



Spring 2022



**ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
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Grammar Workshop Series

Thursdays 1:00-1:50pm via Zoom

*Each interactive workshop is open to undergrads, graduate students, post-docs, staff, and spouses. **Come to one workshop... or many!** Join us at <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/84565292900>*



DATES: TOPICS:

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- Jan. 27: **Agreement Is Essential**
Perfect your subject/verb agreement and pronoun/antecedent agreement.
- Feb. 03: **Prepositions (*in/on/at* and *from/of/to/for*)**
Discover easy patterns for correctly using some confusing prepositions.
- Feb. 10: **Verb Tenses – Which to Use**
Learn about “tense shift” and how to avoid this common writing error
- Feb. 17: **Active/Passive Voice**
Come for guidelines and practice related to active/passive voice use.
- Feb. 24: **Is That a Sentence? Phrases vs. Clauses**
The distinction is simple, and knowing it will make you a better writer!
- Mar. 03: **Sentence Types**
Get to know simple, compound, and complex sentences for writing variety.
- Mar. 10: **Fixing Run-ons & Sentence Fragments**
We’ll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are too long or incomplete.
- Mar. 17: **Make Your Paper “Flow”**
Learn three easy techniques to give an essay good “flow.”
- Mar. 31: **When and How to Use Commas**
When should you use commas, and when *shouldn’t* you? Find out!
- Apr. 07: **Colons, Semicolons, and Apostrophes**
Impress your professors by using these three punctuation marks correctly.
- Apr. 14: **How to Incorporate Quotes in Your Writing**
Discover the word choice, punctuation, and guidelines to do this well.
- Apr. 21: **Paraphrasing Made Easy**
Come practice techniques for restating information without plagiarizing.
- Apr. 28: **Stop Repeating Yourself! Say the Same Thing Differently**
Learn how to present ideas with varying vocabulary and structures.
- May. 05: **Common Errors to Avoid**
This is an overview of errors that college writers typically make.

For information, email Belinda at ELI@ucmerced.edu.

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