## VicTESOL Webinar-Teaching Grammar: A Deductive Approach

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I would like to acknowledge this Land on which I present to you from today -- the Traditional Lands of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri peoples of the Kulin Nation -- and the Lands on which you are currently situated and pay my respects to the elders, past, present and emerging. I respect and support their Spiritual, Physical, Economical, Intellectual and Emotional relationship with their Country. I would also like to acknowledge the custodians of Melbourne and that their inherent Cultural and Spiritual beliefs continue to sustain the living Wurundjeri People and First Nations People today.



# Teaching Grammar: A Deductive Approach

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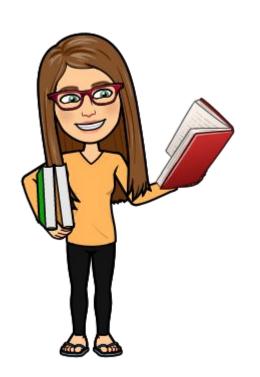
## Who am I?

EAL Coordinator and English Teacher at Lauriston Girls' School

Founder and Creator of 'Zealous English'

All materials will be available at conclusion of session via a Google Drive folder

as well as additional presentations I have made this year.





## Overview of Today's Session

#### 3:45 - 4:05 pm (Session 1)

Presenter Background, Introductory Activities, and Why Grammar is Important

#### 4:05 - 5:00pm (Session 2)

Morphology – Parts of Speech & Nominalisation

5:00 - 5:15pm Questions (Using Q&A Feature of Zoom)





## Let's





## Year 9 NAPLAN – How do you fare?

Which sentence is correct?

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Which punctuation mark should be used in both spaces in this sentence?

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enthusiastically by the family.

— (dash) : (colon) ... (ellipsis) ; (semicolon)





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### **Session 1**

- 1.Introduction Why should we (and our students) care about grammar?
- 2.Why Good Grammar Matters (connections to VCE English/EAL Study Design, Australian Curriculum and NAPLAN)
- 3. Challenges of Enhancing Students' Poor Grammar and Literacy Skills
- 4. The Main Stands of Linguistics Explained (phonetics, phonology, **morphology**, **syntax**, semantics, historical linguistics, sociolinguistics)
- 5.Method not taught in isolation! Must be embedded in the texts, topics, themes etc. you are teaching



## Why should we (and our students) care about grammar?











MY THREE FAVORITE
THINGS ARE EATING MY
FAMILY AND NOT
USING COMMAS.



## Why Good Grammar Matters (in our setting)

#### 1.VCE English/EAL Study Design

"They use planning and drafting to test and clarify their ideas, and editing for clear and **coherent expression**" (p. 10)

"Apply the conventions of **spelling**, **punctuation** and **syntax** of Standard Australian English **accurately** and **appropriately**" (p. 11)

"identify and analyse - language used by the writers and creators of texts to position an audience" (p. 12)



## **Assessment Criteria (English and EAL Exams)**

#### Section B will be assessed against the following criteria:

- •knowledge and understanding of the text, and the ideas and issues it explores, demonstrated appropriately in response to the topic
- •development of a coherent analysis in response to the topic
- •control of expressive and effective language, as appropriate to the task



## **Assessment Criteria (English and EAL Exams)**

#### Question 2 of Section C will be assessed against the following criteria:

- analysis of the use of argument and language to try to persuade
- control of the mechanics of the English language to convey meaning

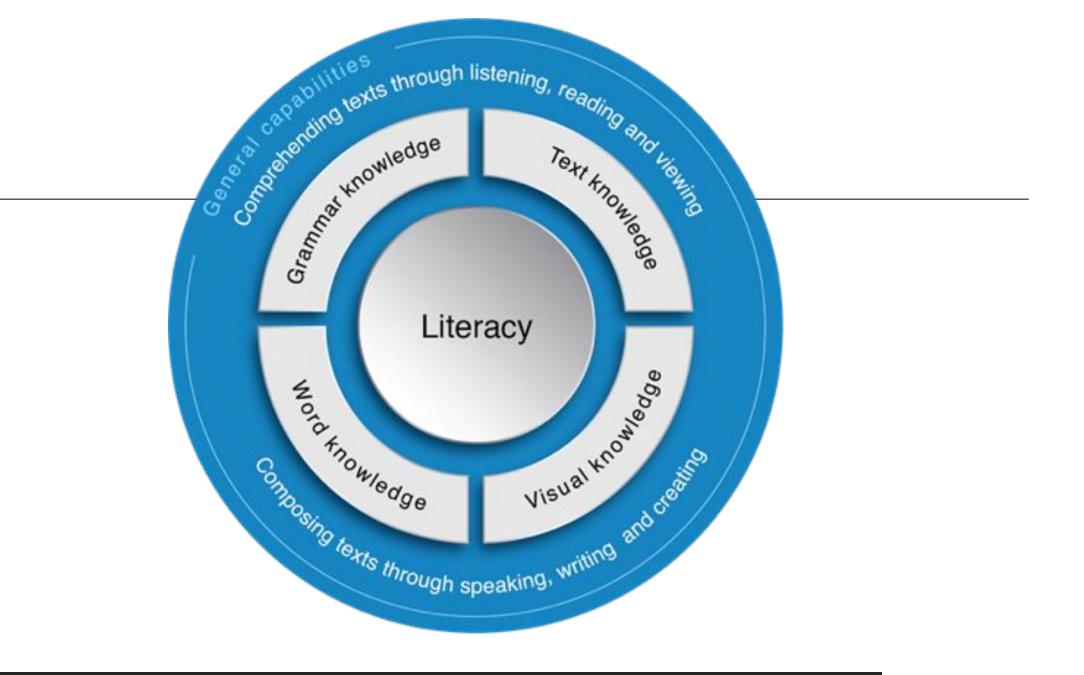


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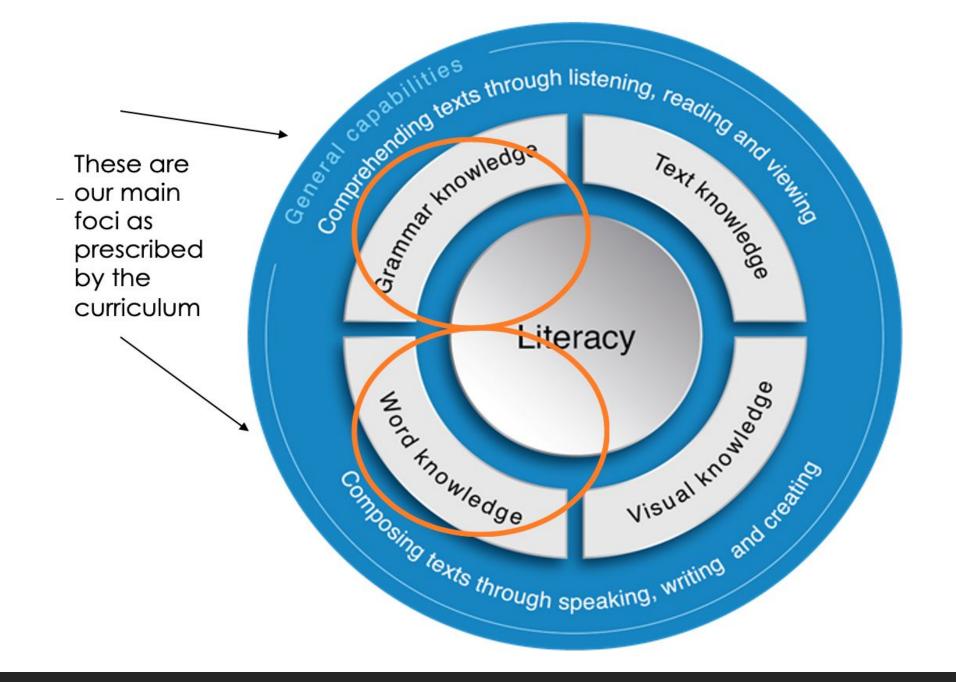
2. Australian Curriculum (General Capabilities)

3. NAPLAN – language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) as evidenced from our warm-up activity











## Grammar Knowledge (AusVELS)

- •This element involves students understanding the role of grammatical features in the construction of meaning in the texts they compose and comprehend.
- •Students understand how different types of sentence structures present, link and elaborate ideas, and how different types of words and word groups convey information and represent ideas in the learning areas. They gain understanding of the grammatical features through which opinion, evaluation, point of view and bias are constructed in texts. In developing and acting with literacy, students:
- use knowledge of sentence structures
- use knowledge of words and word groups
- •express opinion and point of view.



## VCAA F-10 EAL Curriculum (2021 Implementation)

Here is a <u>link</u> to the new curriculum

#### **Aims**

The EAL curriculum aims to ensure that students:

- develop fundamental functional English language and literacy skills
- understand how Standard Australian English works in its spoken and print forms and in combination with non-linguistic forms of communication to create meaning
- develop their communicative skills, **linguistic knowledge** and cultural understandings in English and their other language/s, to enable their full participation in Australian society.

### VCAA F-10 EAL Curriculum

#### **Strands**

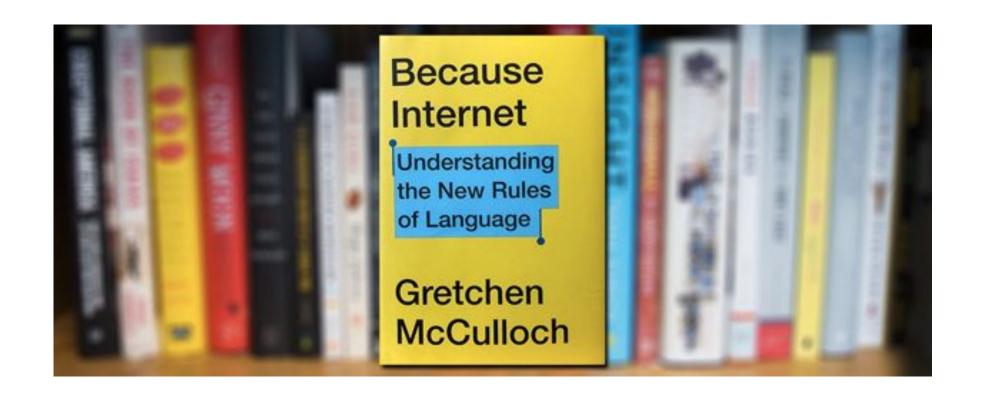
Within each language mode, the content descriptions are grouped into strands.

Linguistic structures and features focuses on control over the structures and features of spoken and written English, at the levels of word, sentence and whole text. Linguistic structures and features of texts include an understanding of the genre, form and language conventions selected by authors to convey meaning.

## **Challenges of Enhancing Students' Poor Grammar and Literacy Skills**

- •"We don't teach grammar anymore" (negative community views)
- •Poor grammar is all around us (as evidenced from past slides)
- Poor grammar has almost become socially acceptable
- •Internet language (see McCulloch) tweeting for example (standard syntax rules don't apply)
- Slang texting
- Lack of reading
- Oral English focus
- •Bi- and multi-lingual students
- •Parents not reinforcing/modelling good grammar at home





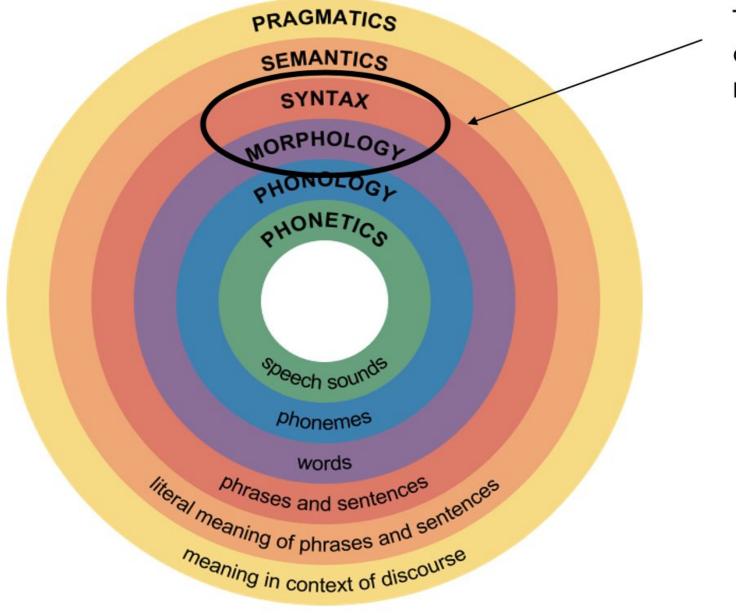


## The Main Stands of Linguistics Explained

**Linguistics:** the nature of language in all its aspects, including its structure and diversity, how it changes and evolves, how people acquire it and use it to communicate.

- phonetics (the production and representation of speech sounds)
- phonology (the organisation of sounds in a language)
- morphology (the structures of words)
- •syntax (the organisation of words in sentences)
- semantics and pragmatics (the analysis of meaning)
- historical linguistics (language change)
- •sociolinguistics (language variation and use)





These are our main foci



## My Method for Teaching and Learning Grammar (Deductively)

- •Not taught in isolation!
- •Should be embedded in the texts you're teaching
- •All teachers need to teach the literacy of their subjects (not just English and EAL teachers)
- •A deductive/enquiry approach rather than didactic!
- •Use visuals!
- Get the kids doing something physical: "the person who is doing the thinking is doing the learning"
- •Check out this article



## **5 Stage Process**

- 1. Elicitation of Prior Knowledge
- 2. Presentation in context! (rule explained and demonstrated use visuals where possible )
- 3. **Practice** (students practice rule with guided exercises in context)
- 4. **Production** (students practice, apply and polish rule in authentic learning contexts
- -Analysing texts
- -Creating texts (written/spoken)
- 5.**Definition** (students figure out the rule(s) themselves)



### **Session 2**

Morphology... How I teach...

Parts of Speech

Nominalisation



## Word Classes (Parts of Speech)

•How many do you know?



## The 8 Parts of Speech

An action: like run, jump, or read; or a state of being: like is or was. A thing, or idea: rock, dog, John, democracy, birthday, gravity AdVBY Tells how an action occurred: quickly, slowly, carefully Adjective Tells about a noun: big, red, Fred's Pronoun Used to replace a noun: Preposition Describes relationship: on, over, for, beside Conjunction and, or, because Interjection A word of suprise: Wow! Oh my!

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## **Application Activities and Suggestions**

- Unjumble activity
- Sentence labelling

•Using highlighters – highlight the **8 parts of speech** in the first three paragraphs of the text extract provided 'The Year It All Ended' (divide sections of text into pairs in classroom, or focus on one particular part of speech)



## **Text Extract Highlighting Task**

#### Here is the <u>link</u> to the extract

- 1. You need to type up the extract (or screenshot from e-book)
- 2. Use current English texts (or familiar text extracts)
- 3. Divide up sections among class
- 4. Look for all parts of speech in a specific section or a single part of speech as a focus
- 5. What do students notice?
- 6. Which parts of speech dominate the text? Why?
- 7. Use different texts for different parts of speech (e.g. a recipe for verbs)



### **Using Colours**

Here are examples of the 8 parts of speech used in sentences. In the following sentences, the main verb is in red, any nouns are in blue, pronouns in green, adjectives in yellow, adverbs in purple, prepositions in orange, conjunctions in brown, articles are in pink, and interjections in grey.

The third example sentence contains <u>all</u> 8 parts of speech from the previous activity.

Challenge: write your own sentence using all 8 parts of speech.



## **Using Colours**

Hurray! Spain won the World Cup!

My investments doubled last year and I bought a yacht . Yippee!

Woo hoo! Susan was accepted into university because of her excellent ATAR



## Make a Parts of Speech Flip-Book

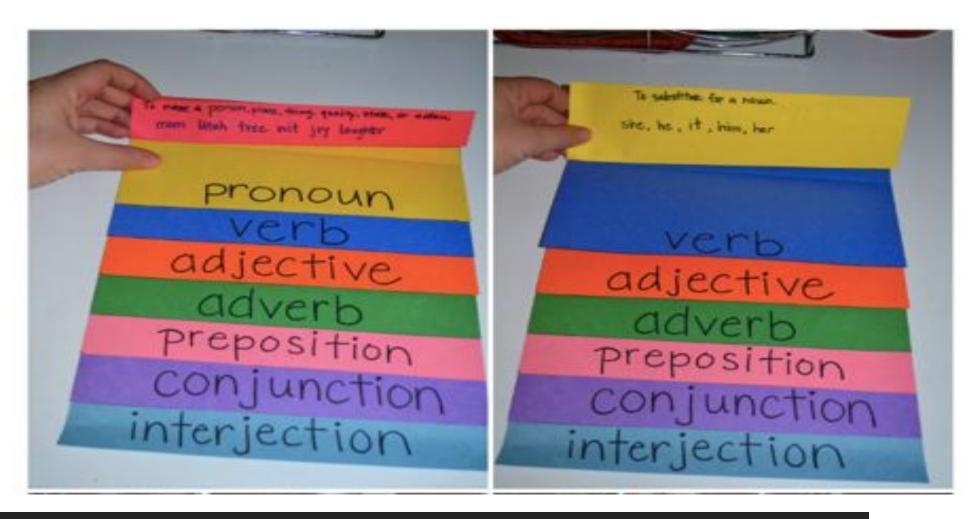
#### Parts of Speech

PART	MAIN JOB	EXAMPLES
Nouns	Name a person, place, thing, or idea	lady, road, tree, love, dream, pencil, Bob
Pronouns	Take the place of a noun	he, she, it, you, we
Verbs	Express action or a state of being	ran, flew, hips, was, is, showed, jumps
Adjectives	Describe a noun	new, shiny, fot, thorough, funny
Advertis	Describe or modify a verb, adjective, or another adverb	quickly, repeatedly, precisely (often and in -ly)
Prepositions	Establish a relationship between the noun and the rest of the sentence	over, around, through, during, according to, above, beside
Conjunctions	Connect words, phrases, and clauses	and, but, or, nor, however, moreover
Interjections	Express surprise or other emotions	Ouch! Eek! Ow! Yikes! Hooray! (offen have an exclamation point
Articles	Help define nouns	the, an, a



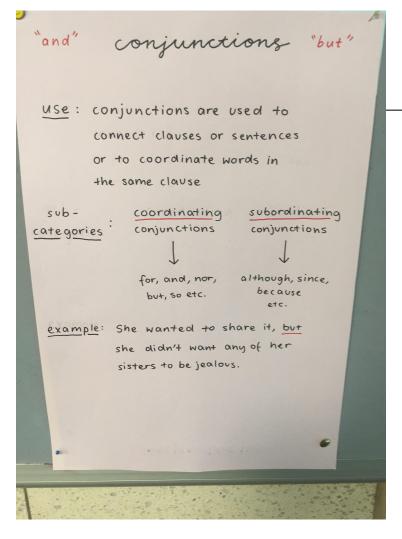


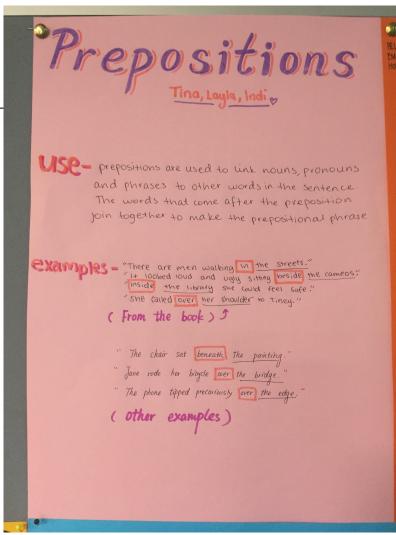
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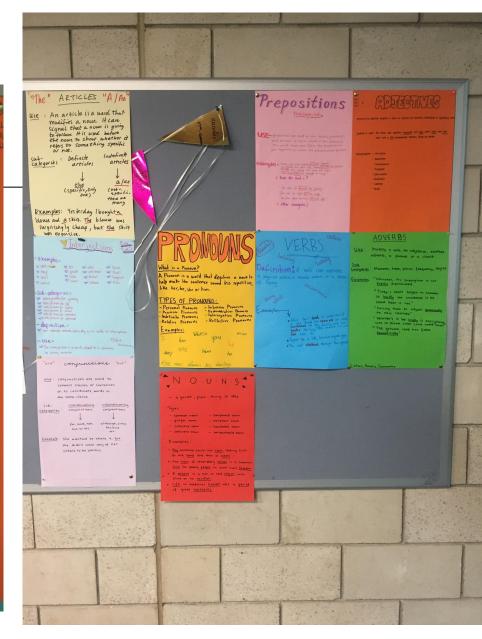




## Parts of Speech Posters









## What's the rule? What did you learn?

•Note down your take-away(s) from our 'Parts of Speech' exercises

Here is the <u>link</u> to my folder on Parts of Speech



### Nominalisation

What is nominalistion?

Why do we use nominaliston?

Can you think of an example?

Can you find an example in our text extract 'The Year It All Ended'?



#### Nominalisation – What is it?

- •Academic writing frequently uses **nominalisations**; that is, the noun forms of verbs.
- •The process of nominalisation turns **verbs** (actions or events) into **nouns** (things, concepts or people).
- •The sentence is now no longer describing actions: it is focused on objects or concepts; for example:

We walked for charity.

The verb 'walked' is nominalised to the noun 'walk'

The charity walk .....



#### Nominalisation – What is it?

•As you can see from the example above, when a verb is nominalised, it becomes a **concept** rather than an action. As a consequence, the tone of your writing will sound more abstract and also more formal; for example:

We walked for charity. We raised money for the Leukemia Foundation.



The charity walk raised money for the Leukemia Foundation.



#### Nominalisation – How I teach it

- •Start with nouns (parts of speech). Then move on to abstract nouns (fear, hate, love, justice, bravery, friendship)
- •Then move on to prefixes and suffixes (Afflixation) how do we create meaning by adding prefixes and suffixes on to nouns?
- •Then move on to word building to create nominalised expressions
- e.g. His anxiety was at an all time high prior to entering the exam.

- •Why do we use nominalisation? Students need to understand purpose as well as how to do it!
- Practice nominalising and "de-nominalising"



#### Let's practice (Surnames A-J do 1st column, L-Z 2nd column)

#### 1. Fill in the corresponding nouns

verb	noun	verb	noun
analyse		hypothesise	
approach		identify	
assess		indicate	
assume		interpret	
authorise		Investigate	
conceptualise		implicate	
Consist of		legislate	
contextualise		occur	
create		proceed	
define		require	
distribute		respond	
establish		Signify	
emphasise		specify	



#### **ANSWERS**

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contextualise	context	occur	occurrence
create	creation	proceed	procedure
define	definition	require	requirement
distribute	distribution	respond	response
establish	establishment	Signify	significance
emphasise	emphasis	specify	specification



## Now let's try some simple sentences. Replace the adjective with a noun.

1.	The graphs show a significant (different) between the ages at which men and women
	should marry.
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- 1. She wrote books that children enjoy.
- 2. Our city needs to assess the recycling system.
- 3. I hope that my students will understand how to use nominalisation.
- 4. I failed to get enough marks to get into university because I was ill on the day of the exam.



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- 1. Children enjoyed her writing.
- 2. Our city needs an assessment of the recycling system.
- 3. My hope is that my students will gain an understanding of how to use nominalisation.
- 4. My failure to get into university is due to my illness on the day of the exam.

(Note: it's ok if you had slightly different answers! As long as the sentence is grammatically correct and the original meaning is the same, you may find that your answer differs slightly!)



## What is nominalisation? (let's listen to the experts)



## What is the process? What are you doing?

See if you can jot down in your own words the steps needed to nominalise.



## How do you do it? Here are the steps!

- 1. Locate the verb/adjective in the sentence
- 2. Nominalise the verb/adjective (= turn it into a noun) check wordhippo.com if you're not sure
- 3. Identify the main idea of the sentence
- 4. Re-write the sentence (you may need to take out some words and add in new words for the

#### sentence to make sense)

5. Remember: the main idea of the sentence needs to be the same as the original

## Example #1

The committee, having regard to the totality of the factors considered above, concluded, given the low urgency ascribed to the need for choice relative to the need for baseline provision of goods, that there was not currently a gap on the spectrum of adequacy sufficient to conclude that the provision of pharmaceutical services is not currently secured to the standard of adequacy.



## Here is an example from our novel (Chapter 12)

Tiney racked her brain, trying to think what was the last thing that Minna said before she disappeared. Had they argued? Had Tiney spoken sharply? Was there something she said that tipped Minna over the edge? Or was one of the men Minna had danced with connected to her disappearance?

The morning after the Alstons' ball, Tiney had been slow to wake up. By the time she did, Minna was gone. Her bed was neatly made, the coverlet smooth, the pillow plumped.

Tiney was sitting at the breakfast table, rubbing sleep from her eyes, when Mama came silently into the room and handed her a note. It was on the soft mauve writing paper that Minna used for all her correspondence.

## Start with easy examples...

 Student numbers in universities have increased recently, so new student accommodation needs to be built.



 Recent expansion of student numbers in universities requires the construction of new student accommodation.



## Start with easy examples...

The cathedral is tall and can be seen from all over town.

The cathedral's height is/makes it visible (from) all over town.

She <u>wrote</u> books that children enjoyed.

The children enjoyed her writing.

The English reading module is <u>difficult</u> because it has <u>long</u> articles.

The difficulty of the reading module is due to/ is a result of its long articles/ the length of the its articles.

 How farmers <u>protect</u> their livestock from the storm was the topic of the article.

Livestock protection from the storm employed by farmers was the topic of the articles.

The company <u>decided</u> to expand its market to increase sales.

The company's decision to expand its market led to increased sales.



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We looked at the evidence and decided that the neighbourhood has enough chemists.



#### WRITE LESS... SAY MORE!

Nominalisation changes verbs and other words into nouns. It makes a

text more compact and more specific.

e.g., instead of saying...

When your body reaches an abnormally low temperature, you will need to be taken to hospital"

Hypothermia requires hospitalisation.

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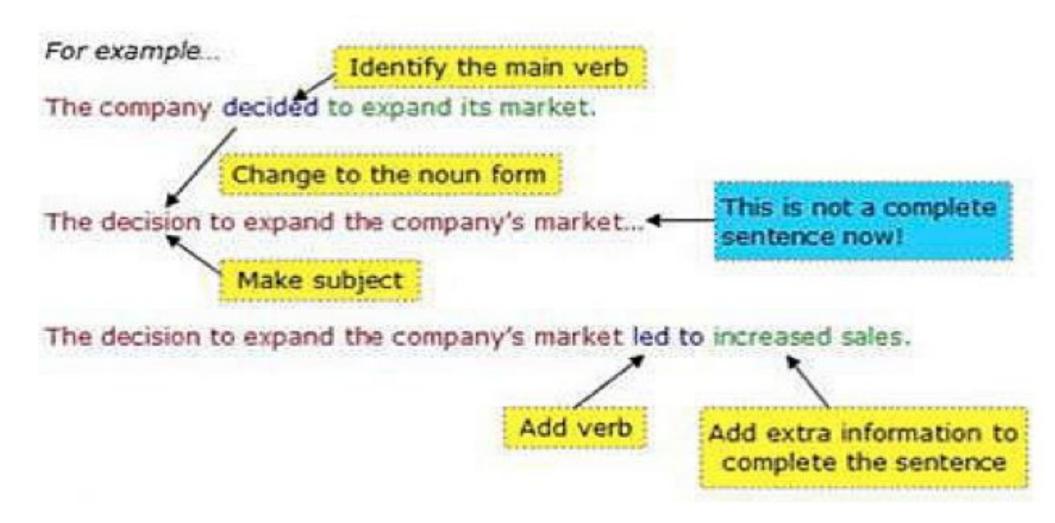


## Nominalisation requires adding a suffix to the verb, to change verb to noun.

Verb	suffix	Noun
Explore	-(a)tion	exploration
Supervise	-ion	supervision
Farm	-ing	farming
Star	-dom	stardom
Refuse	-al	refusal
Break	-age	breakage
Amaze	-ment	amazement



## Define the rule, what are the steps?





## **Wrap Up: Nominalisation**

•What are your take-aways?

•What did you learn?

Here is a <u>link</u> to my Google Drive folder on Nominalisation

And to a Google Form (Quiz) I made on Nominalisation (may need to request access as I made it in

my work account)



#### Extra Resources

<u>10 Practical Tips for Teaching Language Remotely</u> (LOTE specific but also applies to EAL - focus on making it fun and visual)

Time lapse video

25 Things You Didn't Know Google Slides Could Do

Check out my blog: ZEALOUS ENGLISH



#### **Grammar Links**





https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9nKWrOxInft2dNfgSFFvsA (Grammar Girl)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHaHD477h-FeBbVh9Sh7syA (BBC Learn English)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVI-AT2fwvmpDEYPoHlcsWQ (Oxford Dictionaries)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq275NTZWksm70kbb-zcZUw (ABC Learn English)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrRiVfHqBIIvSgKmgnSY66g (mmmEnglish) - good for Adults and upper secondary

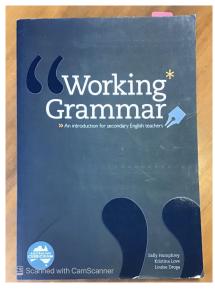
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOsCwMammtm9TXnE0BMbKzw (Flocabulry – for younger year levels)

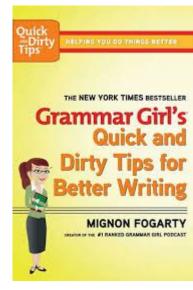
https://thegoodcopy.com.au/ (Grammar School in Melbourne)

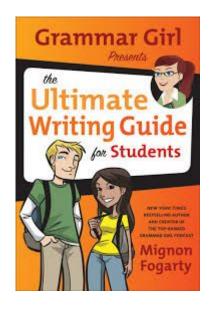


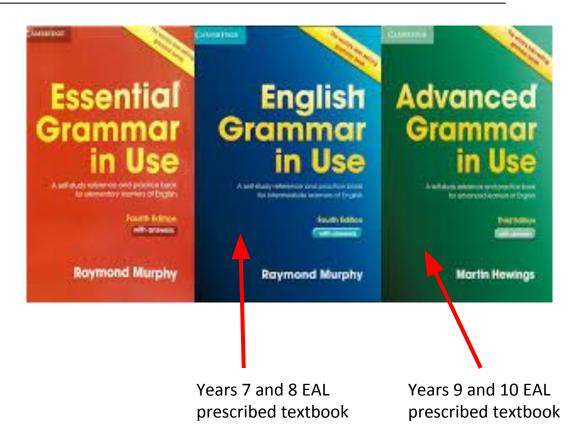
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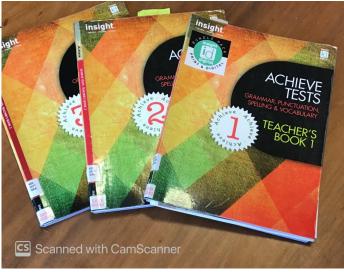




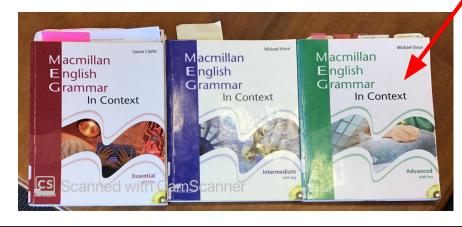


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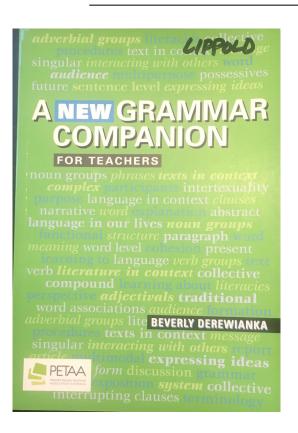


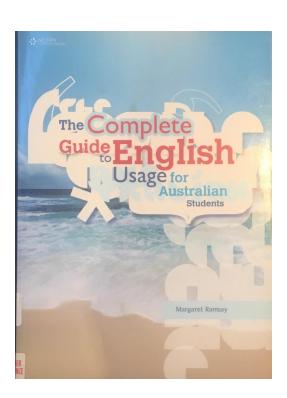
Year 11 IB English B prescribed textbook

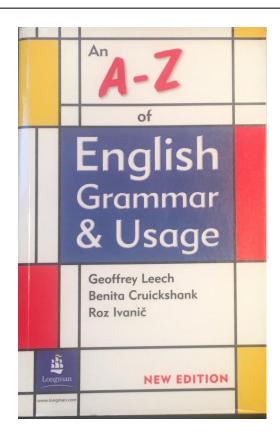


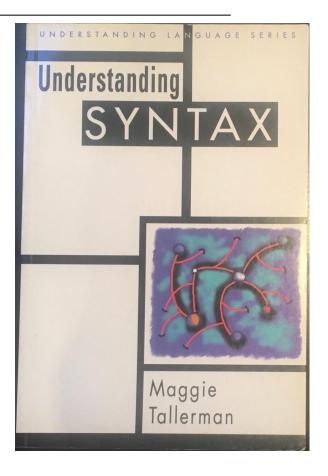
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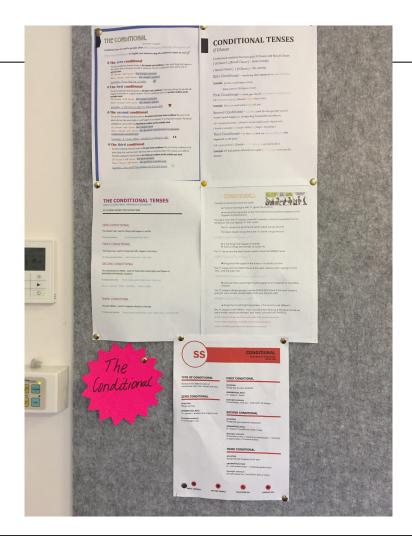
## Make your classroom grammar friendly





## Posters! (student made and purchased)







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## Participants Questions



Start young! The younger the better.

Use the grammar terms - don't dumb it down (unless you have remedial students e.g. "blue words" for verbs . But be consistent across the school (have a universal language)

Repetition - you need to keep coming back to it.

Make it VISUAL, FUN and INTERACTIVE (get kids to do the thinking) Make stuff - tactile learning is very helpful!

Strategies apply for junior, HS and adults.

yes there is an order - start at word level, then move to sentence level e.g. affixation, parts of speech, then nominalistion (work backwards to find your starting point)

Remote teaching tips  $\rightarrow$  see my blog about this

Find a balance between taught in context (try to connect with texts and topics as it helps student to see the usage) and explicitly - older students can cope better with explicit grammar



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