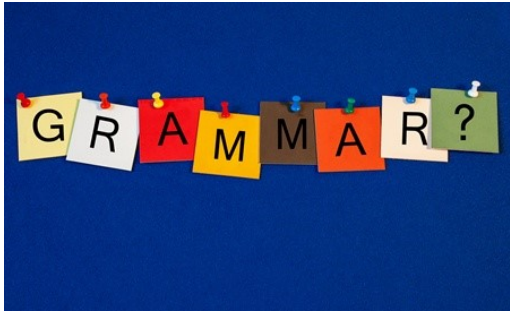


# Basics of English Grammar

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English without grammar is like a school without a teacher. A thorough knowledge of grammar can help you [speak and write English fluently](#), but it is not mandatory to learn the grammar rules to speak English fluently. For beginners, grasping grammar rules is a bit of a difficult task. In addition, if you keep the rules in mind while speaking English, you may get confused.



The best way to grasp any language is to start reading the language. Read books, improve vocabulary and start conversing in English. All these methods will definitely help you learn English. Although, it might not help you much in improving your grammar skills. It needs constant practice to learn grammar. Let's learn the basics of English grammar in this article.

## Six grammar basics

### 1. Verbs

Verbs tell us what the subject is doing. It is referred as defining an idea of action in a sentence.

#### Example:

She ran a mile.

### 2. Nouns

A noun can be defined as a person, place or thing. They often form the subject or object of a sentence.

#### Example:

The cat could not jump off the wall.

Return the book back to the library.

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### 3. Adjectives

Adjectives are describing words that are usually used with nouns. It modifies a noun and usually comes before the noun or after verbs.

#### Example:

My grandmother knits incredibly well.

Jacob was a thin, young, Indian boy.

### 4. Adverbs

Adverbs are the words that signify the meaning of a verb, an adjective or any other word or sentence. They usually answer questions such as how, where, when, and how much.

#### Examples:

I will buy a car tomorrow.

The kids are playing outside.

verb  
adverb  
noun  
pronoun  
adjective

### 5. Pronouns

Pronouns are small words that take the place of a noun and can be used instead of a noun. They can be: he, you, ours, themselves, some, each etc.

#### Examples:

I don't like him.

She is very friendly.

## 6. Prepositions

Words that are used to link nouns, pronouns, adverbs, adjectives, etc., are called prepositions. It expresses the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to another word.

### Examples:

Are you free on Thursday evening?

The dog jumped onto the table.

These basics form the structure of English grammar. Understanding them will help you [learn English](#) grammar and [improve your Spoken English](#) skills.

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