

# **English Grammar Workshop**

Course #: G-100 Duration: 2 days

# **Prerequisites**

None.

#### **Details**

Are your grammar, punctuation, and writing skills hurting your professional image? Or is English your second language, and you could benefit from a grammar review? If you communicate in writing (letters, memos, reports, emails, etc.), you will benefit from this intensive, two-day course that focuses on the critical flaws hindering today's business professionals.

Not only do we have an in-depth discussion of each grammar rule, but we show many examples AND do hands-on practice exercises designed to drill the concept into your memory. The goal is to eliminate your bad grammar habits and improve your communication skills!

#### **Software Needed**

None

#### **Outline**

English Grammar Workshop

- Understanding Sentence Structure and Avoiding Common Errors
  - o Sentences, Clauses and Phrases
  - Types of Sentences
  - Common Errors
    - Fragments
    - o Run-On Sentences
- Nouns and Pronouns
  - Types of Nouns and Capitalization
  - Number
  - Noun Usage
  - Personal Pronouns and Common Problems
    - Using the Correct Form
    - Clear Pronoun References
    - o Agreement and Inclusive Language
  - Interrogative Pronouns and Common Problems
    - Who/Whom
  - Relative Pronouns and Common Problems
    - Who/Whom, Whoever/Whomever
    - Clear Pronoun References
  - Possessive Pronouns and Common Problems

- Compound Pronouns and Common Problems
- Indefinite Pronouns and Common Problems

#### Verbs

- o Types of Verbs
- Commonly Misused Verbs
- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Verb Tenses
- o Shifting Verb Tenses
- o Active and Passive Voice
- Using the Subjunctive
- Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases
- Gerunds and Participles
- Common Errors with Participles

## • Words That Modify

- Adjectives
- Direct and Indirect Articles
- o Correct Placement of Adjectives and Adjectival Phrases and Clauses (Dangling Modifiers)
- Degrees of Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Correct Placement of Adverbs

## • Connectors and Interjections

- Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases
- Commonly Confused Prepositions
- Conjunctions
- Common Problems with Conjunctions
- o Parallel Structure
- Conjunctive Adverbs
- o Common Problems with Conjunctive Adverbs
- Interjections

## • Punctuation

- End marks
- Commas
  - Items in a Series
    - o Independent Clauses
    - With Adverbial Clauses
    - Restrictive and Nonrestrictive Clauses
    - Introductory Elements
    - Appositives and Short Phrases
    - Interrupters and Parenthetical Elements
- o Other Punctuation
- o Commonly Misused Words

# • The Building Blocks of Good Writing

- The Sentence—A Review of Key Concepts
- Choosing Words for Your Audience
- · The Paragraph
- · Creating a Unified Work