

THE ROLE OF GRAMMAR IN ENSURING ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Abstract. *This article examines the role of grammar in ensuring academic success for secondary school students. It highlights how grammar enables learners to understand complex texts, communicate effectively, and develop both writing and speaking skills. The study emphasizes the importance of systematic grammar teaching, the use of digital tools for interactive learning, and the cognitive benefits of mastering grammatical structures. Grammar is presented not only as a set of rules but as a practical and cognitive tool that supports overall academic achievement and student confidence.*

Keywords: *Grammar, secondary school students, academic success, language learning, digital tools, writing skills, communication skills.*

*“Grammar is the foundation of eloquence”
Samuel Johnson*

INTRODUCTION.

Grammar plays a pivotal role in shaping students' overall academic achievement, especially at the secondary school level where language skills become essential for mastering all subjects. As Samuel Johnson famously stated, “Grammar is the foundation of eloquence,” reminding us that accurate language use is not merely a technical skill but a gateway to clear thinking, effective communication, and confident self-expression. When students develop a solid command of grammar, they gain the ability to articulate ideas precisely, understand complex texts, and succeed in written and spoken tasks across the curriculum. Therefore, exploring the role of grammar in ensuring academic success is crucial for educators aiming to equip learners with the linguistic tools necessary for long-term educational progress.

Grammar, can be defined as the science that determines the rules of a language examining its sound, form and sentence structure, the information of structural rules in the functioning of the language (1; 2013). Understanding these rules is essential for secondary school students because grammar directly influences their ability to comprehend and produce meaningful texts. When learners have a strong grasp of grammatical structures, they can decode complex reading materials more easily, identify relationships between ideas, and interpret academic content with greater accuracy. Moreover, grammar empowers students to express themselves clearly and logically in both spoken and written communication, which is vital for success in subjects such as literature, history, and science. It also helps them avoid common errors that may distort meaning or weaken the quality of their work. In this sense, grammar does not merely serve as a set of mechanical rules; rather, it functions as a supportive framework that enhances cognitive development, improves academic performance, and builds students' confidence as competent language users.

Grammar, as the structural backbone of any language, equips learners with the tools they need to construct meaningful communication. It helps students understand how words function together, how ideas are connected, and how meaning is shaped through linguistic patterns. Without teaching grammar, which enables students to discover the nature of the language through patterns that make what is said, read and heard comprehensible, the language will become a batch of words (2; 2007), lacking any logical organization or clarity. When students are exposed to systematic grammar instruction, they begin to recognize how sentences

are formed, how tenses operate, and how cohesion is achieved in writing and speaking. This awareness allows them not only to produce accurate language but also to interpret academic materials more effectively across subjects. As a result, grammar becomes an indispensable element of academic success, aiding learners in developing precision, coherence, and confidence in all forms of communication.

Grammar plays a vital role in helping secondary school students understand how language functions and how meaning is constructed. Teaching grammar includes word attack skills in which the information about language is given and supportive, explanatory and organizer teaching techniques (3; 2011), enabling learners to decode unfamiliar structures and make sense of increasingly complex academic texts. Through such techniques, students begin to notice patterns, relationships between words, and the logic behind sentence formation. Teaching grammar is not a field that gives theoretical information or does not aim to teach students certain definitions and rules (4; 2002); instead, it focuses on developing students' ability to use language accurately and meaningfully in real contexts. Without grammar instruction, learners would struggle to grasp how ideas connect or how meaning changes with structure, resulting in fragmented communication. Therefore, grammar serves as a practical and cognitive tool that strengthens students' comprehension, expression, and overall academic performance.

Grammar is necessary in language processing, as it helps learners to locate themselves in a relation to the surrounding world, and it shapes the order and organization of information. In addition, it becomes more useful as learner's distance to the target language grows (5; 1994). By understanding grammatical structures, students are better able to interpret texts, follow instructions, and communicate ideas logically. Grammar provides a framework that allows learners to connect new knowledge with prior understanding, making learning more meaningful and coherent. Furthermore, it enables students to identify patterns in language, predict meaning, and produce accurate written and spoken responses. In this way, grammar serves not only as a tool for language comprehension but also as a bridge between thought and expression, empowering students to succeed academically across all subjects.

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In the context of language learning, grammar is not merely a set of rules but a vital tool for developing effective and communicative language skills (7; 2025). It helps learners to locate themselves in relation to the surrounding world and shapes the order and organization of information. In addition, it becomes more useful as the learner's distance from the target language grows. By understanding grammatical structures, students are better able to interpret texts, follow instructions, and communicate ideas logically. Building on this perspective, mastery of grammar is especially critical in enhancing writing skills, which require precision and clarity (7; 2025). Moreover, grammar enables students to identify patterns in language, predict meaning, and produce accurate written and spoken responses. In this way, grammar serves not only as a tool for language comprehension but also as a bridge between thought and expression, empowering students to succeed academically across all subjects.

Digital tools such as language apps and online platforms offer interactive and personalized grammar exercises, which increase learner motivation and engagement. (7; 2025) It provides learners with the structure needed to understand, interpret, and produce meaningful language, allowing them to communicate ideas clearly and accurately. By learning grammar, students develop the ability to recognize patterns in sentences, understand relationships between words, and make sense of complex texts. This understanding is

essential not only for language classes but also for academic success in other subjects, as it enables learners to follow instructions, comprehend reading materials, and organize their thoughts logically. Digital tools such as language apps and online platforms offer interactive and personalized grammar exercises, which increase learner motivation and engagement. These tools allow students to practice grammar at their own pace, receive immediate feedback, and apply rules in meaningful contexts. The interactive nature of such platforms transforms grammar learning from a passive, rule-based activity into an engaging process, helping students retain knowledge more effectively. Additionally, using digital resources exposes learners to authentic language use, enhancing both comprehension and production skills.

In conclusion, grammar is far more than a set of arbitrary rules; it is the foundation of effective communication, comprehension, and academic success for secondary school students. By providing learners with the structural framework to understand and produce meaningful language, grammar enables clarity, precision, and logical organization in both spoken and written forms. Its importance is further enhanced through the use of digital tools, which offer interactive, personalized practice that motivates learners and accelerates their progress. Mastery of grammar not only strengthens writing and speaking skills but also supports cognitive development, allowing students to process information efficiently and connect ideas across disciplines. Therefore, integrating grammar instruction thoughtfully into the curriculum is essential, as it equips students with the linguistic and analytical tools necessary to succeed academically and confidently engage with the world around them.

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