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Origins of the Specious Patricia T. O’Conner 2010-08-24 Do you cringe when a talking head pronounces “niche” as NITCH? Do you get bent out of shape when your teenager begins a sentence with “and”? Do you think British spellings are more “civilised” than the American versions? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you’re myth-informed. In Origins of the Specious, word mavens Patricia T. O’Conner and Stewart Kellerman reveal why some of grammar’s best-known “rules” aren’t—and never were—rules at all. This playfully witty, rigorously researched book sets the record straight about bogus word origins, politically correct fictions, phony françois, fake acronyms, and more. Here are some shockers: “They” was once commonly used for both singular and plural, much the way “you” is today. And an eighteenth-century female grammarian, of all people, is largely responsible for the all-purpose “he.” From the Queen’s English to street slang, this eye-opening romp will be the toast of grammarphiles and the salvation of grammarphobes. Take our word for it.

Word by Word Kory Stamper 2017-03-14 “We think of English as a fortress to be defended, but a better analogy is to think of English as a child. We love and nurture it into being, and once it gains gross motor skills, it starts going exactly where we don’t want it to go: it heads right for the goddamned electrical sockets.” With wit and irreverence, lexicographer Kory Stamper cracks open the obsessive world of dictionary writing, from the agonizing decisions about what to define and how to do it to the knotty questions of ever-changing word usage. Filled with fun facts—for example, the first documented usage of “OMG” was in a letter to Winston Churchill—and Stamper’s own stories from the linguistic front lines (including how she became America’s foremost “irregardless” apologist, despite loathing the word), Word by Word is an endlessly entertaining look at the wonderful complexities and eccentricities of the English language. Grammar Alive! Brock Haussamen 2003 Offers elementary teachers advice and strategies to help them teach, apply, and understand English grammar while still adhering to state and school standards.

The Ins and Outs of Prepositions Jean Yates 2011 This book, now in its revised second edition, was written primarily for ESL students. However, it’s also useful in remedial English courses presented on high school and college freshman levels. Students of English as a second language quickly discover that English is unlike their native tongue in the many ways it uses prepositions. The majority of other languages have relatively few prepositions, each of them serving many different communication purposes. English is different in that it has dozens of prepositions, none having exact equivalents in other languages. This book offers practical guidelines for correct preposition usage, and provides hundreds of examples that incorporate English prepositions into familiar contexts. The author examines more than 60 prepositions.

English Prepositions What? Where? How? SC Gupta 2018-04-20 In English language, preposition is a part of speech that introduces a prepositional phrase. Preposition governs a sentence in English. Thus to master sentence formation it is necessary that we should be well versed with the use of prepositions and their differential meanings. The present book will make you learn more about the commonly used prepositions, how they are being used, to make a sentence meaningful and striking. The present book for usage of prepositions in English language is divided into 23 chapters covering wide range of prepositions like At, Onto, Since, During, Above, etc along with coverage of Prepositions with Nouns, Adjectives & Verbs, Prepositions used in Idioms, Unnecessary Prepositions, Ellipsis in Preposition, Preposition + Gerund, Preposition Omitted, Prepositions & Adverbs, Verb + Preposition, Use of Some Prepositions and Appropriate Prepositions. Also practice exercises with 650 questions have been provided at the end of the book along with the answers to all the questions covered in the exercises.

Advanced Grammar & Vocabulary Mark Skipper 2002 Dreyer’s English Benjamin Dreyer 2020-08-04 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A sharp, funny grammar guide they’ll actually want to read, from Random House’s longtime copy chief and one of Twitter’s leading language gurus NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY O: The Oprah Magazine •
Paste • Shelf Awareness “Essential (and delightful!)” —People We all write, all the time: books, blogs, emails. Lots and lots of emails. And we all want to write better. Benjamin Dreyer is here to help. As Random House’s copy chief, Dreyer has upheld the standards of the legendary publisher for more than two decades. He is beloved by authors and editors alike—not to mention his followers on social media—for deconstructing the English language with playful erudition. Now he distills everything he has learned from the myriad books he has copyedited and overseen into a useful guide not just for writers but for everyone who wants to put their best prose foot forward. As authoritative as it is amusing, Dreyer's English offers lessons on punctuation, from the underloved semicolon to the enigmatic en dash; the rules and nonrules of grammar, including why it’s OK to begin a sentence with “And” or “But” and to confidently split an infinitive; and why it’s best to avoid the doldrums of the Wan Intensifiers and Throat Clearers, including “very,” “rather,” “of course,” and the dreaded “actually.” Dreyer will let you know whether “alright” is all right (sometimes) and even help you brush up on your spelling—though, as he notes, “The problem with mnemonic devices is that I can never remember them.” And yes: “Only godless savages eschew the series comma.” Chockful of advice, insider wisdom, and fun facts, this book will prove to be invaluable to everyone who wants to shore up their writing skills, mandatory for people who spend their time editing and shaping other people’s prose, and—perhaps best of all—an utter treat for anyone who simply revels in language. Praise for Dreyer’s English “Playful, smart, self-conscious, and personal . . . One encounters wisdom and good sense on nearly every page of Dreyer’s English.” —The Wall Street Journal “Destined to become a classic.” —The Millions “Dreyer can help you . . . with tips on punctuation and spelling. . . . Even better: He’ll entertain you while he’s at it.” —Newsday Sentence Diagramming Reference Manual Elizabeth O’Brien 2012-03 Knowing grammar will help you write and speak with confidence, and sentence diagramming is an amazing tool for mastering grammar. This book includes definitions, examples, and sentence diagrams of the eight parts of speech, phrases, clauses, gerunds, infinitives, participles, and much more. I created this resource for 5th graders through adults, but I’ve heard from many teachers and parents using it successfully with students in 3rd and 4th grade as well. Do yourself and your students a favor. Learn or teach grammar with sentence diagrams, and use this book to make it easy! I have a class of fifth graders, and they just can’t get enough of sentence diagramming! -Jennifer, Teacher I am amazed at all of your great resources. I’m now developing my sentence diagramming skills and learning how to use proper grammar. Your information is a big help for me as I teach my two lovely daughters at home. You’ve given me grammar knowledge and confidence in myself! -Lynn, Homeschool Teacher I highly recommend this program. We bought the book, and my eight-year-old son has caught on very quickly. He actually enjoys grammar work now. -Sasha, Homeschool Teacher Cognitive Linguistics for Linguists Margaret E. Winters 2020-01-01 This volume offers an introduction to cognitive linguistics, written by authors who were engaged in the field from its beginnings. It starts by reviewing these early studies and provides an overview of the sources and conceptual underpinnings of the theory. This is followed by a description of how cognitive linguistics has been (and continues to be) applied in all subcomponents of language study. From the point of view of the history of Linguistics, it presents the evolution of the theory over time in a range of directions, including its view of the nature of Language itself, as well as how it is acquired. The final chapter provides an overview of relatively new approaches, in particular those which are provoking a significant challenge to the generative account. Prepositions Jean Yates 2020-11-03 Barron’s ESL Proficiency Series: Prepositions provides comprehensive coverage of this most difficult topic in English grammar. The idiosyncratic nature of prepositions often makes them a barrier to achieving English language proficiency. Jean Yates offers clear explanations with lots of examples and opportunities to practice. Content is organized into simple 15-minute units each of which has its own practice exercises. An answer key is included in the back of the book. The ESL Proficiency Series is a valuable tool for ESL teachers, tutors and learners who want to advance their English language skills for work, school or to prepare for proficiency tests such as TOEFL, IELTS, or TOEIC. It is ideal for independent study. Real Grammar Carl Eldridge 2016-11-16 Real Grammar takes a fresh approach to English grammar. Real Grammar gives you freedom to communicate effectively in English with clarity and confidence. Traditional grammar books tell you what people say. Real Grammar explains why we say it. Learning why will allow you to truly understand English. You will discover the core concepts of English and gain a deeper understanding of how English works. Once you understand the simple connected core concepts of English, you can use them in a variety of situations to express a wide range of ideas. Real Grammar explores English grammar in a logical way, connecting what you learn with what you already know. Real Grammar features: Simple explanations—Clear diagrams—Real life examples—Meaningful practice Real Grammar as a teaching resource: As teachers, we want our students to use what they learn in class when they communicate in English. Knowing grammatical structures is one thing, but being able to use them in a natural way can prove
challenging. The key is to get the student to understand why. This is done by: Presenting grammar concepts clearly - Comparing the new grammar concept to similar grammar concepts the student is already aware of. This helps the students understand the similarities and differences, developing their ability to apply grammar in a way that communicates their thoughts clearly. - Expanding into uses in other situations. We present other contexts that a part of speech is used in, guiding the student to reason, come to their own conclusions, and discover why. Real Grammar includes explanations and practice activities that can be taught as grammar lessons or can be easily integrated into other English classes. www.realgrammar.com
An Advanced English Grammar George Lyman Kittredge 1913

Perfect Prepositions Galina Kimber 2005-12 As high frequency words, prepositions are one of the most dynamic parts of speech. Perfect Prepositions shows the meanings and usage of prepositions in Modern English. Used in unstressed syllables and pronounced fast and softly in oral speech, prepositions are often barely distinguishable to the listener. Prepositions can also pose communication problems for English learners and even native speakers. Author Galina Kimber provides general and specific information on the meanings of prepositions as well as ideas on usage as they are applied today. Living languages constantly evolve over time, and reference books like Perfect Prepositions reflect these changes. Perfect Prepositions details different ways of defining the meanings of almost one hundred prepositions written in semantic categories and subcategories that are easy to understand and use in daily life. It’s a useful resource for those desiring to improve their communication skills.

English Prepositions Explained Seth Lindstromberg 2010-08-11 This completely revised and expanded edition of English Prepositions Explained (EPE), originally published in 1998, covers approximately 100 simple, compound, and phrasal English prepositions of space and time - with the focus being on short prepositions such as at, by, in, and on. Its target readership includes teachers of ESOL, pre-service translators and interpreters, undergraduates in English linguistics programs, studious advanced learners and users of English, and anyone who is inquisitive about the English language. The overall aim is to explain how and why meaning changes when one preposition is swapped for another in the same context. While retaining most of the structure of the original, this edition says more about more prepositions. It includes many more figures - virtually all new. The exposition draws on recent research, and is substantially founded on evidence from digitalized corpora, including frequency data. EPE gives information and insights that will not be found in dictionaries and grammar handbooks.

Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary Klett Version Kate Woodford 2003-02-13 The Cambridge Advanced Learner’s Dictionary gives the vital support which advanced students need, especially with the essential skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. In the book: * 170,000 words, phrases and examples * New words: so your English stays up-to-date * Colour headwords: so you can find the word you are looking for quickly * Idiom Finder * 200 'Common Learner Error' notes show how to avoid common mistakes * 25,000 collocations show the way words work together * Colour pictures: 16 full page colour pictures On the CD-ROM: * Sound: recordings in British and American English, plus practice tools to help improve pronunciation * UNIQUE! Smart Thesaurus helps you choose the right word * QUICKfind looks up words for you while you are working or reading on screen * UNIQUE! SUPERwrite gives on screen help with grammar, spelling and collocation when you are writing * Hundreds of interactive exercises

Successful Writing Virginia Evans 2002

Practice Makes Perfect English Vocabulary for Beginning ESL Learners Jean Yates 2011-09-02 Master the words and phrases necessary for handling everyday situations Practice Makes Perfect: English Vocabulary for Beginning ESL Learners helps you develop your vocabulary by providing practice in word-building and encouraging you to analyze new words for an ever-increasing vocabulary. Each chapter of this comprehensive book focuses on a theme, such as family or travel, so you can build your language skills in a systematic manner. As you lay the foundation for an increasing vocabulary, you are able to perfect your new words with plenty of exercises and gain the confidence to communicate well in English. Practice Makes Perfect: English Vocabulary offers you: More than 220 exercises Concise grammatical explanations A new chapter on contemporary vocabulary An answer key to gauge your comprehension With help from this book, you can easily speak or write in English about: Different occupations and jobs * American holidays and traditions * Taking the train * Growing your own garden * Where it hurts on your body * Your house * Your family and friends * What you studied in school * Your favorite TV show * Your family’s background . . . and much more!

The Ins and Outs of prepositions Jean Yates 1999-04-01 Though written primarily for students of English as a Second Language, The Ins and Outs of Prepositions is also useful in remedial English courses on high school and college freshman levels. Unlike most languages - which usually have only a few prepositions to serve many different communication needs - English has dozens of them and almost none follows any clear, consistent set of rules. This book offers practical guidelines for correct usage, and provides hundreds of examples that incorporate all
of the prepositions into familiar contexts. A total of 61 prepositions are examined.

**Blood and Moonlight** Erin Beatty 2022-06-28 In Erin Beatty’s fantasy mystery-thriller, Blood and Moonlight, an orphan with a secret, magical sight gets caught between a mysterious genius and the serial killer he’s hunting. Rising above the city of Collis is the holy Sanctum. And watching over its spires is Catrin, an orphan girl with unique skills—for she alone can spot the building’s flaws in construction before they turn deadly. But when Catrin witnesses a murderer escaping the scene of his crime, she’s pulled into a dangerous chain of events where the only certainty is that the killer will strike again. Assigned to investigate is the mysterious and brilliant Simon, whose insights into the mind of a predator are frighteningly accurate. As the grisly crimes continue, Catrin finds herself caught between killer and detective while hiding her own secret—a supernatural sight granted by the moon, destined to make her an outcast, and the only thing that might save her and those she loves from becoming the next victims...

Basic English Grammar Student Book with Answer Key, International Version Betty S. Azar 2014-01-01

*Hide-and-Seek* R. D. Ornot 2019-09-03 An interactive concept book about positional prepositions that’s loads of fun! Bear, Fox and Owl are playing hide-and-seek! They take turns counting to ten, then shouting “Ready or not, here I come!” When Fox finds Bear inside the castle and Owl on the slide, Bear hugs them both. When Owl spots Bear behind the climbing wall and Fox under the bench, Bear hugs them again! But when Fox and Owl are not between the swings, among the trees or through the tunnel, Bear is the one who needs a hug. Will Fox and Owl help their friend? Beside, in, over and beyond! Kids will love finding so many new places!

Perfecting Your English Pronunciation Susan Cameron 2011-09-02 Reduce your accent when pronouncing English, with the expertise from an acclaimed specialist in the area. Developed by acclaimed speech consultant and accent specialist Susan Cameron, Perfecting Your English Pronunciation features her successful method, which focuses on the anatomical placement of sound and on the musculature used in articulation. Where other accent reduction/English pronunciation products rely on solely mimicking of audio sounds, this work focuses visually, audibly, and narratively on the physical ability to speak English, noting that many sounds of English may be difficult for you because some tongue positions used in English may not be used in your native language. The 45-minute DVD introduces you to mouth and jaw exercises to prepare you for English, then demonstrates mouth formations and tongue placement using other nonnative speakers like you. You will see and hear how English sounds—enabling you to become more and more comfortable conversing with native English speakers as you go through the program.

The Ultimate Phrasal Verb Book Carl W. Hart 2017-03-08 Updated to reflect questions found on the most recent ESL tests, this book presents 400 common phrasal verbs as they are used in everyday English. Phrasal verbs are verbs combined with prepositions or adverbs. Familiarity with phrasal verbs and understanding their use as nouns (breakup, showoff, etc.) or adjectives (spaced-out, broken-down, stressed-out, and many others) is essential to ESL students. Updated information includes: the most commonly used phrasal verbs; activities and examples that reflect our current technology and the world around us; an expanded introduction for the teacher with a thorough breakdown and explanation of phrasal verbs; and, a discussion of separable and inseparable phrasal verbs in Unit I, and more. This book’s hundreds of examples in context and hundreds of exercises will be extremely useful to ESL students who are preparing for TOEFL or who simply wish to improve their English.

**The Night the Ghost Got in** James Thurber 1983 Denis De Beaulieu, a French soldier, is made a prisoner by the sire of De Maletroit, who believes that the soldier has compromised the Maletroit family honor.

Comma Sense Ellen Feld 2022-01-18 Guide for Grammar, Voice, and Sentence Structure #1 New Release in Writing, Research & Publishing Guides, Composition and Language, Grammar Reference, Semantics, Vocabulary Books, and Study & Teaching Reference Comma Sense by Ellen Feld is a style guide for all things grammar. Learn the rules of adverbs, punctuation, abbreviations, prepositions, and much more. Feld shows you how to write technically, professionally, and personally. Grammar for everyone. Master English grammar with Ellen Feld. Comma Sense goes above and beyond the average grammar book. Professional writers, students, novices, and experts can benefit from learning or relearning the basics of grammar and beyond: em dashes, parentheticals and parallelism, diction and logic, run-on sentences and sentence fragments, and more. Become a master of capitalization and punctuation, subjects and predicates, and contractions and possessives. Test Your Knowledge. After every chapter, take a quiz to practice your new grammatical skills in this great grammar workbook. At the end of the book, a comprehensive test allows you to utilize all you have learned. Inside, you’ll find:

• The basics of grammar and beyond
• Tips for better writing
• Terrific supplementary resources

Readers who enjoyed The Elements of Style; Actually, the Comma Goes Here; The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation; or The Perfect English Grammar Workbook will love Comma Sense: A Guide to Grammar Victory. Workbook will love Comma Sense: Your Guide to Grammar Victory.

The Indigo Book Christopher Jon Sprigman
nervous? Probably because English teachers, for decades — no, for centuries — have been making a big deal out of grammar in classrooms, diagramming sentences and drilling the parts of speech, clauses, and verbals into students until they beg for mercy. Happily, you don’t have to learn all those technical terms of English grammar — and you certainly don’t have to diagram sentences — in order to speak and write correct English. So rest assured — English Grammar For Dummies will probably never make your English teacher’s top-ten list of must-read books, because you won’t have to diagram a single sentence. What you will discover are fun and easy strategies that can help you when you’re faced with such grammatical dilemmas, as the choice between “I” and “me,” “had gone” and “went,” and “who” and “whom.” With English Grammar For Dummies, you won’t have to memorize a long list of meaningless rules (well, maybe a couple in the punctuation chapter!), because when you understand the reason for a particular word choice, you’ll pick the correct word automatically. English Grammar For Dummies covers many other topics as well, such as the following: Verbs, adjectives, and adverbs — oh my! Preposition propositions and pronoun pronouncements.

**Successful Scientific Writing** Janice R. Matthews 2007-10-11 The detailed, practical, step-by-step advice in this user-friendly guide will help students and researchers to communicate their work more effectively through the written word. Covering all aspects of the writing process, this concise, accessible resource is critically acclaimed, well-structured, comprehensive, and entertaining. Self-help exercises and abundant examples from actual typescripts draw on the authors’ extensive experience working both as researchers and with them. Whilst retaining the user-friendly and pragmatic style of earlier editions, this third edition has been updated and broadened to incorporate such timely topics as guidelines for successful international publication, ethical and legal issues including plagiarism and falsified data, electronic publication, and text-based talks and poster presentations. With advice applicable to many writing contexts in the majority of scientific disciplines, this book is a powerful tool for improving individual skills and an eminently suitable text for classroom courses or seminars. English Grammar For Dummies Geraldine Woods 2011-03-16 A few years ago, a magazine sponsored a contest for the comment most likely to end a conversation. The winning entry? “I teach English grammar.” Just throw that line out at a party; everyone around you will clam up or start saying “whom.” Why does grammar make everyone so
O’Reilly’s bestselling book on Linux’s bash shell is at it again. Now that Linux is an established player both as a server and on the desktop Learning the bash Shell has been updated and refreshed to account for all the latest changes. Indeed, this third edition serves as the most valuable guide yet to the bash shell. As any good programmer knows, the first thing users of the Linux operating system come face to face with is the shell the UNIX term for a user interface to the system. In other words, it’s what lets you communicate with the computer via the keyboard and display. Mastering the bash shell might sound fairly simple but it isn’t. In truth, there are many complexities that need careful explanation, which is just what Learning the bash Shell provides. If you are new to shell programming, the book provides an excellent introduction, covering everything from the most basic to the most advanced features. And if you’ve been writing shell scripts for years, it offers a great way to find out what the new shell offers. Learning the bash Shell is also full of practical examples of shell commands and programs that will make everyday use of Linux that much easier. With this book, programmers will learn: How to install bash as your login shell. The basics of interactive shell use, including UNIX file and directory structures, standard I/O, and background jobs. Command line editing, history substitution, and key bindings. How to customize your shell environment without programming. The nuts and bolts of basic shell programming, flow control structures, command-line options and typed variables. Process handling, from job control to processes, coroutines and subshells. Debugging techniques, such as trace and verbose modes. Techniques for implementing system-wide shell customization and features related to system security. Practice Makes Perfect: French Sentence Builder Eliane Kurbegov 2009-05-31 Practice Makes Perfect helps you put your French vocabulary and grammar skills together! You may have all the vocabulary down pat and every grammar point nailed—but without the skill of knowing how to put these elements together, communicating in your second language would be nearly impossible. Practice Makes Perfect: French Sentence Builders picks up from where other grammar books leave off, showing you the variety of structures and how to combine them to make solid sentences. And like every Practice Makes Perfect title, these books feature crystal-clear explanations, numerous realistic examples, and dozens of opportunities to practice, practice, practice! Prepositions: The Ultimate Book – Mastering English Prepositions Andrew Bruckfield 2012-10 A guide for developing successful speakers, this book proposes a pedagogical approach to the prepositions of the English language. Designed for all levels of students for easy comprehension and quick learning, over 2000 examples of simple and complex (phrasal) prepositions and prepositional idioms help readers understand and create the intended message. By learning how to correctly link words to their specific meanings, students will be able to build fluency and accuracy while working with creativity and autonomy. Organized by function and subject, with over 400 prepositions, including more than 100 illustrations, this book helps students identify and use context cues through a variety of examples of real-world situations. Whether you are in the English classroom or out in the professional world, Prepositions: The Ultimate Book is an indispensable and comprehensive reference tool for all international learners seeking to communicate more effectively and naturally in the English language.

Practice Makes Perfect: English Vocabulary for Beginning ESL Learners, Third Edition Jean Yates 2017-07-28 Expand your English vocabulary and build your confidence in speaking! With Practice Makes Perfect: English Vocabulary for Beginning ESL Learners you will soon be talking in English as if it were your first language. Inside you will find more than 1,500 commonly used words you hear at work, at school, and on the street, with topics that range from clothing to cooking, and from doctors to digital devices. This new edition also covers numbers, and the many ways that they are talked about in daily life. This reference/workbook explains nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs—and how they will help you learn new vocabulary. Once you master the words in this book, you will find it easier than ever to add new ones to your expanding vocabulary. And with over 200 exercises to practice what you learn, you will become comfortable using English in everyday situations.

Preposition and Their Usage H. S. Bhatia 2020-10 This book offers practical guidelines for correct preposition usage, and provides hundreds of examples that incorporate English prepositions in familiar contexts. Under, Over, By the Clover Brian P. Cleary 2017-08-01 Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and text highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! Have fun learning about language! In this fun-filled book, playful puns and comical cartoon cats combine to show, not tell, readers what prepositions are all about. Each preposition in the text, like under, over, by the clover, about, throughout, and next to Rover, is highlighted in color for easy identification. This is the newest addition to the Words Are CATagorical series, which has sold more than 2.9 million copies. Common Mistakes in English T. J. Fitikides 1989 This book meets the requirements of students whose mother tongue is not English. It corrects the common mistakes that foreign speakers of English are liable to make. Pronounce it perfectly in English Jean Yates 2005