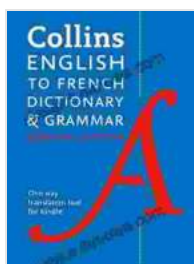


# Unleash Your Language Skills with Collins Essential: Grammar and Punctuation in One Comprehensive Guide

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## Grammar: The Backbone of Language

Grammar is the framework that gives language its structure and meaning. Collins Essential: Grammar covers all the essential grammar topics, including parts of speech, sentence structure, verb tenses, and modal

verbs. Clear explanations, helpful examples, and exercises help you understand and apply these concepts effectively.

## GRAMMAR RULES

Rule #1	A complete sentence must include a noun and a verb. The bird flew.
Rule #2	A complete sentence must include a subject and a predicate. The angry bird flew quickly across the sky.
Rule #3	The only exception to the above rules is the imperative sentence. Go away!
Rule #4	Adjectives can go directly before the noun they describe, or after it, if separated by a verb. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The angry bird flew.</li> <li>• The bird is angry.</li> </ul>
Rule #5	A compound subject includes two or more simple subjects. The bird and the plane flew.
Rule #6	A compound predicate includes two or more predicates. The bird flew and sang.
Rule #7	A compound sentence includes more than one subject or predicate. The bird sang and the plane flew.
Rule #8	An independent clause consists of a subject and a predicate, like a complete sentence. The plane flew.
Rule #9	A dependent clause cannot form a complete sentence without additional words. When the bird sang.
Rule #10	The direct object is the noun being acted on by the verb. The bird ate seeds.
Rule #11	An indirect object is a noun indirectly affected by the verb. The bird gave the seeds to me.
Rule #12	When written in passive voice, the object of the verb becomes the subject of the sentence. The bird ate seeds. → The seeds were eaten by the bird.
Rule #13	Conjugations of the verb "to be" are essential to passive voice. The seeds are being eaten by the bird.
Rule #14	Sentences written in passive voice can omit the subject of the acting verb. The seeds were eaten.
Rule #15	In passive voice, the subject of the acting verb is connected by a prepositional phrase. The bird ate seeds after lunchtime.
Rule #16	Prepositional phrases are sometimes separated by commas. The bird, after destroying the feeder, ate all the seeds.
Rule #17	Adverbs function like prepositions—they answer the question "how?" The bird ate seeds quickly.
Rule #18	A subject complement describes the subject of the sentence. The bird is green.

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## Punctuation: The Art of Clarity

Punctuation is the secret ingredient that transforms a jumbled collection of words into a coherent and meaningful text. Collins Essential: Punctuation provides a thorough overview of punctuation rules, including commas,

periods, semicolons, and quotation marks. Learn how to use these punctuation marks correctly to enhance the clarity and impact of your writing.

**PUNCTUATION RULES**

- Full Stop** (.) This is the most popular punctuation mark because you simply cannot write even a single sentence without using it. So, there are two most common uses of a full stop: to indicate the end of a sentence, or to follow an abbreviation.
- Comma** (,) A comma is often used to separate different ideas in a sentence. However, it has many other uses as well, and it is important to remember them as well. Some of the most common comma rules follow.
- Question Mark** (?) A question mark, as its name suggests, needs to go at the end of every interrogative sentence instead of a full stop.
- Exclamation Mark** (!) An exclamation mark added at the end of a sentence shows emphasis. Depending on the meaning of the sentence, it can indicate anger, happiness, excitement, or any other strong emotion.
- Quotation Marks** (" ") As their name suggests, quotation marks indicate direct quotations. You can also use them to show that a word or a phrase is being used ironically or for titles of articles, book chapters, episodes of a TV show, etc.
- Apostrophe** (') An apostrophe has two very important uses. Firstly, it can be used in contractions in place of omitted letters. Secondly, it can show possession.
- Hyphen** (-) Even though it looks very similar to a dash, a hyphen has very different uses. It's most commonly used to create compound words.
- Dash** (—) There are two different dashes, the en dash and the em dash, the first being slightly shorter than the second one. The en dash is usually used to show a connection between two things, as well as a range of numbers, years, pages, etc.
- Colon** (:) A colon is a punctuation mark you will come across very often in different circumstances. It can introduce an example, a list, an explanation, or a quotation. Or, you can also use it to emphasize a certain point.
- Semicolon** (;) A semicolon is a punctuation mark that creates a longer pause than a comma but a shorter pause than a full stop. So, it can be used to create a pause between two independent clauses that are still closely related to each other.
- Parentheses** ( ) In most cases, you will see additional information in parentheses. Usually, it can be omitted without creating any confusion for the reader.
- Brackets** [ ] Brackets are, in a way, similar to parentheses. However, they are mostly used in academic writing and when presenting quotes. For instance, the writer can add extra information or fix mistakes in brackets, without changing the original quotation.
- Ellipsis** (...) An ellipsis creates an intriguing and mysterious atmosphere in the text. In addition, it can be used to show that some letters or even words are omitted.
- Slash** (/) You might need to write a fraction, a measurement, or to suggest alternatives in your text. These are just three of the instances where you will have to use a slash.

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## Comprehensive Coverage for All Levels

Collins Essential: Grammar and Punctuation is designed to cater to learners of all levels. Whether you're a beginner seeking a solid foundation

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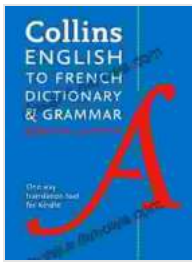
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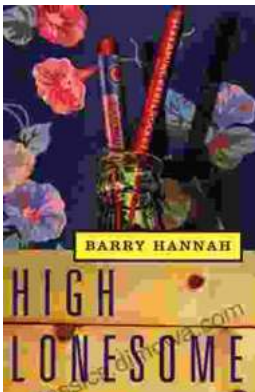
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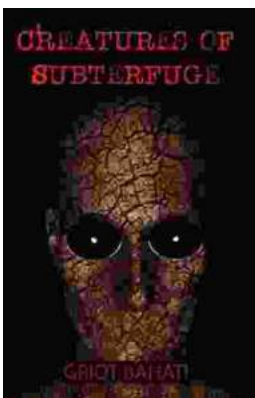
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