determiners	Finger spaces	Finger spaces
–Story map /story	to a story	(single-clause)	and	Next	the a my		
mountain			but	Finally	your an this	Full stops	Letter
	Simple factual	Say a sentence, write			that his her		
Whole class	sentences	and read it back to	Simple subordinating	When Adverbial	their some all	Capital letters	Word
retelling of story	based around	check it makes	conjunctions for	phrases			
	a theme	sense.	storytelling:	Once upon a time	Where		Sentence
Understanding of	Names		who	Early one morning	Prepositions:		
beginning/	Labels	Compound	until		up down in		Full stops
middle / end	Captions	sentences using		How Adverbs	into out to		
	Lists	coordinating		Luckily	onto		Capital letter
Retell simple	Diagrams	conjunctions		Unfortunately			
5-part story:	Message				Adjectives (eg)		Simile – 'like'
Once upon a time		Repetition for			old, little, big,		
First / Then / Next		rhythm. (eg) He			small, quiet		
But		walked and he					
So		walked.			Adverbs (eg)		
Finally, happily					luckily,		
ever after		Repetition in			fortunately		
		description. (eg) a					
		lean cat, a mean cat			Similes – using		
					'like'		

**Year 1** – Consolidate Reception List

Text Stru	ıcture		Sentence Constructi	on	Word Structure /		
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	Language		for children to know and understand
Planning Tools:	Planning tools:	Types of sentences:	Simple	Using conjunctions	Prepositions:	Capital letter	Punctuation
Story map / story	text map /	Statements	coordinating	for fronted when	inside	for names	
mountain	washing line	Questions	conjunctions:	adverbial clauses:	outside		Question
		Exclamations	or	While	towards	Capital letter	mark
Plan opening	Heading		so	When	across	for the	
around:		Simple sentences		Where	under	personal	Exclamation
character(s),	Introduction	(single clause) (eg) I	Simple			pronoun I	mark
setting, time of day	Question to	went to the park.	Subordinating	When Adverbs	Determiners:		
and type of	hook the reader	The castle is	Conjunctions:	Soon,	the a my your	Full stops	Speech
weather	/ Opening	haunted.	who	First,	an this that his		bubble
	factual		because	Now,	her their some	Question marks	
Understanding -	statement	Embellished simple	so that	Suddenly,	all lots of		Bullet points
beginning /middle		sentences using	while	Immediately,	many more	Exclamation	
/end to a story	Middle	adjectives (eg) The	when	Then,	those these	marks	Singular/
<b>Understanding</b> - 5	section(s)	giant had an		Afterwards,			plural
parts to a story:	Simple factual	enormous beard.			Adjectives	Speech bubble	
	sentences	Red squirrels enjoy		When Adverbial	(eg) The <b>old</b>		Adjective
Opening	around a theme	eating delicious nuts		Phrases	house	Bullet points	
Once upon a				At that moment	The <b>huge</b>		Verbs
time	Bullet points for	Compound		In the end	elephant		
	instructions	sentences using		By the next			Conjunction
Build-up		coordinating		morning	Alliteration		
One day	Labelled	conjunctions (eg)		As soon as	(eg) dangerous		Alliteration
	diagrams	The children played			dragon / slimy		
Problem /		on the swings <b>and</b>		How Adverbs	snake		Simile – 'as'
Dilemma	Ending	slid down the slide.		Fortunately,			
Suddenly,	Concluding	Spiders can be small		Unfortunately,	Similes using		
Unfortunately,	sentence	<b>or</b> they can be large.		Sadly,	<b>asas</b> (eg) as		
		Charlie hid <b>but</b> Sally			tall as a house /		
Resolution		found him.					

ortunately,	It was raining <b>so</b>	as red as a
	they put on their	radish.
nding	coats.	Precise, clear
inally,		language to give
	Use of 'who'	information (eg)
	relative clause (eg)	First, switch on
	Once upon a time	the red button.
	there was a little old	Next, wait for the
	woman <b>who</b> lived in	green light to
	a forest.	flash
	There are many	
	children <b>who</b> like to	Regular <b>plural</b>
	eat ice cream.	noun suffixes –s
		or –es (eg) <i>dog,</i>
	'Run' - Repetition	dogs; wish,
	for rhythm (eg) He	wishes
	walked, and he	
	walked, and he	Suffixes that can
	walked.	be added to
		verbs (eg)
	Repetition for	helping, helped,
	description	helper
	(eg) a lean cat, a	
	mean cat / a green	How the <b>prefix</b>
	dragon, a fiery	un– changes the
	dragon	meaning of <b>verbs</b>
		and <b>adjective</b>
		(eg) unkind /
		untie

**Year 2** – Consolidate previous lists

Text Stru	ıcture		Sentence Construction	n	Word Structure /	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	Language		for children to know and understand
The consistent use o	f present tense	Types of sentences:	Secure use of	Vary openers to	Generalisers for	Demarcate	Apostrophe
versus <b>past tense</b> th	roughout texts	Statements	coordinating	sentences in a text	information	sentences:	(contractions
		Questions	conjunctions:		(eg) Most dogs	Capital letters	and singular
Use of the <b>continuo</b>	ous form of verbs	Exclamations	or	Using conjunctions	Some cats		possession)
in the <b>present</b> and <b>p</b>	ast tense to mark	Commands	so	for fronted adverbial		Full stops	
actions in progre	ess (e.g. <i>she is</i>		but	clauses:	Prepositions:		Commas for
drumming, he v	was shouting	Embellished simple	because	Before	behind above	Question marks	description
Secure use of	Secure use of	sentences using:	and	As	along before		
planning tools:	planning tools:	Adjectives (eg) The			between after	Exclamation	"Inverted
Story map / story	Text map /	boys peeped inside	Broader use of	When Adverbs		marks	commas"
mountain / story	washing line /	the dark cave.	subordinating	Finally,	Alliteration		
grids/'Boxing-up'	'Boxing –up'	Adverbs (eg) Tom	conjunctions	Eventually,	(eg) wicked witch	<b>Commas</b> to	Suffix
grid	grid	ran quickly down the	including mastery	Meanwhile,	/ slimy slugs	separate items	
		hill.	of:			in a list	Verb /
Plan opening	Introduction:		as	When Adverbial	Similes		adverb
around	Heading	List of 3 for	before	Phrases	usinglike	Comma after	
character(s),	Hook to engage	description (eg) He	to	The next day	(eg) like	–ly opener	Statement
setting, time of	reader	wore old shoes, a	until	After a while	sizzling sausages		Question
day and type of	Factual	dark cloak and a red	which	A moment later	/hot like a fire	Speech bubbles	Exclamation
weather	statement /	hat.	if	When it was all		/ inverted	Command
	definition	African elephants	that	over,		commas for	
Understanding 5	Opening	have long trunks,			Two adjectives	direct speech	Tense (past,
parts to a story	question	curly tusks and large		Varied How Adverbs	describe the		present,
with more		ears.		(eg) Carefully,	noun (eg) The	Implicitly	future <b>)</b>
complex	Middle			Slowly,	scary, old	understand	
vocabulary	section(s)	Complex sentences			woman	how to change	Adjective /
		where the		Varied How Often	Squirrels have	from indirect	noun
		subordinating		Adverbs	long, bushy tails.		

Opening (eg) In a	Group related	clause is moved for	(eg) Usually		speech to	Noun
land far away	ideas / facts	effect: (eg) While	Sometimes	Adverbs for	direct speech	phrases
One cold but	into sections	the animals were	Normally	description (eg)	diii dat apadaii	<b>FG</b>
bright morning	Sub headings to	munching breakfast,		Snow fell <b>gently</b>	Apostrophes to	Generalisers
	introduce	two visitors arrived.	Onomatopoeic words	and covered the	mark where	
Build-up (eg) Later	sentences	During the Autumn,	or phrases:	cottage in the	letters are	Subordinating
that day	/sections	<b>when</b> the weather is	Splash went the dog	wood.	missing in	conjunctions
	Use of lists –	cold, the leaves fall	as he dived into the		spelling and to	
Problem /	what is needed	off the trees.	pond.	Adverbs for how	mark singular	
Dilemma (eg) To			Stomping loudly, he	and when	possession in	
his amazement	/ lists of steps to	Embedded relative	left the room.	information (eg)	nouns	
	be taken Bullet	who/which clause:	Dripping softly,	Lift the pot		
<b>Resolution</b> (eg) As	points for facts	(eg) Sam, <b>who</b> was	Creaking	carefully onto the		
soon as	Diagrams	lost, sat down and	J	tray. The river		
		cried.		quickly flooded		
Ending (eg)	Ending	The Vikings, <b>who</b>		the town.		
Luckily,	Make final	came from				
Fortunately,	comment to	Scandinavia,		Formation of		
		invaded Scotland.		<b>nouns</b> using		
<b>Ending</b> should be a	reader	The Fire of London,		suffixes such as		
section rather than	Extra tips! /	<b>which</b> started in		–ness, –er		
one final sentence	Did-you-know?	Pudding Lane,				
(eg) suggest how	Facts / True or	spread quickly.		Formation of		
the main character	false?			adjectives		
is feeling in the		Use long and short		using <b>suffixes</b>		
final situation.		sentences:		such as –ful, –less		
		Long sentences to				
		add description or		Use of the		
		information. Use		suffixes –er and		
		short sentences for		est to form		
		emphasis.		comparisons of		
				adjectives and		
		Expanded noun		adverbs		
		phrases (eg) lots of				
		people, plenty of				

	food, old, wooden			
	chair			

**Year 3** – Consolidate previous lists

	ate previous lists						
Text Stru	ucture		Sentence Constructio	n	Word Structure /	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	Language		for children to know and understand
Use of the perfect mark relationships (eg) I have written check what it said. perfect instead of si left his hat behind, left his hat Secure use of planning tools: Story map /story mountain / story grids / 'Boxing-up' grid  Plan opening around character(s), setting, time of day and type of weather  Paragraphs to organise ideas into each story part  Extended vocabulary to	of time and cause it down so I can Use of present mple past. He has as opposed to He	Vary long and short sentence types: to add description or information or for emphasis and making key points: (eg) Sam was really unhappy. Visit the farm now.  Embellished simple sentences using when, where and how adverbial phrases in varied positions for effect (eg) The mouse ran. The mouse ran in fear. All of a sudden, the mouse ran in fear up a clock. The mouse ran in fear up a clock all of a sudden.	Mastery of compound sentences using coordinating conjunctions: and or but so for nor yet (FANBOYS)  Subordinating Conjunctions for time, place and cause. Mastery of: where once after	-"ing" verb openers (eg) Sighing, the boy finished his homework. Grunting, the pig lay down to sleep.  When, where, why and how fronted adverbial phrases.  Cohesion through adverbs for addition: Also Another thing  Why Adverbs for cause and effect: Therefore	Prepositional phrases to place the action: on the mat; behind the tree; in the air.  Prepositions for where and when: next to; by the side of; during; throughout.  Powerful verbs (eg) stare, tremble, slither  Boastful Adjectives (eg) magnificent, unbelievable, exciting!  More specific / technical vocabulary to add detail	Colon before a list and in a play script (eg)What you need:  Ellipses to keep the reader hanging on  Secure use of inverted commas for direct speech  Use of commas after fronted adverbials (eg) Later that day, I heard the bad news.	Word family  Conjunction (Coordinating / Subordinating)  Adverb  Preposition  Direct speech / Inverted commas  Prefix  Consonant / Vowel  Clause  Subordinate clause  Determiner  Synonyms

introduce 5 story	Middle	Complex sentences	(eg) A few	
parts:	Section(s)	using embedded	dragons of this	Relative
Introduction	Group related	relative clause using:	variety can	clause
-should include	ideas /facts into	who / which /	breathe on any	
detailed	paragraphs	whose.	creature and turn	Relative
description of	Sub headings to	(eg) The boy, <b>whose</b>	it to stone	pronoun
setting or	introduce	name is George,	immediately.	
characters	sections /	thinks he is very		Imperative
	paragraphs	brave.	Drops of rain	
Build-up -build in			pounded on the	Colon for
some suspense	Topic sentences	Sentence of 3 for	corrugated, tin	instructions
towards the	to introduce	description with	roof.	
problem or	paragraphs (eg)	expanded noun		
dilemma	Dragons are	phrase (eg) The	Nouns formed	
	found across	cottage was almost	from prefixes	
Problem /	the world.	invisible, hiding	(eg) auto	
<b>Dilemma</b> –include		under a thick layer of	superanti	
detail of actions /	Lists of steps to	snow and glistening		
dialogue	be taken	in the sunlight.	Word Families	
	Bullet points for	Rainbow dragons are	based on	
Resolution -	facts	covered with many	common words	
should link with		different coloured	(eg) teacher	
the problem	Flow diagram	scales, have	–teach,	
		enormous, red eyes	beauty –	
Ending – clear	Develop Ending	and swim on the	beautiful	
ending should link	Personal	surface of the water.		
back to the start,	response		Use of	
show how the	Extra	Pattern of 3 for	determiners a or	
character is	information /	persuasion (eg)	an according to	
feeling, how the		Visit, Swim, Enjoy!	whether next	
character or	reminders e.g.		word begins with	
situation has	Information	Dialogue –powerful	a vowel (eg) a	
changed from the	boxes / Five	speech verb (eg)	rock / an open	
beginning.	Amazing Facts	"Hello," she	book	
	Wow comment	whispered.		

**Year 4** – Consolidate previous lists

Text Str	ucture		Sentence Construction	n	Word Structure /	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	Language		for children to know and understand
Secure use of planning tools: (eg) story map / story mountain / story grids / 'Boxing-up' grids  Plan opening	Secure use of planning tools: Text map / washing line / 'Boxing –up' grid  Paragraphs to	Standard English for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms (eg) we were instead of we was  Long and short	Secure use of coordinating conjunctions to construct compound sentences: yet, and, or, but, so	"ed" verb starters (eg) Frightened, Tom ran straight home to avoid being caught. Exhausted, the Roman solider collapsed at his post.	Prepositions at underneath since towards beneath beyond  Modal Verbs: Could, should, would	Commas to mark clauses and to mark off fronted adverbial phrases and clauses.	Pronoun  Possessive pronoun  Adverbial  Fronted
using: Description / action	organise ideas around a theme Logical organisation	sentences: Long sentences to enhance description or information	Subordinating Conjunctions for time, place, cause and change	Introduce "ing" opener to embellish fronted adverbials (eg) Grinning	Comparative and superlative adjectives (eg)	Full punctuation for direct speech: Each new	adverbial Apostrophe
Paragraphs: to organise each part of story to indicate a change in place or jump in time. Build in suspense writing to introduce the dilemma	Group related paragraphs Develop use of a topic sentence Link information within paragraphs with a range of conjunctions. Use of bullet points, diagrams	Short sentences to move events on quickly (eg) It was midnight. It's great fun.  Secure use of simple / embellished simple sentences  Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun across sentences to aid cohesion.	direction. Specific mastery of: since if even though whereas	menacingly, he slipped his treasure into his rucksack. Hopping speedily towards the pool, the frog dived underneath the leaves.  Start with a simile adverbial (eg) As curved as a ball, the moon shone brightly in the night sky.	smallsmallersmallest goodbetterbest  Proper nouns-refers to a particular person or thing (eg) Monday, Jessica, October, England  The grammatical difference	speaker on a new line / Comma between direct speech and reporting clause e.g. "It's late!" gasped Cinderella.  Apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession as	Plural possession

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Developed 5 parts	Introduction			Like a wailing cat, the	between plural	opposed to s to	
to story:	Middle			ambulance screamed	and <b>possessive</b>	mark a plural	
Introduction	section(s)	Sentence of 3 for		down the road.	<b>-</b> s		
Build-up	Ending	action (eg) Sam					
Problem /	Ending could	rushed down the			Standard English		
_	1	road, jumped on the			forms for <b>verb</b>		
Dilemma	include	bus and sank into his			inflections		
Resolution	personal	seat.			instead of local		
Ending	opinion,	The Romans enjoyed			spoken forms		
	response, extra	food, loved marching			(eg) we were		
Clear distinction	information,	but hated the			instead of we		
between	reminders,	weather.			was, or I did		
resolution and	question,	Repetition to			instead of I done		
ending. Ending	warning, and	persuade (eg) Find us					
should include	encouragement	to find the fun					
reflection on	to the reader.	-					
events or the		Dialogue - verb +					
characters.		adverb - "Hello," she					
Characters.		whispered, shyly.					

**Year 5** – Consolidate previous lists

Text Struc	cture		Sentence Constructio	n	Word Structure /	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	Language		for children to know and understand
Secure	Introduce:	Relative clauses	Secure use of all	Expanded fronted	Metaphor	Rhetorical	Relative
independent use	Independent	beginning with who,	coordinating	-"ed" verb phrase		question	clause/
of planning tools	planning across	which, that, where,	conjunctions to	(eg) Encouraged by	Personification		pronoun
Story mountain /	all genres and	when, whose or an	construct	the bright weather,		Dashes	
grids / flow	application	omitted relative	compound	Jane set out for a long	Onomatopoeia		Modal verb
diagrams		pronoun.	sentences:	walk.		Brackets /	
			nor	Terrified by the	Vague pronoun	dashes /	Parenthesis
Plan opening	Secure use of	Secure and	yet	dragon, George fell to	to generalise	commas for	
using:	range of layouts	controlled use of	and	his knees.	(eg) someone,	parenthesis	Bracket-
Description /	suitable to text.	simple / embellished	or		somewhere was		dash
action / dialogue		simple sentences	but	Elaboration of	out to get him	Colon to	
	Structure:		so	fronted adverbial		connect / link	Determiner
Paragraphs:	Introduction /	Secure and		phrases or clauses	Developed use of	illustrative	
Vary conjunctions	1	controlled use of	Subordinating	(eg) Beyond the dark	technical	clauses	Cohesion
within paragraphs	Middle / Ending	compound	conjunctions for	gloom of the cave,	language		
to build cohesion		sentences	time, place, cause	Zach saw the wizard		Use of commas	Ambiguity
into a paragraph	Secure use of		and change	move.	Indicating	to clarify	
Use change of	paragraphs:	Drop in –"ed' clause	direction.	Throughout the night,	degrees of	meaning or	Metaphor
place, time and	Use a variety of	with omitted		the wind howled like	possibility using	avoid ambiguity	
action to link ideas	ways to open	pronoun (eg) Poor	Mastery of:	an injured creature.	modal verbs		Rhetorical
across paragraphs.	texts and draw	Tim, exhausted by so	although		could / can	Stage directions	question
	reader in and	much effort, ran	whenever		may / might	in speech (eg)	
Use 5 part story	make the	home.			should / shall	"Stop!" he	Tense:
structure	purpose clear	The lesser known			would / will <b>or</b>	shouted, picking	present and
Writing could start		Bristol dragon,			adverbs (eg)	up the stick and	past
at any of the 5	Link ideas	recognised by purple			sometimes, often,	running after	progressive;
points. This may	within and	spots, is rarely seen.			perhaps, surely.	the thief.	
include flashbacks							

Introduction	across	Sentence reshaping		Converting <b>nouns</b>	
-should include	paragraphs	techniques		or <b>adjectives</b> into	
action /	using a full	(eg) lengthening or		verbs using	
description	_	shortening sentence		suffixes (e.g.	
-character or	range of	for meaning, effect		–ate; –ise; –ify)	
setting / dialogue	conjunctions	and/or succinctness.			
	and signposts			Verb prefixes	
Build-up -develop		Mastery of moving		(e.g. <i>dis-, de-,</i>	
suspense	Use rhetorical	adverbs and		mis–, over– and	
techniques	questions to	adverbial phrases or		re-)	
	draw reader in	clauses (how, when,			
Problem /	araw reduct iii	where, why) around			
<b>Dilemma</b> –may be	<b>.</b>	for specific effects			
more than one	Express "expert	(eg) The siren echoed			
problem to be	opinions"	loudlythrough the			
resolved	clearly	lonely streetsat			
		midnight			
Resolution –clear	Consistently				
links with dilemma	maintain	Use of rhetorical			
	viewpoint	questions sparingly			
Ending –character	Viewpoint	and careful to			
could reflect on		address the reader			
events, any	Summary clear	where appropriate.			
changes or	at the end to				
lessons, look	appeal directly				
forward to the	to the reader				
future ask a					
question.					

Text Structure		Sentence Construction			Word Structure /	Punctuation*	Terminology
Fiction	Non - Fiction	Sentence Types	Conjunctions	Fronted words, phrases or clauses.	Language		for children to know and understand*
Secure	Secure planning	Secure use of	Secure use of all	Cohesion through	Build in literary	Use of the	Active and
independent	across	simple /	coordinating	adverbs for change of	feature to create	semi-colon,	passive voice
planning across	non-fiction	embellished simple	conjunctions to	direction:	effects (eg)	colon and dash	
story types using	genres and	sentences	construct	On the other hand	alliteration,	to indicate a	Subject and
5-part story	application		compound	In contrast	onomatopoeia,	stronger	object
structure.		Secure use of	sentence:		similes,	subdivision of a	
Include suspense,	Use a variety of	compound	for	Cohesion through	metaphors	sentence than a	Hyphen
cliff hangers,	text layouts	sentences	nor	(why) adverbs for	assonance	comma. Use of	
flashbacks /	appropriate to		yet	cause and effect:		colon to	Synonym,
forwards, time	purpose.	Secure use of	and	As a consequence	The difference	introduce a list	antonym
slips.	purpose.	complex sentences,	or		between	and semi-colons	
Start story at any	_	with full range of	but		vocabulary	within lists.	Colon/
point of the 5	Use range of	conjunctions.	so		typical of		semi-colon
part structure	techniques to				informal speech	<b>Punctuation</b> of	
Maintain plot	involve the	Active and passive	Controlled use of		and vocabulary	bullet points to	Bullet points
consistently	reader	verbs to create	subordinating		appropriate for	list information.	
working from	–comments,	effect and to affect	conjunctions,		formal speech		Ellipsis
plan	,	presentation of	including mastery		and writing (eg)	How hyphens	
	questions,	information (eg)	of:		said versus	can be used to	Subjunctive
Paragraphs	observations,	Active: Tom	despite		reported, alleged,	avoid ambiguity	
-Secure use of	rhetorical	accidently dropped	unless		or claimed in	(eg) man eating	
linking ideas	questions	the glass.			formal speech or	shark versus	
within and across		<b>Passive</b> : The glass			writing	man-eating	
paragraphs	Express	was accidently				shark, or	
	balanced	dropped by Tom.			How words are	recover versus	
Secure	coverage of a	Active: The class			related as	re-cover	
development of	topic	heated the water.			synonyms and		
characterisation	•	Passive: The water			antonyms (eg)		
	Use different	was heated.			big / large / little		
	techniques to						
	conclude texts						

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Use appropriate	Developed use of			
formal and	rhetorical questions			
informal styles	for persuasion.			
of writing  Choose / create publishing format to	Expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely (eg) The			
enhance text type and engage the reader	boy that jumped over the fence is over there. The fact that it was			
Linking ideas across	raining meant the end of sports day.			
paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: semantic cohesion), grammatical connections and elision  Layout devices,	The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing (such as the use of question tags, eg, He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of the subjunctive in			
such as headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to	of the <b>subjunctive</b> in some very formal writing and speech) as in <i>If I were you</i> .			
structure text				