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GRAMMAR

ABC Teach Grammar Basics

<http://www.abcteach.com/grammar/grammartoc.htm>

This site offers basic worksheets on nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs. You'll also find brainstorm activities and word search for each. Scroll further down to find worksheets on other aspects of grammar, like homonyms, opposites, contractions, suffixes, plurals, and more. More lessons and activities are being added in the future. Created by ABC Teach. K–5.

Adjectives/Adverbs Video

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/revisewise/english/spelling/>

Click Activity to see a colorful animated video with sound effects that explains about adjectives and adverbs, plus guidelines of when and how to use them in writing. Also has an online test and a place to write samples to submit by email. Plug-ins are needed to view video; click Help for more information. Created by BBC Schools. Gr. 3–6.

Other Features: The English section also has videos for reading, writing, and spelling.

BrainPop English & Grammar

<http://www.brainpop.com/english/grammar/>

Allow Tim and his robot friend Moby, who are animated characters, to bring new life and humor to English topics. Teachers can use movies (3 min. each) to introduce topics, give an overview, or review concepts. The movies conclude with an interactive quiz. Topics included here are Parts of Speech, Types of Sentences, Nouns, Subject and Predicate, Interjections, Diagramming Sentences, Adjectives and Adverbs, Pronouns, Punctuation, Contractions, Verbs, and more.

Teachers/students may view two movies per day per computer at no cost.

Macromedia Flash Plug-in is needed (free to download). Gr. 3–8.

English Worksheets

<http://www.tut-world.com/>

Free colorful worksheets from Tutorial World that you can print and use with students. Look for the chart at the top. Choose your grade level, then click on the color dot under the column for English. Depending on which level, you will find many worksheet samples in: vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, comprehension, and cloze passage (fill in the blanks with vocabulary words). Besides the dozens of free worksheets, if you register with the site, you will have access to even more. If you have struggling Kindergartners, the Pre-K section contains sheets for basics of writing, counting, spelling, and coloring. Created by Strategic Thinking Business P/L Singapore. PreK–6.

Other Features: On the main page, you will also see worksheets for math with the same grade levels.

Grammar Gorillas Game

<http://www.funbrain.com/grammar/>

This interactive game makes it fun for students to practice nouns, verbs, and other parts of speech. Two levels: beginner and advanced. When the student clicks on the correct noun or verb, the gorilla gets another banana. A help feature pops up when the incorrect answer is given. A scorecard at the top shows correct/incorrect answers, or you can click Start Over. Created by The Learning Network. Gr. 2–6.

