

# **Grammar – 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

## **1. Advanced Parts of Speech**

- . Nouns and Pronouns: Proper, common, collective, and abstract nouns; pronoun-antecedent agreement.**
- . Verbs: Action, linking, and helping verbs; verb tense consistency.**
- . Adjectives and Adverbs: Comparative and superlative forms, misplaced and dangling modifiers.**
- . Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases: Their role in sentence structure.**

- . Conjunctions: Coordinating, subordinating, and correlative conjunctions.**
- . Interjections: More nuanced use in formal and informal writing.**

## **2. Complex Sentence Structure**

- . Subjects and Predicates: Simple vs. complete subjects and predicates.**
- . Sentence Types: Simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences.**
- . Independent vs. Dependent Clauses: How they function within sentences.**

- . Sentence Variety: Improving writing fluency with varied sentence structures.**

### **3. Subject-Verb Agreement and Verb Tense Consistency**

- . Basic and Advanced Agreement Rules: Agreement with compound subjects, collective nouns, and indefinite pronouns.**
- . Shifts in Verb Tense: Maintaining consistency in writing.**
- . Common Errors and How to Fix Them: Identifying and correcting agreement mistakes.**

### **4. Punctuation and Mechanics**

- . Periods, Question Marks, and Exclamation Marks: Proper usage in different sentence types.**
- . Commas: In lists, before conjunctions, in complex sentences, and with nonessential clauses.**
- . Semicolons and Colons: Connecting independent clauses and introducing lists.**
- . Apostrophes: Possessives and contractions.**
- . Quotation Marks and Dialogue Formatting: Correct punctuation in direct speech.**

## **5. Sentence Clarity and Common Errors**

- . Run-On Sentences and Comma Splices: How to identify and fix them.**
- . Sentence Fragments: How to complete incomplete thoughts.**
- . Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers: Improving clarity in writing.**
- . Parallel Structure: Ensuring balance in sentence construction.**

## **6. Style and Tone in Writing**

- . Formal vs. Informal Grammar: Adjusting tone for different contexts.**
- . Active vs. Passive Voice: When to use each effectively.**

- . Conciseness and Wordiness:**  
Eliminating unnecessary words for clearer writing.

## **7. Application and Practice**

- . Editing Exercises:** Identify and correct grammar mistakes in short passages.
- . Sentence Writing:** Construct sentences with varied structure and proper punctuation.
- . Paragraph Writing:** Develop a short paragraph focusing on clarity, agreement, and sentence variety.

## **8. Assessment & Homework**

- . In-Class Quiz: Identifying and correcting grammar errors, sentence structure exercises.**
- . Homework Assignment: Write a structured response (8-10 sentences) analyzing a short passage for grammatical accuracy, sentence variety, and punctuation.**