



Good grammar to one skilled in grammatical skills is smooth and easy communication. Bad grammar resembles an off-key note to a trained musician.

Good Grammar is important in so many ways. When you talk or write, you have an opportunity to make an important first impression. It might be with someone you never will meet again so it may not matter. However, it might be with a potential future employer, a prospective spouse, someone who will secure your entry to a college or give you a mortgage to buy a house. You may never know your audience, or what the result will be.

And did I say that a first impression doesn't matter if you will never see the individual again? Of course, it matters! It matters to you, the speaker or author. Being able to communicate with style and correct grammar often makes a better impression than physical appearance, references, or college degrees. Grammatical skills ought to be a matter of pride. No one ought to be afraid to talk for fear that they will communicate badly.

A person, who speaks and writes with proper grammar is at a great advantage over someone who chooses to do neither or simply doesn't know how.

What are those benefits?

*** Employers are impressed with good communication skills and good English-writing skills.** A worker is less likely to progress in any professional

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capacity if they can't use good grammar when writing or speaking. Someone who uses poor grammar sounds stupid, and no company wants to be represented by someone who sounds stupid.

*** Employers will be impressed if a worker, whose first language is not English, makes a conscious effort to use good grammar and write better English.**

*** Those who use good grammar, either in writing or speaking, are treated better.** The individual with good grammar will get better service in a shop, a restaurant, or some other place because they will make a better impression on people with whom they communicate.

*** People who use grammar correctly get in almost every sphere of life.** Do you feel that your letter of complaint to the phone company is going to be taken more seriously if the grammar and spelling are correct? Think about it.

So how should you go about improving grammar? One way is to spend time with a person who communicates with good grammar and then take clues from the way that individual speaks or writes. Another way is to take classes in grammar and English at community colleges.

And finally, a great way is to use proofreading software when writing.

Any writing you send, print or hand-in will be better for this. And, you'll have the bonus of learning good grammar from what you wrote incorrectly and then be able to use this knowledge in future communication, whether written or verbal.

There are many such English writing app programs out there. When you use such a program for a grammar checker or spell checker, you will "kill two birds with one stone." You immediately will improve your writing, but also learn proper forms of grammar, spelling, and the appropriate word to use when two words sound alike but have different meanings.

If English is not your native language, English grammar software will allow you to write - and talk - better English. And better English grammar will enhance both your valuable business writing and creative writing skills. Remember... what you say and what you write can be heard and read by many people. Make that first

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impression that is great. Every time!

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