

An Introductory English Grammar by Norman C. Stageberg

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OBJECTIVES

- ◉ **Learn the general definition of Grammar.**
- ◉ **Shed some light on the importance of Grammar.**
- ◉ **Set classroom rules**
- ◉ **Chapters to be included (Edition to be used)**
- ◉ **Marks**
- ◉ **How to approach Grammar in this text book**

What is Grammar

Grammar is *the system of a language*.

It is the study of the way the sentences of a language are constructed; morphology and syntax.



Etymology

The term grammar is derived from the **Greek** word grammatikē , where gram meant something written. The part tikē derives from technē and meant art. Hence grammatikē is the *art of writing*.

to be able to **talk about how sentences are built**, about the types of words and word groups that **make up sentences**--that is knowing about **grammar**. And knowing about grammar *offers a window into the human mind* and into our amazingly complex mental capacity.

The term grammar is often used to refer to

morphology (the study of word forms) and

syntax (the study of sentence structure)

together

Morphology is the study of the **internal structure of** **words.**

Words are the smallest segment of speech that can be used alone. Words have an **internal structure** and are built up by even smaller pieces, i.e. **Morphemes**



Syntax: The study of “**how words are combined into larger structures - phrases, clauses , and sentences.**” (Stageberg, 1981, p. 187)

The Importance of Grammar

- Without good grammar, clear communication is nearly impossible. **Proper grammar keeps you from being misunderstood while expressing your ideas.**
- Writing and speaking correctly gives you the appearance of credibility. If you're attempting to build a reputation **as an expert in your profession**, this is extremely important.
- Other people consider **good grammar** to be a mark of intelligence and **education**

Classroom Rules

Positive classroom behavior:

- **Mocking your colleagues will cause you to lose marks from your overall average. Furthermore, the incident will be investigated by the guidance committee.**
- **If the whole class is absent , every member of that class will lose marks from their overall average.**
- **Talking back and making scenes will cause you to lose marks .**
- No chewing
- No cellphones: Switched off (you should put it inside your handbags)
- No food ; no fizzy drinks. Only water is allowed. Students with health issues should ask permission for eating or drinking inside the classroom at the being of the simster.
- Clean classroom
- Clean white board
- A chair for the teacher
- Speak only when allowed to
- postponing exams is not allowed

Every classroom member is responsible for sustaining a positive classroom atmosphere

Chapters

How to Approach



**KEEP
CALM
AND
LOVE
GRAMMAR**