

## **W R I T I N G**

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**Grammar  
is the knowledge  
of  
right and wrong**



Textbook:

*The Canadian Writer's Workplace*

(Eighth Edition)

**Lipschutz, Scarry & Scarry**

Nelson Education, Toronto

Support Book: Oshima & Hogue. (2006). *Writing Academic English* (4<sup>th</sup> edition). Pearson Education: New York.

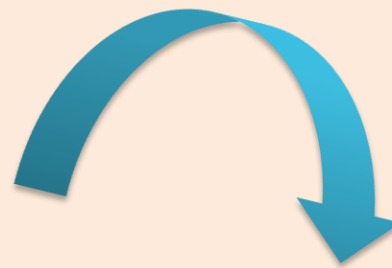
Online resources:

- 1) <https://www.press.umich.edu/script/press/331840>
- 2) <http://www.eslcafe.com/bookstore/writing.html>
- 3) <https://www.grammarly.com>



## Parts of Speech: Overview

1. Noun
2. Pronoun
3. Adjective
4. Verb
5. Adverbs
6. Prepositions
7. Conjunctions
8. Interjections
9. Articles





## 5. Adverbs? # 1

**Definition:** It is a word that modifies / describes a *verb*, an *adjective*, or another *adverb*.

**Examples:** She ate her dinner *quickly*.

Students found this course *extremely* useful.

Winter arrived *too* late this year.

- **Adverbs of Frequency:** *always, usually, often, never, seldom, sometimes, usually, rarely*
- **Adverbs of Degree:** *too, enough, very, extremely, really, strongly, highly, quite, almost, fully, ...*

The teacher is *seldom* late to class.

This book is *quite* interesting.

Our job is *almost* done.

His ideas are *highly* absurd.



## 5. Adverbs? # 2

**Sometimes** I get up at 7:00.

I **sometimes** get up at 7:00.

I get up at 7:00 **sometimes**.

some time

sometime

sometimes

never      always      **every day**      often      usually

Our teacher helps us. ....

Sue bites her pencil in class. ....

I take the bus to school. ....

David drinks a cup of coffee in the morning. ....

Bob writes a letter to his girlfriend. ....



## 6. Prepositions?

**Definition:** It is a word that indicates **time**, **place**, or **means**.

**Examples:** The flight arrives **at** 7:00 A.M.

I am **from** Canada.

She always travels **by** bus.

Some prepositions: **on, to, in, out, between, before, after, down, up, under, over, until, within, without, since, for, etc.**

**AT** 5 o'clock, at **night**, at **midnight**, at **lunchtime**, at **sunset**, at **sunrise**, at the **weekend**, at **the moment** / at **present**, at **the same time**

**IN** April, in **2023**, in **the 19<sup>th</sup> century** in **the past** in (the) **future**

In **the Middle Ages**, in **a moment**, in **two weeks' time**, in **time**, in **a few minutes**



## 6. Prepositions? # 2

**ON** Friday / on Fridays, on 14 May 2020, on her birthday, on Mother's Day.

**on** time = punctual, not late [The 7 o'clock train arrived **on time**.]

**in** time = soon enough [Will you be **in time** for dinner?]

('in time' opposite 'too late') [I got home **too late** for dinner]

**at the end** = at the time when something ends [opposite 'at the beginning']

[at the end **of the month**, at the end **of February**, at the end **of the course**, at the end **of the film**]

**in the end** = **finally**, the final result of a situation [opposite 'at first']

She got more and more angry with her husband. **In the end** they got divorced.

**At first** we didn't like each other, but **in the end** we became good friends.



## 7. Conjunctions? # 1

**Definition:** It is a word that joins or connects other words, phrases, or clauses.

**Examples:** She was unwell, *but* she still attended the meeting.

John is studying math *and* physics this semester.

Laila is absent *because* she is sick.

Tim wants to watch TV *or* listen to some music.

(and, but, or, yet, so, although, because -- **unless, until, while, provided**)





## 7. Conjunctions? # 2

**Although** it snowed a lot, we enjoyed our picnic.

We enjoyed our picnic **although** it snowed a lot.

The house isn't very nice. I like the garden **though**. (spoken)

**Even though** I was really tired, I couldn't sleep.

We will be late **unless** we hurry.

You can drive my car **as long as** you drive carefully.

**Provided that** she studies hard, she'll pass the exam.

'If' or 'on the condition that'

Despite the rain...  
In spite of the rain...



## 8. Interjections?

**Definition:** An **unconnected** word that expresses a **feeling**: anger, joy, shock or confusion.

**Examples:** **Alas!** He is no more.

**Wow!** What a lovely picture!

(Oh! Whoops! D a r n !)

**Damn it!** My car stopped again.

**Wow!** What a beautiful house!

**Oh, no!** He missed the goal again.

**Huh?** Did he really say that?

**Oh man!** Why don't you say so?



## 9. Articles? # 1

**Definition:** It is a word that identifies a noun in a general sense.

**Examples:** *The* book I am reading is interesting.

I bought *a* book today.

*An* apple a day keeps the doctor away.

(Indefinite articles: *a, an*. Definite article: *the*)

*A* boy and *a* girl were sitting opposite me. *The* boy was British but I think *the* girl was Iranian.

Bob sat down on *the* chair nearest the teacher.

I cleaned *the* house yesterday. (my house)

Can you turn on *the* light, please?

I took *a* taxi to the station.

Her dad is in *the* army.

Teheran is *the* capital of Iran.



## 9. Articles? # 2

What do you have for ~~the~~ dinner?

They had ~~the~~ breakfast in a nice restaurant.

What time is ~~the~~ lunch?

When I leave ~~the~~ school, I want to go to ~~the~~ university.

don't  
use  
**THE**

Excuse me, where is **the** university.?

All cars have wheels. All **the** cars in the car park belong to workers.

Sugar isn't very good for you. Can you pass **the** sugar, please?

**The** elderly need extra care.

**The** rich should pay more taxes.

**The** English once conquered the whole world.

**The** old are good at criticizing.



## 9. Articles? # 3

**the** with:

- **Kingdom, States:** **the** UK, **the** USA
- **Oceans, seas, rivers, and canals:** **the** Atlantic Ocean, **the** Red Sea, **the** Indian Ocean, **the** Suez Canal, **the** Nile
- **Scriptures:** **the** Quran, **the** Bible, **the** Torah
- **Directions:** **the** north, **the** south, **the** Middle East, **the** Far East
- Body parts:** **the** heart, **the** mind, **the** nose, **the** left leg, **the** right kidney, **the** index finger
- the** right side, **the** left side

**No the** with mount and lake: Mount Everest, Lake Ontario



Thank you.

See you tomorrow!