
Complete English Grammar: A Comprehensive Guide

1. Introduction to Grammar

Grammar is the system and structure of a language. It includes the rules that govern how words are formed and how they combine to create sentences. English grammar is divided into several branches — morphology (word formation), syntax (sentence structure), semantics (meaning), and phonology (pronunciation).

2. Parts of Speech

English has **eight main parts of speech**, each serving a unique role in sentence construction.

1. Nouns

A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

Examples: boy, city, happiness, car.

Types of Nouns:

- **Proper Nouns:** Specific names (London, John)
 - **Common Nouns:** General names (city, man)
 - **Collective Nouns:** Group of items or people (team, flock)
 - **Abstract Nouns:** Feelings or ideas (love, anger)
 - **Concrete Nouns:** Physical objects (chair, apple)
 - **Countable/Uncountable Nouns:** (apple/apples vs. water, sugar)
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2. Pronouns

Pronouns replace nouns to avoid repetition.

Examples: he, she, it, they, we, this, who.

Types of Pronouns:

- **Personal Pronouns:** I, you, he, she, we, they
- **Possessive Pronouns:** mine, yours, hers, theirs

- **Reflexive Pronouns:** myself, yourself, themselves
 - **Relative Pronouns:** who, which, that
 - **Demonstrative Pronouns:** this, that, these, those
 - **Interrogative Pronouns:** who, what, whose
 - **Indefinite Pronouns:** someone, everyone, anything
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3. Verbs

A **verb** expresses an action, event, or state of being.

Examples: run, think, is, have, write.

Types of Verbs:

- **Action Verbs:** run, eat, talk
- **Linking Verbs:** is, seem, become
- **Auxiliary (Helping) Verbs:** am, have, do, will
- **Modal Verbs:** can, should, might, must

Verb Tenses:

English verbs show time through **tenses**:

- **Present Tense:** I walk.
- **Past Tense:** I walked.
- **Future Tense:** I will walk.

Each tense also has **four aspects**:

1. Simple (I write)
 2. Continuous (I am writing)
 3. Perfect (I have written)
 4. Perfect Continuous (I have been writing)
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4. Adjectives

Adjectives describe or modify nouns and pronouns.

Examples: tall, beautiful, angry, large.

Types:

- **Descriptive:** happy, cold
- **Quantitative:** many, few
- **Demonstrative:** this, that

- **Possessive:** my, your
 - **Interrogative:** which, what
 - **Comparative Degrees:**
 - Positive: tall
 - Comparative: taller
 - Superlative: tallest
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5. Adverbs

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.

Examples: quickly, very, well, yesterday.

Types:

- **Manner:** slowly, happily
 - **Place:** here, everywhere
 - **Time:** now, later
 - **Frequency:** often, rarely
 - **Degree:** almost, quite
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6. Prepositions

A **preposition** shows the relationship between a noun/pronoun and another word.

Examples: on, at, in, between, through.

Usage Examples:

- at home
 - in the car
 - between two friends
 - over the bridge
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7. Conjunctions

Conjunctions connect words, phrases, or clauses.

Examples: and, but, because, although.

Types:

- **Coordinating Conjunctions:** for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so (FANBOYS)

- **Subordinating Conjunctions:** because, since, although
 - **Correlative Conjunctions:** either...or, neither...nor
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8. Interjections

Interjections express emotion or sudden feeling.

Examples: oh!, wow!, alas!, hey!

3. Sentence Structure

1. Sentence Types

- **Simple Sentence:** One independent clause.
Example: She writes poems.
 - **Compound Sentence:** Two independent clauses joined by a conjunction.
Example: She writes poems, and he reads them.
 - **Complex Sentence:** One independent + one dependent clause.
Example: She writes poems because she loves art.
 - **Compound-Complex Sentence:** Two independent + one dependent clause.
Example: She writes poems, and he reads them because he admires her talent.
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2. Sentence Components

- **Subject:** Who or what performs the action
- **Predicate:** What the subject does
- **Object:** Receives the action (direct or indirect)
- **Complement:** Gives more information about subject/object

Example:

“She (subject) is (verb) a teacher (complement).”

4. Tenses in Detail

English has **12 main tenses**:

Time	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Present	I write	I am writing	I have written	I have been writing
Past	I wrote	I was writing	I had written	I had been writing
Future	I will write	I will be writing	I will have written	I will have been writing

Usage Examples:

- **Present Perfect:** Action completed recently — “I have finished my homework.”
 - **Past Continuous:** Action ongoing in the past — “I was reading when you called.”
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5. Voice

Active Voice:

The subject performs the action.

Example: The teacher explained the lesson.

Passive Voice:

The subject receives the action.

Example: The lesson was explained by the teacher.

6. Direct and Indirect Speech

- **Direct Speech:** Quoting exact words.
Example: He said, “I am tired.”
- **Indirect Speech:** Reporting the meaning.
Example: He said that he was tired.

Rule: Tense often shifts one step back in reported speech.

7. Clauses and Phrases

Phrase:

A group of words without a subject-verb pair.

Example: in the morning, on the table.

Clause:

A group of words with a subject and verb.
Example: She sings well.

Types of Clauses:

- **Independent Clause:** Can stand alone.
 - **Dependent Clause:** Needs another clause to complete meaning.
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8. Modals

Modal Verbs express possibility, necessity, or ability.

Examples: can, may, must, should, will.

Modal	Function	Example
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Can Ability I can swim.

May Permission You may go.

Must Obligation You must study.

Should Advice You should rest.

Might Possibility It might rain.

9. Articles

There are **three articles**:

- **Definite:** *the* (specific)
- **Indefinite:** *a, an* (non-specific)

Rules:

- Use *a* before consonant sounds (a cat).
 - Use *an* before vowel sounds (an apple).
 - Use *the* for specific or known nouns (the sun, the president).
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10. Punctuation

Common Punctuation Marks:

- **Full stop (.)** – ends a sentence.
 - **Comma (,)** – separates items or clauses.
 - **Question mark (?)** – indicates a question.
 - **Exclamation mark (!)** – shows emotion.
 - **Apostrophe (')** – shows possession or contraction.
 - **Quotation marks (" ")** – for direct speech.
 - **Colon (:)** – introduces a list or explanation.
 - **Semicolon (;)** – joins related sentences.
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11. Conditional Sentences

Conditionals express cause and effect (if–then statements).

Type	Structure	Example
Zero Conditional	If + present, present	If you heat water, it boils.
First Conditional	If + present, will + verb	If it rains, I will stay home.
Second Conditional	If + past, would + verb	If I won the lottery, I would travel.
Third Conditional	If + past perfect, would have + past participle	If I had studied, I would have passed.

12. Common Grammar Mistakes

- **Its vs. It's:** (Its = possessive, It's = it is)
 - **Your vs. You're:** (Your = possession, You're = you are)
 - **There / Their / They're:**
 - There = place
 - Their = ownership
 - They're = they are
 - **Then vs. Than:**
 - Then = time
 - Than = comparison
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13. Advanced Grammar Concepts

Gerunds and Infinitives

- **Gerund:** Verb + ing acting as a noun → *Swimming is fun.*

- **Infinitive:** to + base verb → *I like to swim.*

Participles

Used as adjectives or to form tenses.

Examples:

- Present: running water
- Past: broken glass

Subject-Verb Agreement

The verb must agree with the subject in number.

- He **plays** football.
 - They **play** football.
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14. Sentence Variety and Style

To make writing more engaging:

- Use **active voice** where possible.
 - Vary sentence lengths.
 - Combine clauses for fluency.
 - Avoid redundancy.
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15. Conclusion

English grammar is the foundation of effective communication. Mastering grammar enhances clarity, precision, and confidence in both writing and speech. From parts of speech to complex structures, understanding these rules allows learners to express thoughts correctly and creatively. Remember: grammar is not just about rules—it's about making meaning clear and powerful.

Complete English Grammar – Part 2 (Advanced Concepts, Usage & Rules)

16. Determiners

Determiners are words placed before nouns to clarify what the noun refers to. They help specify quantity, ownership, or definiteness.

Types of Determiners

1. **Articles:** a, an, the
 - o *A cat is on the roof.*
 2. **Demonstratives:** this, that, these, those
 - o *These apples are fresh.*
 3. **Possessives:** my, your, his, her, our, their
 - o *Her bag is on the table.*
 4. **Quantifiers:** some, many, few, several, all, enough
 - o *Many people attended the concert.*
 5. **Numbers:** one, two, three, etc.
 - o *I bought two shirts.*
 6. **Distributives:** each, every, either, neither
 - o *Each student must bring a notebook.*
 7. **Interrogatives:** whose, what, which
 - o *Which color do you like?*
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17. Quantifiers in Detail

Quantifiers show **how much** or **how many** of something.

Type	Countable	Uncountable	Example
Some	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I have some apples. / I need some water.
Any	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you have any sugar?
Many	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Many students attended.
Much	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I don't have much time.
Few / A few	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A few people came to the party.
Little / A little	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is a little milk left.

18. Sentence Functions

Every sentence serves one of the four main **communicative purposes**.

Type	Function	Example
Declarative	States information	She is reading a book.
Interrogative	Asks a question	Are you coming today?
Imperative	Gives command/request	Please close the door.
Exclamatory	Shows emotion	What a beautiful day!

19. Subject–Verb Agreement Rules

1. **Singular subjects take singular verbs:**
 - *He plays football.*
 2. **Plural subjects take plural verbs:**
 - *They play football.*
 3. **Two subjects joined by ‘and’ are plural:**
 - *John and Mary are here.*
 4. **If two subjects are joined by ‘or/nor’, the verb agrees with the nearest subject:**
 - *Either the teacher or the students are responsible.*
 - *Either the students or the teacher is responsible.*
 5. **Collective nouns may take singular or plural verbs depending on meaning:**
 - *The team is winning.* (as one unit)
 - *The team are arguing among themselves.* (individuals)
 6. **Titles of books/movies are singular:**
 - *“The Chronicles of Narnia” is my favorite series.*
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20. Non-Finite Verbs

Non-finite verbs don't change form according to the subject or tense. They include:

- **Infinitives:** to read, to write
- **Gerunds:** reading, writing
- **Participles:** written, reading

Examples:

- *To read books is my hobby.* (Infinitive)
 - *Reading helps improve vocabulary.* (Gerund)
 - *The broken glass cut my hand.* (Past participle)
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21. Phrases and Clauses (In Depth)

Phrases

Type	Example	Function
Noun Phrase	The tall man	Acts as noun
Verb Phrase	Has been working	Acts as verb
Adjective Phrase	Full of energy	Describes noun
Adverb Phrase	In the morning	Modifies verb
Prepositional Phrase	Under the table	Shows relation

Clauses

- **Main Clause:** expresses complete thought.
Example: I went home.
 - **Subordinate Clause:** depends on main clause.
Example: because it was raining.
 - **Relative Clause:** adds detail to noun.
Example: The man **who lives next door** is a doctor.
 - **Adverbial Clause:** modifies verb.
Example: I'll call you **when I arrive**.
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22. Active vs. Passive Voice (Expanded)

Type	Structure	Example
Active	Subject + Verb + Object	The chef cooked the meal.
Passive	Object + be + past participle + by + subject	The meal was cooked by the chef.

Rules for Conversion:

1. Object of active sentence becomes subject in passive.
2. The main verb changes to past participle form.
3. Auxiliary verb “be” is added according to tense.
4. “by” introduces the doer (optional).

Example:

- Active: She is writing a letter.
 - Passive: A letter is being written by her.
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23. Reported (Indirect) Speech – Detailed

Tense Change Chart:

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
Present Simple →	Past Simple
Present Continuous →	Past Continuous
Present Perfect →	Past Perfect
Past Simple →	Past Perfect
Will →	Would
Can →	Could
May →	Might

Example:

- Direct: He said, “I am tired.”
- Indirect: He said that he was tired.

Time and Place Changes:

- today → that day
- tomorrow → the next day
- here → there
- this → that
- now → then

24. Conditional Sentences (Advanced Mixed Type Examples)

1. **Zero Conditional:** (General truth)
 - *If water freezes, it becomes ice.*
 2. **First Conditional:** (Real possibility)
 - *If I study, I will pass the exam.*
 3. **Second Conditional:** (Unreal, hypothetical)
 - *If I had a million dollars, I would buy a mansion.*
 4. **Third Conditional:** (Past unreal)
 - *If I had seen you, I would have said hello.*
 5. **Mixed Conditional:** (Past condition, present result)
 - *If I had studied medicine, I would be a doctor now.*
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25. Modifiers

Modifiers give extra information about nouns or verbs.

Example:

- Incorrect: *She almost drove her kids to school every day.*
- Correct: *She drove her kids to school almost every day.*

Modifiers must be placed **close to the word they modify** to avoid confusion.

26. Gerunds vs. Infinitives (Detailed)

Some verbs take gerunds, others take infinitives, and some can take both.

Verb Type	Example
Followed by Gerund	enjoy, avoid, consider → <i>I enjoy reading.</i>
Followed by Infinitive	decide, hope, want → <i>I hope to see you soon.</i>
Followed by Both (Change in Meaning)	remember, stop, try → <i>I stopped smoking (quit); I stopped to smoke</i> (paused to do it).

27. Relative Clauses

Defining Clauses: Essential information.

- *The man who lives next door is a teacher.*

Non-defining Clauses: Extra information (use commas).

- *My brother, who lives in Canada, is coming home.*

Relative Pronouns: who, whom, whose, which, that, where, when.

28. Punctuation Rules (Expanded)

- **Colon (:**) introduces lists or explanations.
Example: He brought three things: a pen, a book, and a notebook.*
- **Semicolon (;**) connects closely related sentences.
Example: I like coffee; she prefers tea.*
- **Dash (—)** adds emphasis or breaks thought.
Example: He ran fast — faster than ever before.*

- **Parentheses ()** add extra information.
Example: My friend (the tall one) is a doctor.*
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29. Commonly Confused Words

Word	Confused With	Difference
Accept	Except	Accept = agree; Except = exclude
Affect	Effect	Affect = influence; Effect = result
Advice	Advise	Advice = noun; Advise = verb
Loose	Lose	Loose = not tight; Lose = misplace
Principal	Principle	Principal = head/important; Principle = rule
Stationary	Stationery	Stationary = still; Stationery = writing materials

30. Idioms and Expressions (For Contextual Understanding)

Idiom	Meaning
Break the ice	Start a conversation
Once in a blue moon	Very rarely
Hit the sack	Go to sleep
Piece of cake	Very easy
Let the cat out of the bag	Reveal a secret
Under the weather	Feeling ill

31. Figures of Speech

Figure	Function	Example
Simile	Comparison using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	He is brave as a lion.
Metaphor	Direct comparison	Time is money.
Personification	Giving human traits to non-humans	The wind whispered.
Hyperbole	Exaggeration	I've told you a million times!
Alliteration	Repetition of sounds	She sells sea shells.
Onomatopoeia	Sound words	Buzz, crash, hiss.

32. Common Sentence Errors

1. **Fragment:** Incomplete sentence.
 ✗ Because I was late.
 ✓ Because I was late, I missed the bus.
 2. **Run-on Sentence:** Two sentences joined incorrectly.
 ✗ I like pizza it's tasty.
 ✓ I like pizza because it's tasty.
 3. **Misplaced Modifier:**
 ✗ Running quickly, the gate was reached by her.
 ✓ Running quickly, she reached the gate.
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33. Tips for Mastering English Grammar

1. Read daily — books, articles, and essays.
 2. Write short paragraphs and get feedback.
 3. Listen to English podcasts or news.
 4. Learn from mistakes and note patterns.
 5. Practice speaking — grammar improves through use.
 6. Use grammar tools only for learning, not dependency.
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34. Final Note

English grammar connects the structure of language with the art of expression. Every rule has logic, every exception has history. Understanding grammar makes your writing clearer, your speaking confident, and your thinking sharper. Whether for exams, professional writing, or AI dataset training, mastering English grammar is the gateway to precise communication.

Complete English Grammar – Part 3 (Advanced Grammar, Syntax, and Writing Rules)

35. Syntax – The Structure of Sentences

Syntax refers to the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language. It deals with **word order**, **sentence patterns**, and **relationships between words**.

Basic English Word Order

Subject + Verb + Object (SVO)

Example: *She (S) eats (V) apples (O).*

Other variations:

- **SVC (Subject + Verb + Complement):** She is happy.
 - **SVOO (Subject + Verb + Indirect Object + Direct Object):** He gave her a gift.
 - **SVOC (Subject + Verb + Object + Complement):** They made him captain.
 - **SVA (Subject + Verb + Adverbial):** She lives in Lahore.
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36. Sentence Variety and Complexity

To make writing engaging, English uses **different sentence structures**:

1. Simple Sentence

Has one independent clause.

Example: The boy runs fast.

2. Compound Sentence

Has two independent clauses joined by conjunctions (and, but, so, or).

Example: I wanted tea, but I ordered coffee.*

3. Complex Sentence

One independent + one or more dependent clauses.

Example: I left because it was late.*

4. Compound-Complex Sentence

Two or more independent + at least one dependent clause.

Example: She smiled, and he waved because they were friends.*

37. Sentence Patterns

Pattern	Example
S + V	The bird sings.
S + V + O	She plays football.
S + V + C	They are tired.
S + V + A	He lives here.
S + V + O + O	She sent me a letter.
S + V + O + C	They elected him president.

38. Mood of Verbs

English verbs express **moods**, which show the speaker's attitude toward the action.

Mood	Function	Example
Indicative	States a fact	He is sleeping.
Imperative	Gives command	Close the door!
Interrogative	Asks a question	Are you coming?
Subjunctive	Expresses wish, suggestion, or hypothetical	I wish I were taller.

Subjunctive Examples:

- *If I were you, I'd go.*
 - *It is essential that he be present.*
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39. Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

Type	Description	Example
Transitive	Requires an object	She reads a book.
Intransitive	Does not require an object	He sleeps.

Note: Some verbs can be both:

- *He runs a business.* (Transitive)
 - *He runs every morning.* (Intransitive)
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40. Causative Verbs

Causative verbs express that one person causes another to do something.

Verb	Structure	Example
Make	make + object + base verb	She made him cry.
Have	have + object + base verb	I had my hair cut.
Get	get + object + to + verb	I got him to help me.
Let	let + object + base verb	Let him speak.

41. Question Formation (Interrogatives)

Types of Questions

1. **Yes/No Questions** – *Do you like tea?*
2. **Wh- Questions** – *Where are you going?*
3. **Choice Questions** – *Do you want tea or coffee?*
4. **Tag Questions** – *You're coming, aren't you?*
5. **Negative Questions** – *Don't you like music?*

Word Order Rule:

Auxiliary + Subject + Main Verb + Object

Example: Have you finished your work?

42. Negation

Negation is used to express the opposite of an affirmative statement.

Examples:

- *I do not (don't) like apples.*
- *She isn't coming today.*
- *They have never been to London.*

Double Negative Rule:

- I don't need no help.
 I don't need any help.
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43. Emphasis in Grammar

Ways to add **emphasis** in English:

1. **Cleft Sentences:**
 - *It was John who broke the window.*
 2. **Inversion:**
 - *Never have I seen such beauty!*
 3. **Repetition:**
 - *Very, very good!*
 4. **Auxiliary Do for Emphasis:**
 - *I do like this song.*
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44. Parallelism

Parallelism means keeping grammatical balance within a sentence.

Incorrect: She likes dancing, to swim, and biking.

Correct: She likes dancing, swimming, and biking.

45. Ellipsis

Ellipsis refers to the omission of words understood from context.

Example:

- I went to the park, and she (went) too.
 - He likes apples, but not bananas (do not appear).
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46. Inversion

Inversion occurs when the subject and auxiliary verb switch places — often for emphasis or stylistic effect.

Examples:

- *Never have I seen such chaos.*
 - *Rarely do we get such a chance.*
 - *Only after midnight did he arrive.*
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47. Relative Adverbs

Used to introduce clauses that describe time, place, or reason.

Relative Adverb Function		Example
Where	Place	This is the house where I was born.
When	Time	I remember the day when we met.
Why	Reason	That's the reason why I left.

48. Nominalisation

Nominalisation converts verbs or adjectives into nouns to make writing more formal.

Verb/Adj Noun

Decide Decision

Develop Development

Strong Strength

Happy Happiness

Example:

- *We decided to expand. → A decision was made to expand.*

49. Advanced Punctuation Rules

- **Hyphen (-):** connects compound words.
Example: well-known author, twenty-five students.
 - **En dash (–):** indicates range or relationship.
Example: 2010–2020, Lahore–Karachi flight.*
 - **Em dash (—):** replaces commas, parentheses, or colons for emphasis.
Example: He was sure of one thing — success.*
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50. Tense Consistency in Writing

Keep tenses consistent within sentences and paragraphs.

- He **was eating** lunch and **goes** outside.
 He **was eating** lunch and **went** outside.
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51. Sequence of Tenses (Reported Speech Rule Extension)

When reporting, shift tenses only when the reporting verb is in the past.

Example:

- Direct: “I am happy.”
 - Indirect: He said he was happy.
 - But if the statement is still true: *He said he is happy.*
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52. Cohesion and Coherence in Writing

- **Cohesion** → grammatical linking (connectors, pronouns, repetition)
- **Coherence** → logical flow and meaning.

Example:

Firstly, we met at the station. Then, we had lunch. Finally, we went home.

53. Connectors and Linking Words

Function	Examples
Addition	and, moreover, furthermore
Contrast	but, however, although
Cause/Effect	therefore, because, since
Time/Sequence	then, later, afterwards
Conclusion	finally, in conclusion, to sum up

54. Collocations

Collocations are natural combinations of words frequently used together.

Type	Examples
Verb + Noun	make a decision, take a break
Adjective + Noun	strong coffee, heavy rain
Noun + Noun	traffic jam, data analysis
Adverb + Adjective	deeply disappointed, completely different

55. Style and Tone in Grammar

Formal Writing

- Use full forms: *do not, cannot*
- Avoid slang and contractions.
- Use passive voice appropriately.

Informal Writing

- Contractions allowed (*I'm, it's*).
- Conversational tone.
- More direct expressions.

56. Grammar in Academic Writing

- Avoid personal pronouns unless necessary.
 - Prefer nominalisation: *increase* → *an increase*.
 - Maintain tense consistency (past for research, present for facts).
 - Use transition words for logical flow.
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57. Lexical Categories and Word Formation

Derivation:

Creating new words using prefixes/suffixes.

- happy → unhappiness
- possible → impossible

Compounding:

Combining words:

- classroom, toothpaste, babysit.

Conversion:

Changing part of speech without adding affixes.

- *Google* (noun) → *to Google* (verb)
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58. Register and Variety

Register means language level depending on context.

Context	Register	Example
Academic	Formal	The results indicate a positive correlation.
Conversation	Informal	That sounds great!

Context	Register	Example
Technical	Specialized	The CPU processes binary data.

59. Grammar for Clarity and Precision

- Avoid ambiguity:
 - ✗ Visiting relatives can be annoying.
 - ✓ It can be annoying to have relatives visiting.
 - Prefer concrete over vague words:
Instead of “stuff” → say “materials” or “items”.
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60. Summary and Mastery Path

To fully master English grammar:

1. **Understand structure** – parts of speech, sentence patterns.
2. **Apply syntax** – correct order and logic.
3. **Use cohesion** – linking and clarity.
4. **Adapt tone** – match formal/informal context.
5. **Practice daily** – read, write, and speak consciously.

Grammar is not memorization; it's *awareness of language logic*.

Once internalized, it turns communication into confidence.

Complete English Grammar – Part 4 (Writing Skills, Punctuation Mastery & Communication Grammar)

61. Writing Skills and Grammar Integration

Writing is the art of expressing thoughts clearly and effectively through structured grammar. Good writing balances **accuracy (grammar)** with **clarity (style)** and **cohesion (flow)**.

Five Pillars of Good Writing

1. **Clarity** – Say exactly what you mean.
2. **Conciseness** – Avoid unnecessary words.
3. **Correctness** – Follow grammar and spelling rules.
4. **Coherence** – Connect ideas logically.
5. **Consistency** – Maintain uniform tense, tone, and structure.

Example:

- The boy which was run fastly win the race.
 The boy who ran quickly won the race.
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62. Paragraph Structure

A well-written paragraph has **three main parts**:

1. **Topic Sentence:** Introduces the main idea.
Example: “Social media has changed how we communicate.”
 2. **Supporting Sentences:** Provide explanation, evidence, or examples.
Example: “People now share daily updates instantly through platforms like Instagram and Twitter.”
 3. **Concluding Sentence:** Summarizes or transitions.
Example: “Despite its benefits, social media also poses challenges to privacy.”
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63. Sentence Cohesion Devices

Cohesion devices (or **connectors**) link sentences smoothly:

Function	Examples
Addition	moreover, also, in addition
Contrast	however, on the other hand
Cause/Effect	therefore, consequently, as a result
Example	for instance, such as
Conclusion	in summary, finally, overall

64. Common Writing Styles

Style	Features	Example
Descriptive	Creates vivid imagery	The sky was painted in shades of crimson and gold.
Narrative	Tells a story	Once upon a time, there lived a brave knight.
Expository	Explains or informs	Photosynthesis is the process by which plants make food.
Persuasive	Convinces the reader	Everyone should recycle to protect the planet.
Analytical	Evaluates information logically	The data suggests a steady increase in population growth.

65. Advanced Punctuation Usage

1. Comma (,):

Used for separation and clarity.

- After introductory words: *However, we continued working.*
- To separate items: *I bought apples, bananas, and grapes.*
- To set off nonessential information: *My friend, who lives abroad, is visiting.*

2. Semicolon (;):

Links closely related sentences.

- *I finished my work; I went home.*

3. Colon (:):

Introduces lists or explanations.

- *He brought three things: a book, a pen, and a map.*

4. Dash (—):

Used for emphasis or break in thought.

- *She loved him—more than anyone else.*

5. Ellipsis (...):

Shows omission or unfinished thought.

- *I was thinking... maybe we should go.*

6. Apostrophe ('):

Shows possession or contractions.

- *John's book, it's raining.*
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66. Punctuation Drill Table

Punctuation	Function	Example
Period (.)	End of sentence	He is my friend.
Question Mark (?)	Direct question	How are you?
Exclamation (!)	Emotion or emphasis	Wow! That's amazing!
Quotation Marks ("")	Direct speech	He said, "I'm ready."
Parentheses ()	Extra info	My car (the red one) is new.
Brackets []	Editorial insertions	He [the author] claims it's true.
Slash (/)	Alternatives	and/or

67. Common Sentence Connectors in Academic Writing

Purpose	Connector
Adding Information	Furthermore, Moreover, In addition
Comparing	Similarly, Likewise
Contrasting	However, On the contrary
Cause/Reason	Because, Due to, Owing to
Effect/Result	Therefore, Consequently
Giving Examples	For example, For instance

Purpose	Connector
Summarizing	In conclusion, To sum up

68. Grammar in Spoken English

Spoken English allows more flexibility than written English. However, **grammar accuracy** still matters in formal speech.

Differences Between Spoken and Written Grammar:

Feature	Spoken	Written
Contractions	Common (<i>I'm, don't</i>)	Less common
Sentence length	Short, direct	Longer, complex
Repetition	Acceptable	Avoided
Grammar errors	Sometimes forgiven	Not tolerated
Ellipsis	Common (<i>Want some?</i>)	Rare

Examples:

- Spoken: *Gonna go now.*
- Written: *I am going now.*

69. Grammar in Professional Communication

Formal Email Grammar

- Use **complete sentences** and polite tone.
- Avoid slang or abbreviations.
- Correct subject-verb agreement.

Example:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to inquire about the internship opportunities available at your company.

Sincerely,
Ayesha.

70. Common Prepositional Phrases

Function	Phrase Examples
Time	in the morning, at night, on Monday
Place	on the table, under the bridge, at home
Direction	into the room, across the street
Cause/Purpose	because of, due to, for the sake of
Manner	by chance, with care, on purpose

71. Grammar for Clarity in Sentences

Avoid **wordiness** and **redundancy**.

Due to the fact that the weather was bad, we postponed.
 Because the weather was bad, we postponed.

Each and every student must attend.
 Every student must attend.

72. Grammar in Essays and Reports

1. Use **thesis statements** – main argument of the essay.
 2. Maintain **paragraph unity** – one idea per paragraph.
 3. Use **linking phrases** – *as a result, moreover, therefore*.
 4. Avoid informal language (*kids* → *children*, *a lot* → *many*).
 5. Use **impersonal style** – *It is believed that...*
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73. Common Preposition Errors

Incorrect	Correct
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Discuss about Discuss

Complain for Complain about

Married with Married to

Depend on Depend upon/on

Consist of Consist of (not “consist in”)

74. Grammar for Public Speaking

- Use **present tense** for active engagement.
- Avoid overusing “uh”, “like”, “you know”.
- Use **parallelism** for rhythm:
“We will fight for justice, we will strive for peace, we will stand together.”

Tip: Grammar + tone = confidence.

75. Grammar for Creative Writing

In creative writing (stories, poetry, novels), grammar is flexible but intentional.

Examples:

- Sentence fragments can create tension: *Silence. Darkness. Then a scream.*
- Repetition creates rhythm: *He ran and ran and ran.*
- Dialogue should sound natural:

“You coming?”

“In a sec.”

76. Grammar for Business English

Situation	Structure	Example
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Making Requests Could you / Would you please Could you send me the report?

Situation	Structure	Example
Giving Instructions	Please + base verb	Please submit the file by Friday.
Offering Help	May I / Shall I	May I assist you with that?
Reporting	The data indicates that...	Sales increased by 20%.

77. Grammar in Technical Writing

- Use **present tense** for facts and descriptions.
 - Use **passive voice** for process explanations.
Example: The experiment was conducted using distilled water.*
 - Use precise vocabulary and avoid ambiguity.
Instead of “thing” → say “component” or “module.”
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78. Grammar for Resumes and Cover Letters

- Use **action verbs**: managed, created, designed, implemented.
- Avoid personal pronouns in bullet points.
- Keep tense consistent (past for completed, present for ongoing).

Example:

Designed user-friendly web interfaces using React.
Collaborated with a team of developers to meet project deadlines.

79. Common Grammar Rules to Remember

1. “Each” and “every” take singular verbs.
Each student is ready.
2. Collective nouns may take singular or plural.
3. Use “fewer” for countable nouns, “less” for uncountable.
Fewer people, less water.
4. Use “who” for people, “which” for things.
5. “Between” for two, “among” for three or more.
6. Never use double negatives.
7. Use commas correctly before conjunctions in compound sentences.

80. Grammar in Daily Conversation

Expression Type	Example	Rule
Greetings	How's it going?	Informal contraction of "How is it going?"
Invitations	Would you like to join us?	Polite question
Apologies	I'm sorry for being late.	Use "for + gerund"
Requests	Can you help me, please?	Modal + base verb
Thanking	Thanks a lot / Much appreciated	Polite expressions

81. Common Grammar Myths

Myth	Truth
Never start a sentence with "and" or "but." You can, if used correctly.	
Passive voice is always wrong.	It's useful for formal or scientific writing.
"Because" can't start a sentence.	It can, if the sentence is complete.
Split infinitives are incorrect.	Sometimes needed for clarity (<i>to fully understand</i>).

82. Proofreading and Grammar Checking

When reviewing your writing:

1. Check for **subject-verb agreement**.
 2. Ensure **tense consistency**.
 3. Correct **spelling and punctuation**.
 4. Eliminate **redundant words**.
 5. Read aloud — helps catch natural flow issues.
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83. Grammar Evolution in Modern English

- **Texting influence:** “gonna,” “wanna,” “LOL” — acceptable in informal contexts only.
- **Gender-neutral pronouns:** “They” as singular (accepted in formal writing).
- **Simplified structures:** “Who” often replaces “whom” in modern usage.

Example:

Formal: *To whom did you speak?*

Modern: *Who did you speak to?*

84. Summary – Grammar as Communication Power

Grammar is not a cage of rules — it’s the **architecture of clarity**.

When mastered, it lets you:

- Speak confidently,
- Write persuasively,
- Think precisely,
- and **connect meaningfully**.

Whether you’re crafting essays, training AI, or writing creatively — grammar transforms raw thought into elegant expression.