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180 Ready-to-Use Lessons to Teach Grammar and Usage, Grades 5-12

The Grammar Teacher’s Activity-a-Day is a must-have resource that features 180 practical, ready-to-use grammar, usage, and mechanics lessons and a wealth of instructive and fun-filled activities—one for each day of the school year. The daily activities give students (grades 5-12) the confidence they need to become capable writers by acquiring, improving, and expanding their grammar skills.

Written by veteran educator and best-selling author Jack Umstatter, this handy book will help classroom teachers and homeschoolers familiarize their students with the type of grammar-related content found on standardized local, state, national, and college admissions tests. The book is filled with ready-to-use comprehensive and authoritative activities that can be used as sponge activities, extra homework, or regular daily lessons. In addition, all the reproducible lessons are designed to be non-intimidating for students, and the author has included helpful tips on how to best use each specific topic or lesson in the classroom.

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• 26 lessons and activities that cover the eight parts of speech
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• 30 lessons and activities that focus on essential elements of effective writing, including punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
• 10 lessons and activities that encourage students to display their knowledge of the topics covered in the book

The book’s enjoyable lessons and activities will help your students improve their grammatical skills and become self-assured and willing writers.

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Contrary to what some out there are touting, grammar is not a lost art—nor should it be! Like the planet and the people who live on it, the English language is constantly evolving and changing. Some argue that this is for the better; some feel that it is not so healthy a change. Yet, the grammatical structure of the English language remains pretty much the same and has certainly not lost its importance. In fact, the constructors of local, state, national, college entrance exams, including the SAT Reasoning Test, the ACT, and even the Graduate Record Exam (used for graduate school admissions), have placed more emphasis on grammar and its components, as evidenced by the questions and tasks currently found on these highly regarded assessments.

Acknowledging the importance of grammar, usage, and mechanics on not only a student’s academic profile, but also, and perhaps more significantly, on a student’s ability to use language to communicate effectively and intelligently, The Grammar Teacher’s Activity-a-Day: 180 Ready-to-Use Lessons to Teach Grammar and Usage was created to assist students to learn, exercise, and appreciate the many intriguing aspects of the English language. Though each of the 180 reproducible, ready-to-use lessons and activities that cover a wide range of grammatical components and more can be done within a short window of time, the long-lasting effects of these minutes will reap benefits for all of your students. These learners will speak more cogently, listen more astutely, and write more powerfully. Grammar will no longer be a foe, a force to be feared; instead, it will be an ally, a powerful friend who furnishes comfort and inspires confidence.
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