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**McCarthy's Field Guide to Grammar** Michael McCarthy 2021-12-09 You ain't gonna like it: bad grammar's not so bad. - The Times Remember all those grammar rules from school? No? Most of us don't. Mike McCarthy, renowned corpus linguist and co-author of the 900-page Cambridge Grammar of English answers the awkward questions that regularly bother us about English grammar. In this helpful A-Z field guide, McCarthy tells us what the conventional rules are as well as shows us what people are writing or saying now and gives simple reasons why you might choose one or the other so that you can speak and write with confidence. Through witty and entertaining examples pulled from 50 years of teaching, 40 years of field notes picked from books, newspapers, letters, radio and TV. etc., and shamelessly eavesdropping on people's conversations in public spaces, and a British and American English computer database, McCarthy has created a book to browse and enjoy, as well as a useful reference to keep on your bookshelf. Why a Field Guide to grammar? - A to Z format makes it easy to access and to find what you're looking for - Presents solutions to a host of common, everyday grammatical problems - References current events to bring relevance to the grammar (fronted adverbials anyone?) - Looks at historical usage to illustrate how the English language has evolved, and continues to evolve - Gives guidance on appropriate usage where more than one way of saying something exists - Distinguishes between spoken and written grammar where appropriate - includes advice on vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation, punctuation and style - Compares North American and British grammar, and includes Englishes from around the world - Charming drawings to illustrate the playfulness in the English language - Grammar guide backed by data and research True to the Chambers name, this field guide is as much quirky as it is informative. It is the perfect gift for any language lover, student, teacher, struggling parent or carer supporting their child's schooling, the grammar purist or the grammar descriptivist.

**The Cambridge Dictionary of English Grammar** Pam Peters 2014-04

**Grammar** Rob Batstone 1994-10-13 Includes a sequence of tasks designed to help teachers apply to their own classroom practice the information in the text.

*Everyday Grammar* John Seely 2004 This accessible and unique approach to grammar comes in two parts: the first section consists of a practical guide on how to understand and use grammar successfully, and the second is an extensive A-Z glossary of grammatical terms. Ideal for both language students and anyone wanting to improve their use of English, it demystifies and explains these terms, while giving expert advice on how to construct sentences. \* Chapters on sentences and clauses, nouns and pronouns, verbs, clause patterns, adverbials, multiple sentences, and more \* Factboxes and writing tips give examples and clear explanations of problem topics such as adverb formation and the use of 'I and me' or 'so and such' \* Diagrams break down passages of text, giving clear explanations on their sentence construction \* Glossary terms include conjunction, future perfect 'tense', interrogative clause, is/are, passive voice, simple aspect, split infinitive, uncountable noun

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**English Grammar Today** Ronald Carter 2016

**English Grammar** Angela Downing 2006 Presenting the linguistic basis for courses and projects on translation, contrastive linguistics, stylistics, reading and discourse studies, this book illustrates grammatical usage through authentic texts from a range of sources, both spoken and written. This new edition has been thoroughly rewritten and redesigned to include many new texts and examples of language in use. Key features include: chapters divided into modules of class-length materials; a wide variety of authentic texts and transcriptions to illustrate points of grammar and to contextualise structure; clear chapter and module summaries enabling efficient class preparation and student revision; exercises and topics for individual study; answer key for analytical exercises; comprehensive index; select biography; suggestions for further reading; and a companion website. This up-to-date descriptive grammar is a complete course for first degree and postgraduate students of English, and is particularly suited for those whose native language is not English.

**Oxford A-Z of Grammar and Punctuation** John Seely 2013-08-15 Including examples of real usage, this handy volume provides clear information about grammar and punctuation that we need on a day-to-day basis in over 300 entries.Revised and updated, The Oxford A-Z of Grammar and Punctuation offers accessible and coherent explanations across a broad range of topics, and is the first port of call for any reader seeking clear, authoritative help with grammar and punctuation. Both easy to use andcomprehensive, it is an essential tool for writing at home, in the office, at school, and at college.

**English Grammar for Today** Geoffrey Leech 2005-10-28 Written by a team led by a world authority in English grammar, English Grammar for Today has established itself as a rich educational experience for both native- and non-native-speaking students. This engaging and stimulating coursebook enables students to learn grammar not just for its own sake, but also for the pleasure of exploring, appreciating and understanding the way language communicates in written text and spoken discourse. Throughout, the emphasis is on using grammar in present-day English. After an introduction placing grammar in its educational and cultural context, the authors present a 'toolkit' for analysing sentences. The second part of the book demonstrates how to apply this toolkit to spoken and written language, using a wide range of real textual materials. Each chapter ends with a set of carefully-designed exercises and tasks to aid understanding, with answers provided at the end of the volume. Now thoroughly revised and updated to meet the needs of today's students, this new edition features: - a new Foreword by the English Association - an additional introductory chapter, 'Getting Started with Grammar', which introduces the subject for those with no prior knowledge - improved and extended diagrams, exercises and answers - up-to-date textual passages and examples Lively and approachable, this indispensable guide is ideal for both students and teachers who are looking for their first serious engagement with - or wishing to rediscover- English grammar.

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**English Grammar for Today** Geoffrey N. Leech 1982

**The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation** Jane Straus 2006 A user-friendly reference guide plus workbook containing the most important rules of English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and writing numbers that people need every day. Full of helpful, real-world examples, exercises, tests, and answers. Perfect for business professionals, professors, teachers, students, and home schooling families. The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation is used in hundreds of universities, high schools, middle schools and corporations through the United States as well as in developing nations. Take an online quiz, get editing help, order the book, join the Q&A club, read Jane Straus's articles, or register for her monthly newsletter.

**An A-Z of English Grammar and Usage** Geoffrey Leech 1991

**OXFORD DIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR(P)** Sylvia Chalker 1998 An A-Z of 1,000 English grammatical terms, including current mainstream terminology, older, traditional and many new, controversial terms plus coverage of wider linguistics items. Concise definitions are accompanied by more detailed explanations with examples of usage and many quotations from grammar books. Now available in paperback this book should be found on the shelves of all those with an interest in the English language

*English Grammar For Dummies* Geraldine Woods 2011-03-16 A few years ago, a magazine sponsored a contest for the comment most likely to end a conversation. The winning entry? "I teach English grammar." Just throw that line out at a party; everyone around you will clam up or start saying "whom." Why does grammar make everyone so nervous? Probably because English teachers, for decades – no, for centuries – have been making a big deal out of grammar in classrooms, diagramming sentences and drilling the parts of speech, clauses, and verbals into students until they beg for mercy. Happily, you don't have to learn all those technical terms of English grammar – and you certainly don't have to diagram sentences – in order to speak and write correct English. So rest assured – English Grammar For Dummies will probably never make your English teacher's top-ten list of must-read books, because you won't have to diagram a single sentence. What you will discover are fun and easy strategies that can help you when you're faced with such grammatical dilemmas as the choice between "I" and "me," "had gone" and "went," and "who" and "whom." With English Grammar For Dummies, you won't have to memorize a long list of meaningless rules (well, maybe a couple in the punctuation chapter!), because when you understand the reason for a particular word choice, you'll pick the correct word automatically. English Grammar For Dummies covers many other topics as well, such as the following: Verbs, adjectives, and adverbs – oh my! Preposition propositions and pronoun pronouncements Punctuation: The lowdown on periods, commas, colons, and all those other squiggly marks Possession: It's nine-tenths of grammatical law Avoiding those double negative vibes How to spice up really boring sentences (like this one) Top Ten lists on improving your proofreading skills and ways to learn better grammar Just think how improving your speaking and writing skills will help you in everyday situations, such as writing a paper for school, giving a presentation to your company's big wigs, or communicating effectively with your family. You will not only gain the confidence in knowing you're speaking or writing well, but you'll also make a good impression on those around you!

**English Grammar Today** Ronald Carter 2016

**English for Academic Research: A Guide for Teachers** Adrian Wallwork 2016-05-19 Scientific English is possibly the most rewarding area of EFL teaching. It differs from English for Academic Purposes (EAP) as it is directed to a much smaller audience: PhD and postdoc students. Courses on Scientific English are held in universities throughout the world, yet there is very little support for teachers in understanding what to teach andhow to teach it. This guide is part of the English for Academic Research series. Part 1 of the book sheds light on the world of academia, the writing of research papers, and the role of journal editors and reviewers. Part 2 gives practical suggestions on how to help your students improve their presentation skills. In Part 3 you will learn how to teach academic skills using nonacademic examples. Parts 1-3 are thus useful for anyone involved in teaching academic English, whether they have used the other books in the series or not. Part 4 suggests two syllabuses for teaching writing and presenting skills, based on the two core books: English for Writing Research Papers English for Presentations at International Conferences This book will help you i) understand the world of your students (i.e. academic research),ii) plan courses, and iii) exploit the What's the Buzz? sections in the books on Writing, Presentations, Correspondence and Interacting on Campus. Adrian Wallwork has written over 30 books covering General English (Cambridge University Press, Scholastic), Business English (Oxford University Press), and Scientific English (Springer). He has trained several thousand PhD students from all over the world to write and present their research. Adrian also runs a scientific editing service: English forAcademics (E4AC).

**Quick Solutions to Common Errors in English** Angela Burt 2009 Designed to help resolve most common English language problems and queries, this book has an accessible

reference format with examples and explanations of mistakes regarding sentence construction, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Oxford Guide to English Grammar** John Eastwood 1994 The Oxford Guide to English Grammar is a systematic account of grammatical forms and the way they are used in modern standard English. It is designed for learners at intermediate and advanced levels and for teachers, and is equally suitable for quick reference to details or for the moreleisurely study of grammatical topics. The emphasis is on meaning in the choice of grammatical pattern, and on the use of patterns in texts and in conversations. *Oxford A-Z of English Usage* Jeremy Butterfield 2013-08-15 Readers and writers of all levels will find the Oxford A-Z of English Usage essential. Based on Oxford's world-leading dictionary research programmes and contemporary language monitoring, and giving examples of real usage, this book provides the essential information about usage and correct English that is needed in practical, everyday situations. Arranged in A-Z sequence, it contains over 600 entries on issues of spelling, grammar, meaning and PC language that confuse people (e.g. licence / license; learning difficulties / mental handicap; fewer / less). In addition, there are more than 20 special feature articles on specific topics such as hyphenation or the use of Latin plurals, as well as commonly confused terms like Britain, Great Britain, the British Isles, England. With a fresh page design, the Oxford A-Z of English Usage gives the reader immediate and easy access to answers, by means of clear and coherent explanations and illustrations. It will prove the first port of call for any reader seeking clear, authoritative help with usage questions.

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**The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar** Bas Aarts 2014-01 This book is an accessible and authoritative A-Z that provides up-to-date definitions of over 1,600 current grammatical terms, with hundreds of useful example sentences and helpful quotations from the scholarly literature. An invaluable guide to all those interested in the English language.

**The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar** Sylvia Chalker 1994-02-03 English grammar has changed a great deal since the beginning of the Twentieth Century, and it is a subject that can provide a complex minefield of uncertainties within the language. This accessible and comprehensive dictionary comes to the aid of both the general reader and the student or teacher, offering straightforward and immediate A-Z access to 1,000 grammatical terms and their meanings. All the currently accepted terms of grammar are included, as well as older, traditional names, controversial new coinages, and items from the study of other languages. Concise definitions of the wider subject of linguistics, including phonetics and transformational grammar, are accompanied by examples of language in use, and frequent quotations from existing works on grammar.

**English Grammar Today** Ronald Carter 2011

*Infinite Jest* David Foster Wallace 2009-04-13 A gargantuan, mind-altering comedy about the Pursuit of Happiness in America Set in an addicts' halfway house and a tennis academy, and featuring the most endearingly screwed-up family to come along in recent fiction, Infinite Jest explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, Infinite Jest bends every rule of fiction without sacrificing for a moment its own entertainment value. It is an exuberant, uniquely American exploration of the passions that make us human - and one of those rare books that renew the idea of what a novel can do. "The next step in fiction...Edgy, accurate, and darkly witty...Think Beckett, think Pynchon, think Gaddis. Think." --Sven Birkerts, The Atlantic

**Oxford A-Z of English Usage** Jeremy Butterfield 2007 This handy guide provides essential information about usage and correct English that people need on a daily basis.

Arranged in an A-Z format, the book contains both short entries for words and phrases and longer features on relevant topics such as the use of hyphenation or Latin plurals.

**Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary KLETT VERSION** Kate Woodford 2003-02-13 The Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary gives the vital support which advanced students need, especially with the essential skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. In the book: \* 170,000 words, phrases and examples \* New words: so your English stays up-to-date \* Colour headwords: so you can find the word you are looking for quickly \* Idiom Finder \* 200 'Common Learner Error' notes show how to avoid common mistakes \* 25,000 collocations show the way words work together \* Colour pictures: 16 full page colour pictures On the CD-ROM: \* Sound: recordings in British and American English, plus practice tools to help improve pronunciation \* UNIQUE! Smart Thesaurus helps you choose the right word \* QUICKfind looks up words for you while you are working or reading on screen \* UNIQUE! SUPERwrite gives on screen help with grammar, spelling and collocation when you are writing \* Hundreds of interactive exercises

*Introducing English Grammar* Kersti Börjars 2019-01-08 Introducing English Grammar introduces readers to the methodology and terminology needed to analyse English sentences.

The approach taken is in line with current research in grammar, a particular advantage for students who may go on to study syntax in more depth. All the examples and exercises use real language taken from both standard and non-standard geographical areas and dialects, and include excerpts from Australian and British newspaper articles. Students are encouraged to think about the terminology as a tool kit for studying language and to test what can and cannot be described using these tools. This new edition has been fully updated and features: an expanded introduction; new texts and exercises that include data from social media; revised material on 'Grammar at work' and 'English worldwide'; more suggestions for further reading at the end of the book; a brand new companion website with extensive further reading and answers to the exercises, which can be found at [www.routledge.com/cw/borjars](http://www.routledge.com/cw/borjars). Written for readers with no previous experience of grammatical analysis, Introducing English Grammar is suited to anyone beginning a study of linguistics, English language or speech pathology, as well as to students whose interests are primarily literary but who need a better understanding of the structure of English.

**English Grammar for the Utterly Confused** Laurie Rozakis 2003-06-22 For students who want to learn the nuts and bolts of English grammar A generation ago, the United States public school system stopped formal instruction in English grammar and consequently created a legion of students and professionals notoriously weak in writing and language skills. English Grammar for the Utterly Confusedis a must-have for anyone who gets that "deer-in-the-headlights" look when asked to recognize a misplaced modifier or even find the verb in a sentence. This user-friendly, witty guide helps everyone-from students taking the GED to professionals writing business plans-learn the structures of English grammar and how to use them easily and proficiently. Demystifying grammar once and for all, this handbook will help all readers acquire the ability to speak and write competently, correctly, and confidently. Key features include: Exercises throughout to develop facility in writing skills Clear explanations of complex concepts Handy icons More than 200 solved problems and examples Test Yourself section in each chapter

**The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation** Lester Kaufman 2021-04-16 The bestselling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated 12th edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar, and includes answers to all reproducible quizzes to facilitate self-assessment and learning. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

*Basic English Grammar* Betty Schramper Azar 2007-11 This pack consists of the Basic English Grammar B Student Book and the Workbook B. Blending communicative and interactive approaches with tried-and-true grammar teaching, Basic English Grammar, Third Edition, by Betty Schramper Azar and Stacy A. Hagen, offers concise, accurate, level-appropriate grammar information with an abundance of exercises, contexts, and classroom activities. Features of Basic English Grammar, Third Edition: Increased speaking practice through interactive pair and group work. New structure-focused listening exercises. More activities that provide real communication opportunities. Added illustrations to help students learn vocabulary, understand contexts, and engage in communicative language tasks. New Workbook solely devoted to self-study exercises. New Audio CDs and listening script in the back of the Student Book.

**English Grammar Today** VÁRIOS AUTORES 2016

**The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar** Bas Aarts 2014-01-16 The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar is a straightforward and accessible A-Z guide to the diverse and often complex terminology of English grammar. It contains over 1,600 entries with clear and concise definitions, enhanced by numerous example sentences, as well as relevant quotations from the scholarly literature of the field. This second edition is written and edited by Professor Bas Aarts of University College London, writer of the acclaimed Oxford Modern English Grammar. It has been fully revised and updated, with particular attention paid to refreshing the example sentences included within the text. There are over 150 new entries that cover current terminology which has arisen since the publication of the first edition, and there are also new entries on the most important English grammars published since the start of the 20th century. Hundreds of new cross-references enhance the user-friendly nature of the text, and the list of works cited has been thoroughly updated to reflect the current state of the field. A short appendix of web links has been added. All in all, this Dictionary is an invaluable guide to English grammar for all students and teachers of the subject, as well as all those with an informed interest in the English language.

**The Pocket Idiot's Guide to Grammar and Punctuation** Jay Stevenson PhD 2005-07-05 Writing an academic paper or business document need not be a daunting task. 'The Pocket Idiot's Guide to Grammar and Punctuation' provides the basics rules of grammar and punctuation, along with the examples readers need to make points clearly and quickly. Straightforward, no-frills rules of grammar and punctuation with clever, interesting examples that clarify points without complicating them; Examples of common mistakes and how to avoid them; Computer spellcheckers cannot adequately correct grammar and punctuation.

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