

PRO-D PRESENTATION

GRAMMAR IN ACTION

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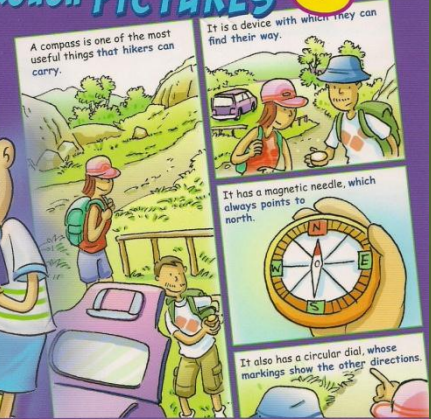
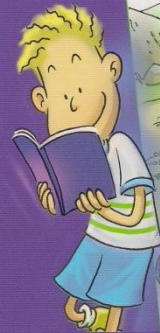
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THE BOOKS

Grammar in Action, a three-book series, is specially written in response to educators' renewed emphasis on the teaching of grammar in schools. Each book presents about 60 clearly explained grammar topics in humorous graphics. This unique approach is intended to promote reading, as well as to provide useful contextual examples. We have no doubt that this will make the learning of grammar fun and effective.

THE AUTHOR

Rosalind Fergusson, a former teacher, has spent 25 years compiling a wide range of language-related reference books.

- Born in 1953 and raised in Liverpool, Britain
- Obtained a degree in French from Exeter University
- Worked as an assistant teacher in West Sussex
- Worked as a senior editor for Market House Books
- Currently married and lives in Kent, where she works as a freelance editor ...

WHAT GREAT BOOKS!

60 TO 69 GRAMMAR UNITS / TOPICS (PER BOOK)

- ✓ GRAMMAR TOPIC WITH NUMBER
- ✓ EXPLANATION & EXAMPLES
- ✓ GRAPHICS (ENHANCE LEARNING)
- ✓ “REMEMBER” & “LANGUAGE CLINIC” TOOL BOXES
- ✓ COMIC STRIPS (WORDS WITH PICTURES)
- ✓ COMPLEX TOPICS DIVIDED INTO SMALL CHUNKS

23 Personal pronouns

The words *I, you, he, she, it, we* and *they* are **personal pronouns**. You use them as the **subject** of the verb in a sentence. They are called **subject pronouns**. They take the place of nouns.

- **Alice** is my friend. **She** is six years old.
subject pronoun
- **Sharks** are fish. **They** swim in the sea.
subject pronoun

The words *me, you, him, her, it, us* and *them* are also **personal pronouns**. But you use them as the **object** of the verb. You call them **object pronouns**.

- **I** helped the old lady. She **thanked me**.
verb object pronoun

You also use object pronouns **after prepositions**.

- Where is **John**? I need to speak **to him**.
preposition object pronoun

LANGUAGE CLINIC

SINGULAR			PLURAL		
subject pronoun	object pronoun	possessive determiner	subject pronoun	object pronoun	possessive determiner
I	me	my	we	us	our
you	you	your	you	you	your
he	him	his	they	them	their
she	her	her	they	them	their
it	it	its	they	them	their



WHAT ABOUT SOME PROS?!

1. Great resource books for teachers ...

- ✓ English speakers teaching abroad
- ✓ Grammar-based teaching (L1 \leftrightarrow L2)

2. Great resource books for the classroom ...

- ✓ Quick look-up of specific terms and rules
- ✓ Reading book during quiet time (colorful / looks interesting)

3. Great resource books for students ...

- ✓ Learn BORING grammar rules (using comics)
- ✓ Review activities and lesson extenders

4. Great resource books for ESL learning ...

- ✓ Reinforce reading, writing, speaking and listening
- ✓ Build on prior knowledge and vocabulary

ANY CONS TO CONSIDER?!

- 1. Some background knowledge required of students ...**
 - ✓ Basic reading and comprehension skills required
 - ✓ Building from old vocabulary words (prior learning)
- 2. Different form of spoken “English” presented ...**
 - ✓ English author (“MUM” not “MOM”)
 - ✓ Designed and written for students in Singapore???
- 3. Grammar-based approach (teaching) ...**
 - ✓ Arguments against “teaching grammar” directly
 - ✓ Memorization of grammatical terms ... is it necessary?!
- 4. Intended and restricted to lower-level learners ...**
 - ✓ Basic vocabulary words and simple sentences
- 5. ... not all the rules in grammar covered !**

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES ...

1. Grammar & Punctuation Review ...

- ✓ Identify different parts of speech
- ✓ Practice different types of sentences

2. Wordless Comic Book ...

- ✓ Write new dialogues or stories (with criteria)
- ✓ Fill in missing words or sentences / “Cloze Activity”

3. Picture Dictionary ...

- ✓ Learn new words and ideas
- ✓ “Vocabulary Notebook” → definitions, pictures and examples

4. Assessment Purposes...

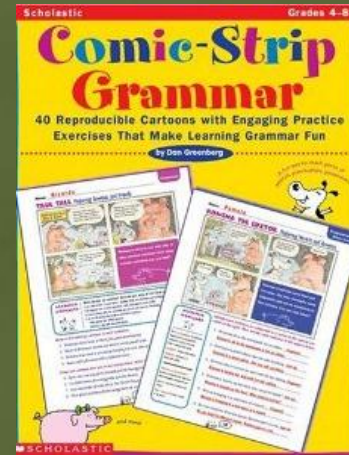
- ✓ Test grammatical terms and understanding
- ✓ Test language skills → ie: reading comprehension

CONCLUSION

Even though these books are published in Singapore ...

1. Purchase or download them online
2. Find similar alternatives in Canada

FOR EXAMPLE:



But the real underlying message here is that ...

It's definitely worthwhile to use comic strips or comic books as an educational tool for teaching English~!

YOU SAW THIS COMING



THE END!