## What is grammar?

## General Sense

Rules of a language governing the sounds (lord vs roll), words (\***dog reads**), sentences (\*The eats dog.) as well as their combination and interpretation.

## **Restricted** Sense

Study of sentence and word structure (syntax and morphology).

## Why learn grammar?

**1.** It's super useful!

Grammar gives you rules and patterns for making sentences. It helps you make sure your words have the right effect on the person you're talking to.

Grammar also helps you make sense of what you hear and read. Is this person being polite? How probable is this situation? When did this happen?

2. It's super efficient!

Knowing just one grammar rule helps you make thousands of original sentences.

Example: learning the negative don't/doesn't.

## I don't hate grammar, you don't hate grammar, he/she doESn't hate grammar.

- **3.** Your adult brain is good at this!
- **1** Adults learn sentence structure in a new language **faster** than children.

Thinking skills to understand and use grammar have already developed.

- **2-** You learn faster with the help of **explanations** from a teacher or book.
- 3- And, when you study English grammar, you'll learn the **language** faster.

# How to learn grammar? Dos and Don'ts

## DOs

Listen a lot
Make a native speaker your friend
Learn One thing daily
Just English
Learn the vocab slowly
Read a lot
Learn the grammar of words
(She wants / you / learn / whole phrases)
(want + to + learn)
'Notice' correct grammar
Practice using the grammar you know
Every doubt is an opportunity to learn.

### **DON'Ts**

1. Don't Only do Grammar Exercises, Have Conversations

2. Don't Learn Grammar Points Alone, Learn them Together

- Learn Grammar with the Context

- Learn Grammar with Vocabulary

(I didn't like... + ...the movie)

(I didn't like... + ...cowboy movies)

- Learn Grammar with other Grammar

(will", "be+going" and present tense for the future)

3. Don't Learn through Translation, Learn in English

- 4. Don't be afraid of making mistakes
- 5. Don't be rigid
- 6. Don't focus on accent

## Top tips from experts to learn a language quickly

- $\hfill\square$  Take risks and speak the language whenever you can.
- $\hfill\square$  Read children's books and comic books in the foreign language.
- $\hfill\square$  Consume foreign language media.
- $\hfill\square$  Immerse yourself in the local culture.
- $\hfill\square$  Make use of free foreign language podcasts and apps.
- $\hfill\square$  Don't practice in isolation; get feedback from native speakers.
- $\hfill\square$  Don't worry about making mistakes.

## Useful websites

#### 1. British Council

#### https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/



#### 2. engVid

#### https://www.engvid.com/



#### 3. VOA

#### https://learningenglish.voanews.com/



#### 4. BBC Learning English

#### https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/



#### **Podcasts**

#### **6 Minute Grammar**

https://www.bbc.com/learningenglish/english/int ermediate-grammar

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