

## Question Article

**How do young kids actually learn grammar? I don't teach my six year old what a sentence is, but she is still able to write one. Doesn't this mean that we shouldn't teach grammar in classrooms?**

**Practice is the most crucial element of the learning process. During the learning process, new techniques are observed, practiced, and then refined. A child learns to speak by observing his or her parent(s) and then trying it out. A child learns to walk by doing it over and over again until the skill is honed in such a way that he or she can begin to refine it. The child may begin to run, climb stairs, or even tread on uneven surfaces. These same principles apply to grammar instruction.**

**The most important thing to remember about teaching grammar to children is to avoid overloading them with too much information in too short a time. Children learn through practice, but they must practice walking before they can begin running. As a teacher, you must be aware of this and teach grammar piece by piece, so that you students will be able to see the bigger picture through the individual pieces of the puzzle, so to speak. When dealing with young children, you would want to focus on the fundamentals of grammar; capital letters and how they are used, complete thoughts (whole sentences), and basic punctuation are all great foundations of grammar that your students will be able to build upon as their academic career progresses. By laying the groundwork through oral learning techniques and written practice, your students will become familiar with the abstract grammatical terms and internalize them as part of their own knowledge**

**base. Through practice, your students will be able to see the relationship between their own thoughts, speech patterns and writing techniques and the grammar that governs them. As you teach your students the names of concepts and devices that they may already be aware of, you help to eliminate much of the mystery that surrounds language. It becomes familiar to the students, a tool they can utilize as opposed to a strange ability they can't quite grasp.**