



Fall 2022



ENGLISH
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Grammar Workshop Series

Choose in-person: Wednesdays, 1:30-2:20pm, in COB #286
or Zoom: Weds., 3:30-4:20pm, Zoom ID 845 6529 2900

*Each interactive workshop is open to undergrads, graduate students, post-docs, staff, and spouses. **Come to one workshop... or many!***

DATES: TOPICS:

- Aug. 31: **Agreement Is Essential**
Perfect your subject/verb agreement and pronoun/antecedent agreement.
- Sept. 07: **Prepositions (*in/on/at* and *from/of/to/for*)**
Discover the secret patterns related to these confusing prepositions.
- Sept. 14: **Active/Passive Voice**
Test your knowledge of active/passive voice use in academic writing.
- Sept. 21: **Verb Tenses – Which to Use**
Learn about “tense shift” and how to avoid this common writing error.
- Sept. 28: **Is That a Sentence? Phrases vs. Clauses**
The distinction is simple, and knowing it will make you a better writer!
- Oct. 05: **Sentence Types**
Get to know simple, compound, and complex sentences for writing variety.
- Oct. 12: **Fixing Run-ons & Sentence Fragments**
We’ll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are too long or incomplete.
- Oct. 19: **Make Your Paper “Flow”**
Learn three easy techniques to give an essay good “flow.”
- Oct. 26: **When and How to Use Commas**
When should you use commas, and when *shouldn’t* you? Find out!
- Nov. 02: **Colons, Semicolons, and Apostrophes**
Impress your professors by using these three punctuation marks correctly.
- Nov. 09: **How to Incorporate Quotes in Your Essays**
Discover the punctuation, word choice, and content needed to do this well.
- Nov. 16: **Paraphrasing Made Easy**
Can you restate information without plagiarizing? This workshop will help!
- Nov. 30: **Stop Repeating Yourself! Say the Same Thing Differently**
Learn how to present ideas with varying vocabulary and structures.
- Dec. 07: **Common Errors to Avoid**
This is an overview of errors that college writers typically make.

For information, contact Belinda at ELI@ucmerced.edu. Sponsored by the English Lang. Institute.
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