

TEFL/TESOL Specialization Course

UNDERSTANDING & TEACHING ENGLISH GRAMMAR

WHO THE COURSE IS FOR

This is the ideal training course for EFL teachers who speak the language perfectly but have difficulties explaining and teaching grammar in an interesting way to their students.

THE ENGLISH GRAMMAR COURSE FEATURES

- A comprehensive explanation of grammar
- A large amount of exercises to practice what you have just learned
- Periodic skills assessments to help you remember the most important aspects
- Complete lesson plans for teaching different grammar structures
- Material you can photocopy for class use

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments follow after a certain amount of course modules. They have to be sent to your course tutor. The normal method of delivery is via e-mail. Feedback can be expected within 8 days from receipt of the assignment. It can also arrive in a much shorter time.

COURSE CONTENT

PART 1: The Sentence and its Parts

- The Complete Sentence
- Kinds of Sentences
- Complete Subjects and Predicates
- Simple Subjects and Predicates
- Verb Phrases
- Subjects in Unusual Positions
- Objects of Verbs

- Subject Complements
- Compound Sentence Parts

PART 2: Writing Complete Sentences

- What is a Sentence Fragment?
- What is a Run-on Sentence?

PART 3: Using Nouns

- What is a Noun?
- Kinds of Nouns
- The Uses of Nouns
- The Plural of Nouns
- The Possessives of Nouns

PART 4: Using Pronouns

- What is a Pronoun?
- Personal Pronouns
- The Cases of Personal Pronouns
- Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns
- Demonstrative Pronouns
- Indefinite Pronouns
- Interrogative Pronouns
- Relative Pronouns
- Agreement with Antecedents
- Indefinite Pronouns as Antecedents
- Vague Pronoun References
- Problems with Pronouns

SKILLS ASSESSMENT 1: PARTS 1 - 4

PART 5: Using Verbs

- What is a Verb?
- Helping Verbs and Main Verbs
- Transitive Verbs and Main Verbs
- Active and Passive Voice
- Principal Parts of Regular Verbs
- Principal Parts of Irregular Verbs
- Verb Tense
- Progressive Verb Forms
- Avoiding Shifts in Tense
- Using the Right Verb

PART 6: Using Modifiers

- Adjectives
- Nouns and Pronouns as Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Using the Correct Modifier
- Using Modifiers in Comparisons
- Using Correct Comparisons
- Problems with Modifiers

SKILLS ASSESSMENT 2: PARTS 5 - 6

PART 7: Using Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections

- What is a Preposition?
- Prepositional Phrases as Modifiers
- Conjunctions
- Subordinating Conjunctions
- Interjections

PART 8: Reviewing Parts of Speech

The Parts of Speech

PART 9: Using Verbals and Appositives

- Gerunds
- Participles
- Infinitives
- Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers
- Appositives

PART 10: Making Subjects and Verbs Agree

- Agreement in Number
- Compound Subjects
- Indefinite Pronouns
- Other Agreement Problems

SKILLS ASSESSMENT 3: PARTS 7 - 10

PART 11: Clauses and Sentence Structure

- What is a Clause?
- Adjective Clauses
- Adverb Clauses
- Noun Clauses
- Sentence Structure
- Using Clauses Correctly

PART 12: Capitalization

- Proper Nouns and Proper Adjectives
- Geographical Names
- Organizations, Events, and Other Subjects
- First Words and the Pronoun I

PART 13: Punctuation

- End Marks
- The Comma
- The Semicolon and Colon
- The Dash
- The Hyphen
- The Apostrophe
- Quotation Marks

SKILLS ASSESSMENT 4: PARTS 11 – 13

PROOFREADING PRACTICE PARTS 1-13

LESSON PLANS & PRINTOUTS FOR THE TEACHER

The lesson plans cover approximately 45 minutes and are designed for the average proficiency level at which these items are taught. They contain handouts for students. Following is covered:

- The Order of Adjectives
- The Superlative
- Adverbs of Manner
- Prepositions of Location
- Compound Prepositions
- Indefinite Pronouns
- The Simple Present Tense
- The Present Perfect