



## Resources for Self-Paced Grammar Practice

Before starting self-paced work on grammar, it is important to be aware of your individual grammar problems. Ask yourself:

- Is your grammar better when you are speaking or when you are writing?
- Are you aware of your grammar when you are speaking?
- Can you recognize the types of grammar errors you make?
- When you hear or see your own errors, are you able to fix them?

These are some possible strategies that other ICC students have found helpful when working on grammar:

- Keep a language journal to keep track of and reflect on language issues and frequent errors.
- Record yourself speaking and a) listen and orally correct errors b) or transcribe what you've said and correct errors in writing.
- Use the handout "Take Time to Talk: Audiojournals" to focus on improving grammar in your spoken English.
- When writing, don't be afraid to speak out loud. Students often hear or catch grammar mistakes through the process of reading it, speaking it, and hearing it at the same time.
- Complete online grammar activities, quizzes, or handouts for areas of weakness.

### Higher-level Grammar Exercises

**Oxford Online Grammar:** More advanced level grammar practice. By completing short activities and checking to see if your answers are correct, these sites provide good practice and review of grammatical concepts.

1. Complete Intermediate Level first as a review. If you have many incorrect answers, go back to Beginner level and start there:  
<https://elt.oup.com/student/oxfordenglishgrammar/?cc=us&selLanguage=en>
2. Complete Advanced Level as practice of higher-level grammar.  
<https://elt.oup.com/student/oxfordenglishgrammar/advanced/?cc=us&selLanguage=en>
3. Upper-intermediate grammar exercises including gap-fill and multiple choice activities.  
<http://speakspeak.com/english-grammar-exercises/upper-intermediate>

**Field-Specific Practice:** These options continue to work on grammar but while using field-specific vocabulary. There are other field-specific options available.

4. Online Oxford Engineering Text:  
<https://elt.oup.com/student/oefc/engineering1/languagespot/?cc=us&sellLanguage=en>
5. Online Oxford Technology Text (1)  
<https://elt.oup.com/student/oefc/technology1/?cc=us&sellLanguage=en>

### **Integrating Grammar with Writing**

These are self-practice materials that focus on advanced academic writing skills

1. Online tutorial that reviews principles of graduate scientific writing and provides practice.  
<https://cgi.duke.edu/web/sciwriting/>
2. Writing Center webpage with handouts that review concepts including sentence structure and grammar. <http://www.yale.edu/graduateschool/writing/tutorials.html>
3. Graduate Writing Seminar held at CMU by Dr. Judith Swan (Princeton) that looks at principles and practices of good scientific writing.  
<http://www.cmu.edu/student-org/pcr/past/seminar6.html>

### **Basic ESL/Grammar Exercises**

These resources are useful if you need to review basic grammar rules or concepts, particularly if you have fossilized grammar.

1. Several quizzes and online practice activities focusing on a variety of grammar concepts.  
<http://www.usingenglish.com/handouts/>
2. Several quizzes and online practice activities focusing on a variety of grammar concepts.  
<http://www.esl-galaxy.com/multimedia.htm>