- 1. Subject and verb in predicate agree with each other
- 2. Singular Subject agrees with singular verbs, and plural subject with plural verbs. Subject *I* is treated as plural.
- 3. When forming negative sentences, take tense out of the verb and use it before negation. For example, instead of *John not likes pizza*, it should be *John does not like pizza*
- 4. Verbs are either intransitive, transitive, or ditransitive.
- 5. If you get an answer to 'what', answer refers to the object in the sentence. If there is an object, the verb is a transitive verb.
- 6. When we have two objects in a sentence, first one is called a direct object, and second is called indirect object. For example, I teach English to college students. Teach is a ditransitive verb, since English is the answer to the question what, and to the college students is also considered an object.
- 7. The different forms of be include *Is, are, am, was, were*
- 8. Future tense markers will, would, shall, should. No plural for these words
- 9. Idioms and Phrases
- 10. A dark horse unexpected winner
  - a. Bite a bullet to force yourself to do something that is unpleasant or difficult, or be brave in a difficult situation.
  - b. Break a leg Good luck
  - c. Make a mountain out of a molehill to exaggerate a minor difficulty
  - d. Kill two birds with one stone achieve two aims with single effort
  - e. Move heaven and earth to make maximum efforts
  - f. Keep the ball rolling to continue the work
  - i. Be in the driving seat Bearing all responsibilities
  - j. Out of my league the other person is superior, better, at a higher level
  - k. Blessing in disguise a good thing that seemed bad at first
  - I. A piece of cake very easy
  - m. Money burns a hole in your (one's) pocket to spend money quickly
  - n. Cut ones coat according to one's cloth to live within one's means
  - n. Once in a blue moon rarely
  - o. Put in cold storage to keep a work pending
  - p. Look for a needle in a haystack to seek what is impossible to find
  - q. To miss the boat to miss the opportunity to do something
  - r. Pull yourself together calm down and act normally
  - s. To hear on the grapevine to hear a rumour or an unconfirmed story
  - t. Cut corners To do something in the fastest and the cheapest way
  - u. Between the devil and the deep sea between two difficult situations
  - v. Beat around the bush avoid saying what you mean usually because it is uncomfortable
  - w. Better late than never It is better to arrive or do something later than expected than to not arrive or not do something at all
  - x. Out of order not working properly
  - y. Out of place to feel or look different from other people in a specific place
  - z. Flog a dead horse waste one's effort

- aa. Actions speak louder than words what someone actually does means more than what they say they will do
- ab. Bite off more than you can chew try to do something that is too difficult or too much for you
- ac. Out of character behaving differently than usual
- ad. To get a taste of your own medicine get treated the way you have been treating other people
- ae. Add insult to injury to act in a way that makes bad situation worse
- af. At the eleventh hour at the last moment
- ag. Out of shape Not physically strong, not fit, not in a healthy condition
- ah. Out of the loop uninformed, not having the information that everyone else has
- ai. Apple of one's eyes lovable
- aj. Crocodile tears false tears
- ak. Hold one's tongue remain silent
- al. White elephant A costly but useless possession
- am. Out of touch Not communicating with each other
- an. Barking up the wrong tree to be wrong about the way to achieve something or the reason for something
- ao. To call it a day to stop what you were doing because you think you have done enough or do not want to do anymore.
- ap. Take the law into one's hand to punish someone according to one's own idea of justice
- aq. Take the bull by horns to face difficulties in a direct way (difficult and dangerous situations)
- ar. Burn the candle at both ends to work extremely hard
- as. Break the ice to make people who have not met each other before feel more relaxed and comfortable.
- at. A nine days' wonder short-lived
- au. The ball is in your court it is your turn to make the next step or decision
- av. Cost an arm and a leg to be very expensive
- aw. Put the cart before the horse to do things wrongly
- ax. Get your act together to organize yourself so that you can do things in an effective way.
- ay. Put all your eggs in one basket to depend for success on a single person or plan
- az. Every cloud has a silver lining every negative has a positive
- ba. To get out of hand become difficult to control
- bb. To cry wolf to call for help when you don't need it
- bc. It takes two to tango actions or communication needs more than one person
- bd. To get something out of your system to get rid of a wish or emotion especially a negative one, by allowing yourself to express it
- be. To sit/ be on the fence undecided / taking a neutral stand / not take sides
- bf. To step up one's game to start performing better
- bg. To sell someone out to snitch on someone or let their secret out
- bg. To be all Greek be not understood