

ELEMENTARY

GRAMMAR UP



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Introduction

Grammar Up is a new, holistic approach to teaching and learning English grammar.

When you take English in school, you learn one piece of grammar at a time. After a while, you become confused by all the rules, and you forget most of them.

Native speakers don't know the rules for the grammar. **They use them.**

With Grammar Up, you work in the same way. The grammar points are not explained—you have to use them. And **when you use the grammar, you learn it.**

How to use this book?

There are 9 short texts for elementary learners of English. First you have to read the text and answer the comprehension questions. You can either write your answers on a piece of paper or you can remember them. Check your answers below the questions.

This comprehension exercise is followed by the first Grammar Up exercise. You will see the same text you have read, but this time half of every second word is deleted. The text looks like this:

*You wi_____ see t_____ same te_____ you ha_____ read, b_____ this ti_____ half o_____ every
sec_____ word i_____ deleted.*

Try to read the text and complete each word. It is ideal to read the text aloud this time. If you are not sure how to complete a word, turn back to the original text and find the correct answer. It might be a good idea to write the full text and check your answers.

This exercise is followed by the second Grammar Up text. This time you see a text in which all the verbs are in the infinitive form, all the prepositions are replaced by a dash (-), and all the articles are replaced by an asterisk (*). The text then looks like this:

*You SEE * same text you READ, but this time half - every second word DELETE.*

Your task is to read the text again and add all the missing words and forms. It might not be a bad idea to write out the text as well.

I hope you like this book and that your facility with grammar goes up!!!

This is the second Grammar UP book. You can find the first one at
<http://www.engames.eu/grammar-up-book-for-free/> .

You can find more materials to teach and learn English at <http://www.engames.eu>.

Two Letters

James!

How are you? How's school? And what is this I hear about a new girlfriend? Tell me more!

What is her name? How old is she? Is she a student?

Is she pretty? When can I meet her?

Write and tell me! Send me a photo if you've got one.

Bye for now,

David

Hi, David!

How are you? Here's a photo of Jane. She is in the park.

She is very pretty, isn't she? Well, I think she is anyway! But then, she is my girlfriend. She is a student. She's very good at school. Everybody says so.

We're throwing a party next Saturday. Why don't you come? Then you can meet her and stop asking so many questions about her.

James

Are these sentences True or False?

1. David has a new girlfriend.
2. Jane is a student.
3. David wants to know about Jane.
4. James is very good at school.
5. James does not think Jane is pretty.

Correct answers:

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. False

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Interview with a Star

Interviewer: Sue, what do you do on Saturdays? Do you get up late?

Sue: Yes, I do. I usually go to bed late on Friday, so on Saturday I get up at about ten o'clock.

Interviewer: And what do you usually do in the morning?

Sue: I have breakfast and watch TV. I phone my mother, and we go shopping. I love shopping.

Interviewer: And what about lunch? Do you have lunch at home?

Sue: No, I don't. I like going out for lunch with friends. I think it's really important to spend time with friends. Saturday is a good time to get together.

Interviewer: And what do you do after lunch? Do you have any free time?

Sue: Yes, I do. I always play tennis for an hour before I go to the theatre.

Interviewer: What time does the show start?

Sue: At seven o'clock. I go to the theatre at five.

Interviewer: And what do you do after the show?

Sue: I've got a lot of energy after the show. So I go clubbing, and I have a great time.

Are these sentences True or False?

1. Sue gets up early every day.
2. She goes to bed late on Fridays.
3. She doesn't play any sports.
4. She is very tired after the show.
5. She works in a theatre.

Correct answers:

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True

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Sue: Ye_____, I d_____. I usua_____ go t_____ bed la_____ on Fri_____, so o_____ Saturday I get u_____ at abo_____ ten o'clock_____.

Interviewer: And wh_____ do yo_____ usually d_____ in th_____ morning?

Sue: I ha_____ breakfast an_____ watch T_____. I pho_____ my mot_____, and w_____ go shop_____. I lo_____ shopping.

Interviewer: An_____ what abo_____ lunch? D_____ you ha_____ lunch a_____ home?

Sue: N_____, I do_____. I li_____ going ou_____ for lun_____ with frie_____. I thi_____ it's rea_____ important t_____ spend ti_____ with frie_____. Saturday i_____ a go_____ time t_____ get toge_____.

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My Parents

My parents live in Scotland. They live in a village near the sea. There's a beautiful beach about a mile from their house. The village is very small. There aren't any shops or cafés, but there is a pub. There isn't much to do in the evening, but I still love going to visit them. My mother cooks very well, and I feel good there.

In the house, there are three bedrooms and a living room. They've got a small kitchen and a big garden. When the weather is good we eat outside in the garden. When it's cold we eat in the kitchen. I love this place.

Are these sentences True or False?

1. His parents live in Scotland.
2. They live near the sea.
3. There are no shops in the village.
4. The author feels very good in the village.
5. There are more than four rooms in the house.

Correct answers:

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. True
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In a Restaurant

A: Are you ready to order?

B: Yes, please. I'd like a bottle of water, please.

A: A bottle of water? Would you like still or sparkling?

B: Sparkling, please.

A: With or without ice?

B: Sorry?

A: Would you like your water with or without ice?

B: With, please. And I'd like some lemon, please.

A: Anything else?

B: No, thank you.

Are these sentences True or False?

1. The dialogue takes place in a shop.
2. The customer wants some water.
3. The customer wants some tea.
4. The customer wants some ice.
5. The customer wants some lemon.

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When he left school, he went to Sandhurst Military College. When he finished his studies he travelled around Europe and learnt foreign languages. When he came back to England he became a journalist.

During WWII he worked for the Royal Navy Intelligence Division as a spy. He took part in several secret missions. During one of these missions he visited Jamaica, and he fell in love with the island.

After the war, he bought a house in Jamaica, and he wrote his first James Bond book there. It was called *Goldeneye*. He married, and he had one son.

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Are these sentences True or False?

1. Ian Fleming was born in Eton.
2. He studied at military school.
3. He could only speak English.
4. He wasn't a spy.
5. He wrote books about James Bond.

Correct answers:

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3. False
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My Wife

The first time I met my girlfriend was about three years ago. We were at a party. At first I wasn't very interested in her. I thought she was fine, but she didn't like me, and I thought she was not very pretty.

A few weeks later, we met again. This time it was at my friend's birthday party. It was a great party, and we talked and laughed for hours. At the end of the evening I was in love with her. I asked her to go out with me. I took her to a lovely restaurant in the centre of town. It was very romantic, and we had a great time together.

Two years later we celebrated our anniversary. I took her to the same restaurant, and I asked her to marry me. She said yes.

She is my wife now.

Are these sentences True or False?

1. He fell in love immediately.
2. He thought she was very pretty.
3. They met at a party.
4. They went to the cinema.
5. They got married.

Correct answers:

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True

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Jeff Bezos

Have you ever bought anything on the internet? If the answer is "yes", you probably bought it from amazon.com. Amazon is the biggest internet shop in the world. Last year it had 304 million customers, and it employs 230,000 people.

Jeff Bezos is the founder of the company. He started it with \$300,000. Now the company is worth \$292.6 billion. Online selling is a difficult business, and there is a lot of competition.

Even for Amazon, the first years were not easy, but Jeff Bezos did not give up. And why did he succeed? At the beginning, Amazon had no advertising, but people came to the site again and again because their experience was so good. It is friendly, and payment is easy and safe. And the goods arrive quickly.

Amazon continues to grow. You can buy books, Kindle e-readers, mobile phones, and much more there. Bezos is not fifty yet. In the future, he would like to build a spaceship, too. His company Blue Origin is building it now, and it should fly soon.

Are these sentences True or False?

1. Jeff Bezos owns Amazon.
2. Amazon is a very big company.
3. Amazon provides very good service.
4. Jeff Bezos wants to stop working.
5. Jeff Bezos wants to build a spaceship.

Correct answers:

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Le Parkour

David Belle was born in a small village. He loved it there. He could run, jump and climb everywhere. But then his parents moved to a town near Paris.

However, this did not stop him. He still wanted to move, so he invented the sport Le Parkour. The idea of Le Parkour is to find new and often dangerous ways to travel across town. The runners, who call themselves “traceurs”, run and jump over walls, roofs and buildings. They try to move like cats.

David Belle spent ten years in Lisse practicing his moves and taught other people how to do it. In 1997, several films were made about him and about Le Parkour. David has appeared in many films and adverts since then.

He is over forty now, and he says: "Parkour is not a sport. It is art."

Are these sentences True or False?

1. David Belle started Le Parkour.
2. David Belle likes cats.
3. The idea of Le Parkour is to find a new way across town.
4. David Belle appeared in several films.
5. For David Belle, Parkour is a sport.

Correct answers:

1. True
2. False
3. True
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Amelia Earhart

Amelia Mary Earhart was born in Kansas. Her grandparents were rich, and they sent her to the best schools. When she was 20, she studied nursing and worked in a hospital. When she was 23, she visited an air show and went up in a plane. At that moment, she knew that she wanted to be a pilot. Amelia took flying lessons, and she became a pilot. She married at 34, but she didn't have any children.

When she was 35, she became the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic. In 1935 she became the first person to fly alone across the Pacific. When she was nearly 40, Amelia wanted to be the first woman to fly around the world. On 2 July, she was nearly at the end of her journey when she and her plane disappeared near Howland Island.

Are these sentences True or False?

1. Amelia did not go to school.
2. Amelia first flew when she was ten.
3. Amelia did not get married.
4. She flew across the Atlantic alone.
5. She died in a plane crash.

Correct answers:

1. False
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. True

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