



Fall 2024



ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
INSTITUTE
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Grammar Masters Workshops

>> Thursdays 1:30-2:20pm COB2 #266 <<

Each interactive workshop is open to undergrads, graduate students, post-docs, staff, and spouses. Come to one workshop... or many!

DATES: TOPICS:

- Sep. 05: **Prepositions (*in/on/at* and *from/of/to/for*)**
Discover easy patterns for correctly using some confusing prepositions.
- Sep. 12: **Avoiding Verb Agreement Errors**
Get subject/verb agreement right, even in long, complex sentences.
- Sep. 19: **Common Errors to Avoid**
This is an overview of errors that college writers typically make.
- Sep. 26: **Adding Info with Phrases and Clauses**
Giving your writing more style by adding details in a variety of ways.
- Oct. 03: **Active/Passive Voice**
We've been taught to focus on active, but sometimes passive voice is superior.
- Oct. 10: **What Are the Sentence Types?**
Get to know simple, compound, and complex sentences for writing variety.
- Oct. 17: **Fixing Run-ons & Sentence Fragments**
We'll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are too long or incomplete.
- Oct. 24: **When and How to Use Commas**
When should you use commas, and when *shouldn't* you? Find out!
- Oct. 31: **Make Your Paper "Flow"**
Learn three easy techniques to give an essay good "flow."
- Nov. 07: **Colons, Semicolons, and Apostrophes**
Impress your professors by using these three punctuation marks correctly.
- Nov. 14: **How to Incorporate Quotes in Your Writing**
Discover the word choice, punctuation, and guidelines to quote ideas in essays.
- Nov. 21: **Stop Repeating Yourself! Say the Same Thing Differently**
Learn how to present ideas with varying vocabulary and structures.
- Break: No workshop on Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving)*
- Dec. 05: **Choosing the Best Verb Tense**
Learn about "tense shift" and how to avoid this common writing error.

For information, email Belinda at ELI@ucmerced.edu.

Can't attend but want help? Find language resources at eli.ucmerced.edu!