Year 4 Grammar / Punctuation Objective	First Taught	Retrieved In	Expected Secure By	Independent Evidence	Assessment Prompt	Year 4 Terminology
Sustain paragraphs around a theme	Block 1 retrieval	Every block	Block 3	All independent outcomes	Does each paragraph develop a theme and connect logically?	paragraph, theme
Nouns, pronouns and possessive pronouns for cohesion	Block 1	Every block	Block 5	Narrative and non-fiction	Are references unambiguous and repetition controlled?	noun, pronoun, possessive pronoun
Determiners for precision and cohesion	Block 1	Blocks 2–6	Block 5	All genres	Does each determiner identify quantity, possession or reference precisely?	determiner
Wider conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions for time and cause	Block 1 retrieval	Every block	Block 4	All genres	Is the relationship and word class understood?	conjunction, adverb, preposition
Fronted adverbials and commas	Block 1 retrieval	Every block	Block 4	All final outcomes	Does the adverbial orient or shape the reader's response?	adverbial, fronted adverbial, comma
Present perfect contrasted with simple past	Block 1 retrieval	Blocks 2–6	Block 5	Narrative, explanation and persuasion	What time connection does the chosen tense communicate?	present perfect, verb, tense
Direct speech: punctuation, reporting clauses and new speakers	Block 1 retrieval	Blocks 2 and 5	Block 5	Independent narratives	Is all spoken punctuation accurate and is each new speaker paragraphed?	direct speech, inverted commas
Expanded noun phrases	Block 1 retrieval	Every block	Block 3	All genres	Does modification add precision, specification or effect?	noun phrase, adjective, determiner
Headings and subheadings	Block 3	Block 6	Block 6	Factual tour and brochure	Do organisational choices help the intended reader?	heading, subheading, paragraph
Apostrophes for plural possession	Block 2 retrieval	Blocks 3–6; explicit spelling focus Block 5	Block 6	Narrative and brochure	Can the pupil distinguish singular, regular plural and irregular plural ownership?	apostrophe, possessive, plural
Sentence boundaries and cumulative punctuation	Block 1 diagnostic	Every block	Block 2	All writing	Are capitals, end marks, list commas, contractions and speech secure?	sentence, punctuation, apostrophe
Standard English forms and register	Block 1	Every block	Block 6	Dialogue, explanation and persuasion	Does grammar and vocabulary suit the purpose and reader?	Standard English, verb, tense
Revise cohesion and effectiveness; proofread transcription	Block 1	Every block	Block 4	Every independent outcome	Can the pupil explain a revision and independently correct taught errors?	paragraph, determiner, pronoun, adverbial