

Premises of Teaching Grammar

<i>Old Way</i>	<i>New Way</i>
<p><i>Grammar is an issue of correctness.</i></p>	<p><i>Grammar is a way to teach people how to become more effective in their writing – skills, techniques, and grammatical structures all work to make writing more complex and appropriate.</i></p>
<p><i>Grammar is best learned by worksheets and isn't connected to writing.</i></p>	<p><i>Grammar can be best learned in the context of actual writing. Grammar instruction should be integrated into the writing process.</i></p>
<p><i>Grammar instruction is a worthy academic exercise because it promotes critical thinking and problem-solving.</i></p>	<p><i>Studies show that isolated grammar instruction has limited value for students of all levels.</i></p>
<p><i>There is only one way to write and speak English. All others are incorrect.</i></p>	<p><i>There is an appropriate grammar for Edited American English that must be learned. There are other grammars that everyone innately knows and can be studied and appreciated.</i></p>
<p><i>The English teacher's job is to enforce correct grammar in all situations.</i></p>	<p><i>The English teacher's job is to teach writing, communication, and literacy.</i></p>