

EAL Tutor Newsletter

Spring 2019



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SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

Thursday, March 28th

EAL Volunteer coffee: "**Toolkit Swap**" of conversation activities;
for Conversation Group Facilitators, but Tutors are welcome!

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Acton Library

486 Main St, Acton

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Saturday, April 13th

Volunteer Networking & Appreciation Brunch

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Waltham Public Library

Lecture Hall

735 Main St, Waltham

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Wednesday, May 8th

EAL Tutor Networking Coffee: 'Teaching Grammar' Resource Fair

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

English At Large

800 W Cummings Park

Suite 5550

Woburn, MA 01801

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Friday, June 7th

Learner Graduation ~ Annual Ceremony (By invitation)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Lexington Historic Depot

13 Depot Square

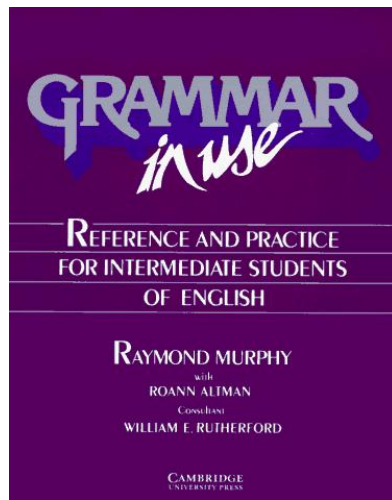
Lexington, MA

Resource & Ideas Exchange Corner

Tutor Pick: Grammar Textbook

Grammar in Use by Raymond Murphy

Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels



Recommended by **Amanda Mathiesen** and one other tutor.

Tutor review: "*clear explanations and useful exercises*"

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a sample pages from Grammar in Use, Intermediate, 1st ed.

This textbook is available to borrow through your local library network, and at the EAL Resource Library. Also available used and reasonably priced at thriftbooks.com.

Tutor Picks:

website recommendations from other tutors:

[English For Everyone](#)

"useful website for paragraph writing and editing"

[ThoughtCo ESL Lessons](#)

"present continuous tense worksheets and exercises"

[site recommended by Tutors Heidi Tyson & Fran Watts]

EAL Staff Pick:



<https://www.eslbuzz.com/>

Video English lessons * Vocabulary & Visual dictionary *
Idioms & Expressions * Quizzes * Grammar * Adjectives *
Prepositions... and more

March Tutor Tip:

from Tutor Tia Wulansari



"Focusing on a topic for several meetings helps my learner remember the vocabulary that we are learning."

ARTICLE

"How to Learn a Language in an Hour a Day"

by Peter Rubinstein and Bryan Lufkin (BBC Capital)
submitted by EAL Tutor Denis Bradford

*"Being bilingual has vast benefits...
...but getting there needn't be a lifelong slog".*

"Learning a new language is an inherently scary idea. Thousands of unfamiliar words, an entirely different grammatical structure and the high potential for embarrassment are enough to intimidate many of us. With a busy work life, finding the time to commit to a new language can be a challenge in itself.

But experts agree that it's more than possible to make meaningful progress in just one hour a day. Not only that,..." [MORE](#)

Understanding English Pronunciation ARTICLE

"5 Features of Connected Speech"

from ESL-base.com
submitted by EAL Tutor Nancy Bowen

In spoken discourse the boundaries between words are very often not clear-cut. Words and sounds are lost and linked together in different ways to enable us to articulate with minimal movement.

This is one of the reasons learners find spoken discourse more difficult to understand than written discourse. At higher levels it is often not a lack of vocabulary which prevents understanding, but lack of ability to deal with these features of connected speech. Native speakers are more able to use top-down processing to decide whether what they have heard is red dye or red eye.

Here are some of the more common features of connected speech... [MORE](#)

Two FREE ESL Lesson Plans from LinguaHouse.com

Intermediate Lesson Plan: ["Pitching an Idea"](#)

Students learn how to present an idea to their colleagues or associates and persuade them to support the proposal. The worksheet focuses on listening comprehension, vocabulary and speaking.

Upper Intermediate Lesson Plan: ["Alone Together"](#)

Students read about how the modern use of mobile devices is affecting the way families spend time together. The worksheet focuses on reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar (mixed tenses) and speaking.

Professional Development Offering from [SABES](#)

"How Do Adults Learn English?"

3-webinar workshop - Boston

04/24/2019 - 9:00am (Boston)

05/01/2019 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm (online)

05/15/2019 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm (online)

06/05/2019 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm (online)

Announcements

Congratulations to EAL volunteer **Elisabeth Piquet** for winning the \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift card in the volunteer survey drawing.

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Have a great tutoring idea or resource to share?
Please submit your ideas to programs@englishatlarge for inclusion in a future newsletter.

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