

Grammar Practice Web Sites

1. English Language Centre Study Zone (University of Victoria)

Web site: <http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/index.htm>

Includes many exercises at different levels of difficulty; good for parts of speech (see level 330; see also level 200 for basic info on adjectives, adverbs, and prepositions), verb tenses (see level 410 for perfect tenses).

2. Gallaudet University.

Web site: <http://depts.gallaudet.edu/englishworks/>

Good for learning the basics. Click on “Grammar” in box at right. See “Parts of Speech” and “Grammar Practice Exercises.” Includes info on identifying subjects, verb tenses, etc. Also explore “Gallaudet’s Writer’s Handbook” for more grammar topics and exercises on punctuation, clauses, and sentence structure errors. See also “Helpful Links.”

3. Empire State College: Writer's Complex 21st Century

Web site: <http://www.esc.edu/writer>

See "Punctuation Points"(includes one exercise on misspelled/misused words); see also "Grammar Workout" for useful explanations and exercises on identifying sentence types, sentence structure errors, noun/pronoun agreement problems, etc.

4. The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation

Web site: <http://www.grammarbook.com/>

See box on left. Click on “English Rules” or “Online Quizzes.” Good for practice in finding subjects and verbs, for drills on subject-verb agreement, pronouns, punctuation, etc. Includes a very complete list of easily confused words along with some practice quizzes.

5. Ohio University ESL

Web site: <http://www.ohiou.edu/esl/english/grammar/activities.html>

See “Activities and Quizzes” for links to many interactive grammar web sites.

6. ESL (*Internet TESL Journal*)

Web site: <http://a4esl.org/>

Another site designed for ESL students but has many good grammar quizzes at different levels of difficulty. Includes practice exercises on present and past tenses of irregular verbs, including verb “to be.”

7. HyperGrammar (University of Ottawa)

Web site: <http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/>

This is a good site for parts of speech, parts of sentences (subjects, verbs, objects, complements), and sentence types. Includes some advanced level explanations and quizzes, especially on clauses and phrases.

8. On-Line Writing Lab from Purdue University

Web site: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

This is an old, well-known site that is in the process of being revamped. It has good explanations and examples but a limited number of interactive exercises. On home page, click “Purdue OWL.” Then click “Grammar and Mechanics” in the right-hand column. (See particular grammar topics of interest for explanations of grammar rules and examples of correct usage.) Or click “the original OWL at Purdue site.” To find some interactive exercises, scroll down. Click on “Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation” and on “Practice Exercises.” Includes quizzes on punctuation, fragments, subject-verb agreement, pronouns, tense consistency, “sound-alikes.”

9. Newsroom 101.com

Web site: <http://www.newsroom101.com/index.html>

Easy-to-use site with many quizzes on broad range of grammar topics. Originally designed for journalism students but very useful for English 0099 and English 101 students who want a challenge. Includes much practice on “confusables” (including lie/lay, who/whom). See “Grammar Review” for quizzes on subject-verb agreement, pronouns, etc. (You will be asked to sign in but ignore message. Hit “cancel,” close box, and proceed.)

10. The English Page

Web site: <http://www.englishpage.com/grammar/>

Addresses many grammar topics. Especially good for subject-verb agreement and verb tense practice. Includes exercises on perfect and progressive tenses.

11. Guide to Grammar and Writing (Capital Community College)

Web site: <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

See box, “Ask Grammar, Quizzes, Search Devices.” Click “Select From” arrow in box. Select “170 Interactive Quizzes.” See in particular “Notorious Confusables” as well as exercises on recognizing parts of speech, on subject-verb agreement, irregular verbs, clauses and phrases, sentence structure errors, sentence types, etc. (A good web site with lots of exercises but includes some advanced terminology. English 0099 students will find some exercises more useful than others.)

12. University of Calgary

Web site: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/eduweb/grammar/>

Good for explanations and exercises on parts of speech, identifying subjects, objects, and complements, on subject-verb agreement, sentence types, and sentence structure errors. Includes some exercises on “sound alike.”

13. English Plus (Grammar Slammer)

Web site: <http://englishplus.com/grammar/>

This site has good definitions, explanations, and examples of grammar terms and topics. Includes, for instance, all the rules for using commas as well as a long list of homonyms and words often confused. No interactive grammar exercises.

14. EnglishClub.Com

Web site: <http://www.englishclub.com/grammar>

Scroll down to “English Grammar Quizzes.” See quizzes on parts of speech and verb tenses (simple, perfect, continuous).

15. UsingEnglish.Com

Web site: <http://www.usingenglish.com/>

Scroll down and see ESL Tests. Click on “English Quizzes.” Includes exercises on wide range of topics. Offers exercises on some basic verb problems (is/are, has/have, was/were, does/do, will/would, there is/ there are).

16. English Exercises Online

Web site: <http://www.smic.be/smic5022/index.htm>

See “Activities” and then click on “Grammar and dictation.” Limited in scope, but does have some good quizzes on verb tenses, passive construction, noun plurals, etc.

17. Interactive Online Grammar Quizzes

Web site: <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/elc/iowa/quiz>

Limited in scope but includes some good quizzes on irregular verbs, subject-verb agreement, sentence types, relative pronouns.

18. The Grammar Gorillas

Web site: <http://www.funbrain.com/grammar/index.html>

This site is juvenile but fun. Good for learning how to identify parts of speech.

19. Big Dog's Grammar

Web site: <http://aliscot.com//bigdog/>

Easy to use. Good for sentence structure errors, including dangling modifiers and parallelism, subject-verb agreement, etc.

20. The Wide Word of Verbs

Web site: <http://www.kyrene.org/schools/brisas/sunda/verb/enter.htm>

Designed for grammar school students, but includes introductory info on action, helping, and state of being verbs.

21. Daily Grammar

Web site: <http://www.dailygrammar.com/>

Click on "Lesson Archive." This is another site geared toward grammar school students, but it includes very good basic information. Very useful for those who need an "easy to understand" quick review of grammar fundamentals.

22. The English Grammar Practice Website

Web site: <http://members.cox.net/teachro/>

This site is designed for young people but includes lots of useful basic information. Click on "Grammar Practice." Also, this site shows diagrams of sentences (see "Diagramming").

23. Towson University's Online Writing Support

Web site: <http://www.towson.edu/ows/index.htm>

Very clear explanations of grammar topics. Scroll down to "EXERCISES" for lots of quizzes (parts of speech, commonly confused words, sentence structure errors, punctuation, etc.).

24. Grammar Bytes!

Web site: <http://chompchomp.com>

Click on the gorilla's head, scroll down, and find "Exercises." This site is fun and easy to use but limited in scope. Includes practice on subject-verb agreement, irregular verbs, pronouns, sentence structure errors, and some common homonyms.