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Necessity of English Grammar



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ABSTRACT

Grammar is as good as the basement in any language; whatever may be the language. As any building cannot be built without building basement first; so also the knowledge of grammar. If the basement is not substantial; the building also does not stand for and it collapses in few days. So if we want to build a strong and long lasting. Building we have to build a substantial basement. So

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You may say that a man learns a language without learning grammar. I also know that people learn their mother-tongue without learning its grammar. Illiterate people; who have not learnt grammar of their mother-tongue can speak it well. And so we fell that there is no need of learning of grammar. A child also can learn a language by imitating others. A man can speak and write a language though he does riot know anything of grammar. He can improve his language skills and make its skilful use by reading extensively or having continues contact or use of the language. That is why the illiterate people we have learnt grammar can speak the language well without learning grammar. But this is the case of the mother tongue. But even in the case of mother-tongue the language which an illiterate speaks is not always grammatically correct. Sometimes he speaks grammatically correct though he does not know the grammar. But even in the case of mother-tongue for speaking and using the language correctly; learning of grammar is essential, because only after learning the grammar well you know how to use the language correctly, exactly and without any mistakes But while, learning a foreign language, learning and teaching of germane. is must. It is also Of greater importance than learning the grammar of the mother tongue, because when you approach a foreign language you are likely to make: mistakes and therefore the understanding the grammar of that language is quite listening to it frequently. I acknowledge that at first the students in the junior colleges do not understand complete English to English lectures but if a lecture uses a simple method Students will be prepared to understand English by constant listening but at first we should drive away the fear about this linguae from students' minds that it is difficult to learn. The second important thing to learn any language is to read literature in that language We should read some books in that language But at the

junior college level only one text book is taught for a whole year and at the XI std half of the book remains untaught English is not our mother tongue It is foreign language We learn it by listening and reading Even we do not know our mother tongue well in childhood We learn it by I imitation constant listening, reading , writing and using it daily This same method may be followed in learning English If we read English, we come across , know new phrases, idioms and new words in that language Technique of expressing the thoughts is also learnt in this way At the junior college level our reading should be faultless We should not falter in reading But more than 50% of the students cannot read English correctly and faultlessly I know that this method cannot be implemented totally in the class rooms , but in the XI std in the beginning it should be followed Student should be asked to read loudly, so that their pronunciation will become faultless. Interest in the reading English books should be created; at least retold. Literature should be made available in the library, but I found lack of such books in our library. The third important thing while learning is writing. Bacon, a famous English writer says that writing makes an exact man. After teaching a lesson or poem the student should be given homework to know if he has understood it or not. Most of the lecturers after, teaching a lesson or 'a poem dictate only a summary of it. The students only read it and not the text and pass the exam by learning the summary by heart. They should be given the home-work and they may find it difficult to write it in the beginning. If English is taught through English they will understand and will find it possible to write such homework. I am here to make them think about the meaning, they cannot express themselves in, this is a bit because they do not know the English sentence-structure i.e. grammar. If the student is taught grammar first for example the structure of the sentences and the technique of handing these structures then it became easy for him to learn English.

Grammar helps us in grasping as well as the framing of the sentences, the position of various words and the position of various word groups. Generally it is seen that students are not taught grammar in schools. They are promoted in higher classes, so they do not know the skills. Instead of teaching grammar, the text is taught first and as the student does not know grammar he finds it uninteresting to learn English and think it impossible to learn, thus this. Lack of grammar acts as the stumbling block in the learning of English. While learning English gralnn1ar, Active and Passive Voice, Direct and Indirect' Speech and complex and Compound Sentences are most important. Learning Active and Passive Voice has too much importee in the learning of English because. Active and Passive Voice

are used profusely in English than in any other languages. It is one of the basic things' in English. Tenses must be mastered first in order to learn Passive Voice, Once the student is able to frame sentences in various tenses and both in the Active Voice as well as Passive Voice he will be able to speak English.

While conveying messages the Direct as well as the Indirect Speech are used While quoting an author we have to use both Direct and Indirect Speech Therefore the learning and teaching of both these methods are of importance Only the mastery of the simple sentences is not going to lead the student a long way ; therefore the learning of the compound as well as the complex sentences is essential for him Writing demands a mastery of framing the complex as well as the compound sentence Transformation of one kind of sentences into other gives him sufficient mastery in the composition of sentences This leads him to write paragraphs and thus leads him to write his own thoughts afterwards, Therefore I am of the opinion that grammar should be made compulsory and these three topics should be included in all the curricula.

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