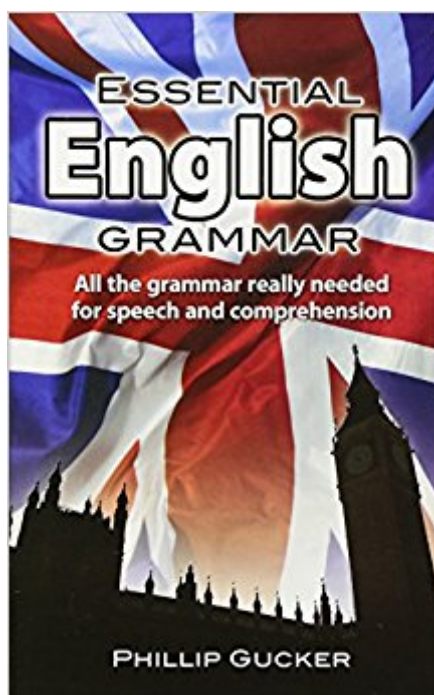


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This is a very readable, understandable, and well organized self-study course in English grammar. Part 1 contains 19 chapters of basic grammar with practice exercises at the end of each chapter, and a dictionary of terms in chapter 20. Part II, "Putting Grammar to Work," is a very valuable 11 chapter section of further study and practice exercises on what was taught in Part I. I learned a lot from this book and would highly recommend it to anyone who wants to get a good grasp on English grammar. This is a book I will review from time to time to refresh my memory and will use as a reference when I have questions. I bought this book to brush up on my English grammar. I learned English grammar in high school, I THOUGHT, but after studying this book, I now wonder what I really learned, or if I learned much at all. Although I have a gut-feeling about correct grammar from the many good books I have read, I now realize that while I may have picked up a lot of good grammar just in the course of my reading, there are many nuances that I have not understood. I plan to buy a few more grammar books with practice exercises to get more experience, however, this book has been an excellent place to start and will remain a valuable resource in my library. I also plan to buy a few books that explain proper punctuation and general English composition. Please excuse all grammatical and punctuation mistakes in this review; I am still learning!

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