

Basic Grammar *in use*

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Present

- 1 **am/is/are**
- 2 **am/is/are** (questions)
- 3 **I am doing** (present continuous)
- 4 **are you doing?** (present continuous questions)
- 5 **I do/work/like**, etc. (simple present)
- 6 **I don't ...** (simple present negative)
- 7 **Do you ... ?** (simple present questions)
- 8 **I am doing** (present continuous) and **I do** (simple present)
- 9 **I have ... and I've got ...**

Past

- 10 **was/were**
- 11 **worked/got/went**, etc. (simple past)
- 12 **I didn't ... Did you ... ?** (simple past negative and questions)
- 13 **I was doing** (past continuous)
- 14 **I was doing** (past continuous) and **I did** (simple past)
- 15 **I used to ...**

Present perfect

- 16 **Have you ever ... ?**
- 17 **How long have you ... ?**
- 18 **for since ago**
- 19 **I have done and I did** (present perfect and simple past 1)
- 20 **just, already, and yet** (present perfect and simple past 2)
- 21 **I've lost my key. I lost my key last week.** (present perfect and simple past 3)

Passive

- 22 **is done was done** (passive 1)
- 23 **is being done has been done** (passive 2)

Verb forms

- 24 **be/have/do** in present and past tenses
- 25 Regular and irregular verbs

Future

- 26 **What are you doing tomorrow?**
- 27 **I'm going to ...**
- 28 **will 1**
- 29 **will 2**

- 30 might
 31 can and could
 32 must
 33 should
 34 I have to ...
 35 Would you like ...? I'd like ...
 36 I'd rather ...
 37 Do this! Don't do that! Let's do this!

There and it

- 38 there is there are
 39 there was/were there has/have been there will be
 40 It ...

Auxiliary verbs

- 41 I am, I don't, etc.
 42 You have? / Have you? / You are? / Are you?, etc.
 43 too/either so am I / neither do I, etc.
 44 isn't, haven't, don't, etc. (negatives)

Questions

- 45 Is it ...? Have you ...? Do they ...? etc. (questions 1)
 46 Who saw you? Who did you see? (questions 2)
 47 Who is she talking to? What is it like? (questions 3)
 48 What ...? Which ...? How ...? (questions 4)
 49 How long does it take ...?
 50 Do you know where ...? I don't know what ..., etc.

Reported speech

- 51 She said that ... He told me that ...

-ing and to ...

- 52 work/working go/going do/doing
 53 to ... (I want to do) and -ing (I enjoy doing)
 54 I want you to ... I told you to ...
 55 I went to the store to ...

Go, got, do, make, and have

- 56 go to ... go on ... go for ... go -ing
 57 get
 58 do and make
 59 have

Pronouns and possessives

- 60 I/me he/him they/them, etc.
 61 my/his/their, etc.
 62 Whose is this? It's mine/yours/hers, etc.
 63 I/me/my/mine

65 -s (Kate's camera / my brother's car, etc.)

A and the

66 a/an ...

67 train(s) bus(es) (singular and plural)

68 a bottle / some water (countable/uncountable 1)

69 a cake / some cake / some cakes (countable/uncountable 2)

70 a/an and the

71 the ...

72 go to work go home go to the movies

73 I like music I hate exams

74 the ... (names of places)

Determiners and pronouns

75 this/that/these/those

76 one/ones

77 some and any

78 not + any no none

79 not + anybody/anyone/anything nobody/no one/nothing

80 somebody/anything/nowhere, etc.

81 every and all

82 all most some any no/none

83 both either neither

84 a lot much many

85 (a) little (a) few

Adjectives and adverbs

86 old/nice/interesting, etc. (adjectives)

87 quickly/badly/suddenly, etc. (adverbs)

88 old/older expensive / more expensive

89 older than ... more expensive than ...

90 not as ... as

91 the oldest the most expensive

92 enough

93 too

Word order

94 He speaks English very well. (word order 1)

95 always/usually/often, etc. (word order 2)

96 still yet already

97 Give me that book! Give it to me!

Conjunctions and clauses

98 and but or so because

99 When ...

100 If we go ... If you see ..., etc.

101 If I had ... If we went ..., etc.

102 a person who ... a thing that/which ... (relative clauses 1)

103 the people we met the hotel you stayed at (relative clauses 2)

Prepositions

- 104 at 8:00 on Monday in April
105 from... to until since for
106 before after during while
107 in at on (places 1)
108 in at on (places 2)
109 to in at (places 3)
110 next to, between, under, etc.
111 up, over, through, etc.
112 on at by with about
113 afraid of..., good at..., etc. of/at/for, etc. (prepositions + -ing)
114 listen to..., look at..., etc. (verb + preposition)

Phrasal verbs

- 115 go in, fall off, run away, etc. (phrasal verbs 1)
116 put on your shoes put your shoes on (phrasal verbs 2)

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