

ESL Grammar Assistance on the Web Just a Click Away!

Below you will find three websites and helpful links that can be found there.

1. Owl Handouts from Purdue University

Web address: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar>

This web site is very easy to navigate and offers REAL HELP that is easy to understand and is PRINTER FRIENDLY. After arriving at the above website, simply scroll down the page and click on “English as a Second Language.” Scroll down again and click on a variety of topics **INCLUDING...**

A vs. An -- Adjective or Adverb?--Adjectives with Count and Non-Count Nouns -- Appositives -- Articles (A/An/The) – Capitalization -- Count and Non-Count Nouns (with Plurals, Articles, and Quantity Words) -- Count and Non-Count Nouns (with Articles and Adjectives) -- English as a Second Language Self-Study Materials -- Numbers -- Phrasal Verbs (Idioms) -- Prepositions of Direction -- Prepositions of Location: At, In, On -- Prepositions of Spatial Relationship -- Prepositions of Time, Place, and to Introduce Objects -- Sentence Fragments -- Spelling: Accept/Except and Affect/Effect -- Spelling: Sound-Alike Words -- Subject-Verb Agreement --Verbs (Irregular, tenses, verbs with helpers) -- Verbals: Gerunds, Participles, and Infinitives.

2. Dave’s ESL Café

Web address: <http://www.eslcafe.com>

This site is easy to navigate and has many useful links for ESL students. After arriving at the web address, scroll down and click on “Stuff for Students.” Here you will find the following topics:

Help Center – Helpful Hint of the Day – Idioms – Phrasal Verbs – Pronunciation Power – Quizzes – Slang – Student Forum

3. A Writer’s Reference by Diana Hacker

Web address: <http://www.dianahacker.com/writersref/>

If you are looking for practice to perfect your grammar skills, this site is for you. The site is easily navigated and offers exercises for practice on the subjects below:

First click on “Grammar Exercises” and among others you will find help with Sentence Style – Word Choice – Grammatical Sentences – ESL Trouble Spots – Punctuation.

EXAMPLE: Click on “ESL Trouble Spots” and you will find exercises relating to...

Articles – Helping Verbs and Main Verbs – Conditional Sentences – Verbs Followed by Gerunds or Infinitives – Omissions and Repetitions – Order of Cumulative Adjectives – Present vs. Past Participles – Prepositions Showing Time and Place

ESL Writing Assistance on the Web Just a Click Away!

Below you will find helpful websites for various writing concerns.

1. Merriam Webster Dictionary Online

Web address: <http://www.m-w.com>

Access dictionary and thesaurus help by entering a word and clicking on “go.”

2. MLA and APA Formatting and Style Guide

Web address: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/>

Purdue University sponsors this web page. After arriving at the home page, scroll down and click on “Research and Documenting Sources.” This site will give you examples for general format questions -- in-text citations -- endnotes/footnotes -- works cited or reference page.

3. Writing Research Papers -- Scrolling farther down on the same page will give step-by-step help in writing your research paper, including...

Annotated Bibliographies – Writing Research Papers (a step-by-step list) – Developing an outline -- Paraphrasing: exercise and answer key -- Plagiarism -- Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing -- Sample Outline -- Using Statistics -- Writing a Thesis Statement

4. Basic Tips for ESL Students: Writing for an American Academic Audience

Web address: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslaudience.html>

Professors’ writing expectations may be difficult to understand for an ESL student. This site covers key strategies such as *creating a thesis, using a linear structure and using good transitions*. The steps are easy to understand and appear very helpful.

5. Tips for Writers – English as a Second Language

Web address:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/special/esl.shtml>

This site is sponsored by Dartmouth University. After scanning the home page, scroll down to the section titled “The Structure of An American Essay.” This section will explain, in detail, important writing expectations. It also provides other helpful links for writing.

6. Effective Academic Writing: The Argument

Web address: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/argument.html>

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill sponsors this site. This page explains what an argument paper consists of, how to construct it, and its function in college level writing.