Name that word: answers and notes

What your child practised: recognising and naming determiners, pronouns, possessive pronouns and adverbials (Year 4 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

the **D** · they **P** · a **D** · we **P** · an **D** · it **P**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, e.g. *in the fridge* (A).

Page 2 · A. Ring and label

1. **my** D · 2. **mine** PP · 3. **Our** D
4. **ours** PP · 5. **your** D

Page 3 · D. Your sentence

Answers will vary, e.g. ***After school** (A), **we** (P) fed **the** (D) ducks.*

Page 3 · B. Adverbials

1. **Before bed**: when · 2. **under the stairs**: where
3. **quietly**: how · 4. **In the morning**: when

Page 3 · C. Sort

Determiner: **Our**, **Their** · Pronoun: **us**, **they**
Possessive pronoun: **mine** · Adverbial: **on Saturday**

Challenge: No. **My** is a **determiner**: it comes before a noun (*my bike*). **Mine** is a **possessive pronoun**: it stands alone (*the bike is mine*). (Older books may call *my* a "possessive adjective".)

Watch out for

- **Mixing up my and mine** (or our and ours). Ask: "Is there a noun straight after it?" Yes means determiner; no means possessive pronoun.
- **Missing adverbials of several words**, like *under the stairs*. Ask "When? Where? How?" and underline the whole answer.
- **Her and his** do more than one job: *her bag* (D), *I saw her* (P), *it's his* (PP). Look at what comes after.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Packet hunt:** pick a sentence from a cereal box or comic. Can your child find a determiner, a pronoun, and a phrase telling when, where or how?
- **When, where, how?** Say "Dad sang." Your child adds an adverbial: "Dad sang loudly."
- **In the game:** Chapter 6, Editing, checks pronouns in writing so they match and stay the same.