

HELPFUL GRAMMAR INFORMATION

VERBS

Helping Verbs used with main verbs to create verb phrases:

can	should	had	did
could	will	shall have	must
may	would	will have	
might	has	do	
shall	have	does	

Verb Tenses:

past	past perfect (uses had)
present	present perfect (uses has or have)
future (uses will or shall)	future perfect (uses will have)

PRONOUNS:

Pronouns that are always singular:

he	everybody	nobody	either	someone
she	everyone	another	neither	somebody
it	anybody	one	none	no one
each				

Pronouns that are always plural:

you	they	many	some	those
we	all	few	these	both

Pronouns used as subjects or predicate nouns (after a linking verb):

I	we
you	you
he, she, it	they

Pronouns used as objects:

me	us
you	you
him, her, it	them

Pronouns used to show possession:

my, mine	our, ours
your, yours	your, yours
his, her, hers, its	their, theirs

PREPOSITIONS:

(will be followed by a noun)

about	because of	down	like	till
above	before	during	near	to
according to	behind	except	of	toward
across	below	for	off	under
after	beneath	from	on	until
against	beside	in	out	up
along	besides	in addition to	out of	upon
among	between	inside	over	with
around	beyond	in spite of	since	within
as far as	but (except)	instead of	through	without
at	by	into	throughout	

CONJUNCTIONS:

Conjunctions used with a comma to create compound sentences:

and but or nor for yet

Conjunctions used with a semicolon to create compound sentences:

accordingly	hence	moreover	then
consequently	however	nevertheless	therefore
furthermore	in addition	otherwise	thus

Pairs of conjunctions used to create compound sentences:

either---or neither---nor not only---but also

Words used to create complex sentences:

(will be followed by a subject and a verb)

after	because	so	what	which
although	before	so that	whatever	while
as	how	that	when	who
as if	if	though	whenever	whoever
as far as	in order that	till	where	whom
as long as	provided that	unless	wherever	whomever

as soon as since until whether why

A FEW RULES OF CAPITALIZATION:

Always capitalize

1. the first word in a sentence.
2. the pronoun *I*.
3. nouns naming particular persons, places, or things.
4. words that come from the name of a nation.
5. letters used as initials.
6. titles of books, short stories, magazines, movies, songs, and poems.