



Fall 2026



ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
INSTITUTE
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Grammar Masters Workshops

>> Thursdays 11:30a-12:20p COB1 #201 <<

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

DATES: TOPICS:

- Sep. 10: **Common Errors to Avoid**
Find out which errors college writers typically make so you can avoid them.
- Sep. 17: **Prepositions (*in/on/at* and *from/of/to/for*)**
This is especially for Spanish speakers, but all are welcome!
- Sep. 24: **Avoiding Verb Agreement Errors**
Get subject/verb agreement right, even in long, complex sentences.
- Oct. 01: **Finding & Fixing Run-on Sentences**
We'll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are too long.
- Oct. 08: **Finding & Fixing Incomplete Sentences**
We'll practice recognizing and fixing sentences that are incomplete.
- Oct. 15: **What Are the Sentence Types?**
Get to know simple, compound, and complex sentences for writing variety.
- Oct. 22: **Add Details with Phrases and Clauses**
Give your writing more style by adding details in a variety of ways.
- Oct. 29: **When and How to Use Commas**
When should you use commas, and when *shouldn't* you? Find out!
- Nov. 05: **Make Your Paper "Flow"**
Learn three easy techniques to give an essay good "flow." You'll love this one.
- Nov. 12: **Colons and Semicolons**
FINALLY! Someone will explain the difference and how to use : and ;!
- Nov. 19: **How to Incorporate Quotes in Your Writing**
Discover the word choice, punctuation, and guidelines to quote ideas in essays.
- Break: No workshop on Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving)*
- Dec. 03: **Stop Repeating Yourself! Say the Same Thing Differently**
Learn how to present ideas with varying vocabulary and structures.
- Dec. 10: **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!