

Contents

About the series	4
About the author	5
Foreword	6
Introduction	7
Key grammatical terminology	14
The sounds of British English	18
1 Singular and plural	19
2 Countable and uncountable nouns	23
3 Containers, quantities and pieces	27
4 Subject and object pronouns	31
5 Reflexive pronouns	36
6 Possessives	39
7 <i>This, that, these, those</i>	43
8 Articles	46
9 <i>Some and any</i>	52
10 <i>Much, many, a lot of, lots of, plenty of, a great deal of</i>	57
11 <i>Few and a few; little and a little</i>	59
12 Other quantifiers	61
13 Adjective order	64
14 Comparatives	66
15 Superlatives	71
16 Comparisons: <i>as . . . as, not as . . . as, the same as, like</i>	76
17 Comparisons: <i>too</i> and <i>enough</i>	79
18 Prepositions of place	84
19 Prepositions of movement	88
20 Prepositions of time	91
21 <i>Have</i> and <i>have got</i>	94
22 Present simple: <i>be</i>	97
23 Present simple: affirmative	101
24 Present simple: negative	107
25 Present simple: questions	109
26 Imperatives	112
27 Adverbs of frequency	115
28 Present progressive: affirmative ('now' meaning)	118
29 Present progressive: negative and questions	124
30 Present progressive contrasted with present simple	127
31 Past simple: <i>be</i>	129
32 Past simple: regular verbs	132
33 Past simple: irregular verbs	139

34	Past simple: questions and short answers	142
35	Past simple: negative	145
36	Past progressive: 'in progress'	147
37	Past progressive: 'interrupted actions'	152
38	Present perfect: <i>Have you ever...?</i>	155
39	Present perfect: <i>just</i>	159
40	Present perfect: 'up to now'	161
41	Time words: <i>already, yet</i> and <i>always</i>	166
42	Time words: <i>for</i> and <i>since</i>	169
43	Present perfect progressive	172
44	Past perfect simple	176
45	Past perfect progressive	182
46	<i>Will</i>	186
47	<i>Going to</i>	193
48	<i>Will</i> contrasted with <i>going to</i>	199
49	Present progressive: 'future arrangements'	203
50	Future progressive and future perfect	206
51	Requests, orders, offers, permission: <i>can, could, will, would, may, might</i>	211
52	Ability: <i>can, can't, could, couldn't, be able to</i>	215
53	Obligation and compulsion: <i>must, have to, should, ought</i>	218
54	Possibility and certainty: <i>may, might, could, must, must have, can't, can't have</i>	223
55	Modal verbs: an overview	228
56	Zero conditional	231
57	First conditional	234
58	Second conditional	237
59	Third conditional	240
60	Passives	243
61	Causatives	248
62	Multi-word verbs	250
63	Direct and reported speech	255
64	<i>Used to</i>	260
65	Question tags	263
66	Relative pronouns and relative clauses	267
67	Defining and non-defining relative clauses	273
68	<i>'d better / had better</i>	277
69	Two-verb structures: <i>-ing</i> or infinitive?	280
70	<i>In case</i>	284
	Further reading	287