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LEARNING ENGLISH GRAMMAR ONLINE: THE MAIN RESOURCES

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Abstract: *The survey deals with the key means of studying grammar online in a foreign language learning. Appropriate grammar is well recognised to be the foundation of effective communication and language proficiency. Notwithstanding great attention being paid to different educational issues and various aspects of language study, there is current need of a more detailed focus on learning language grammar online. Therefore, the purpose of the survey was to examine the main online resources for English grammar learning. The key online sources for learning English grammar have been explored and defined by the by the methods of monitoring and comparative analysis of internet resources. Considering the survey outcomes, further research perspectives of studying grammar online in a foreign language learning have been specified.*

INTRODUCTION.

Appropriate grammar is one of the foundations of language proficiency. It is necessary for your writing, speaking and comprehension. Knowing grammar rules helps you look like a native speaker, as well as write faster and more efficiently.

People probably argue more about grammar than about anything else in language teaching. Research and theory have a good deal to tell us in this area. So does common sense. Languages have regularities in the ways they shape and organise words for various reasons. If you are not aware (consciously or unconsciously) of these regularities you may not be able to understand language successfully, or structure it so as to make yourself understood [1].

The purpose of improving your language skills is so that you can

effectively communicate. Some people like to focus on other areas of language learning and omit studying grammar together. However, the meaning of your sentence can be lost due to poor grammar.

Grammar involves a set of rules you use to form sentences in any language. Without grammar, it would be very difficult for people to understand one another. Good grammar can save you from misunderstandings and improve your communication.

Great attention has been paid to different educational issues [2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13], along with various aspects of language study [14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24; 25; 26]. Though, there is a need of more detailed focus on learning language grammar online. Thus, the purpose of the survey is to examine the main online resources of learning English grammar.

MAIN MATERIAL.

We are living in a digital world. We have more power at our fingertips than ever before. With the right apps, you will be able to introduce English study into your daily life with ease. It is also a pressure-free environment. You can learn at your own pace. Apps make a perfect and cheap introduction to English learning or a support system for your main learning method [27].

English is already the most common second language by number of speakers in the world, and more people begin studying it every day. Fortunately, the availability of learning resources is growing right along with the number of English learners [28]. Practising little and often is the best way to improve your grammar. By revising and practising your grammar, you will increase your confidence in English and improve your language level.

According to monitoring and comparative analysis of the internet resources [1; 27; 28; 29], the key sources for learning English grammar online have been found to be as follows.

I. Websites resources.

The British Council's Grammar Exercises. The British Council has a long tradition of helping people around the world learn English. The British Council site for English learning is an excellent resource for all aspects of the language. When it comes to English grammar, they offer interactive online exercises so you can practice the rules you learn. There is a huge amount of information here about any kind of grammar you may need to know. Just choose your level and then you will get several specific grammar topics to explore. There you will

find explanations about the correct usages and some interactive exercises. Go through all the questions and you will get your feedback score at the end. It is an excellent resource for English language learners of all proficiency levels.

Oxford Practice Grammar Online. The Oxford University Press website offers English grammar exercises in three levels: basic, intermediate and advanced. If you are not sure which level you are in, you can first take an assessment test to find out what grammar rules you need to practice. This diagnostic test could take up to 30 minutes to finish, but you will get feedback and a score directing you to the most suitable practice. Each level includes many grammar exercises, a section focusing on listening and speaking and another section targeting reading and writing. There are also useful links that take you to other Oxford language learning resources. The English grammar exercises come in various formats, such as multiple choice questions or putting words in the right order. Each task can cover a few grammatical matters at that level.

Grammarly Tips. Grammarly spelling and grammar checker do not just check your mistakes in your writing, but will also explain them to you so you do not make the same mistakes again. They have also collected a ton of rules, facts and tips on every possible grammar topic you can imagine. Explanations are written in a blog-like way: personal and using full paragraphs instead of a few lines. Because of its more advanced English usage, it is a fantastic resource for more advanced learners. Grammarly is not an English learner website, it is a website for native English speakers who want to improve their grammar. Because of that, the tips might be a bit overwhelming for beginners or intermediate learners.

Perfect English Grammar. Here you can find online exercises on many grammatical topics. This is particularly great site for those who struggle with English tenses. Not only will you practice individual tenses, but this site also has mixed quizzes to help you identify the correct tense in different contexts. When you come to the website for practicing, just pick one topic from the list and follow the link to the exercise page. You will be required to fill in the blank with your answer, and you can check if it is correct or not right away. If you are unsure about a particular grammar rule, you might be able to learn more about it under the explanations tab. The simplicity of the exercise format makes it easier to practice more and more.

GrammarBook's Quizzes. It is an excellent source for studying grammar and punctuation. It has hundreds of quizzes that you can order separately or in

a bundle with a subscription. Besides, you can make use of the many free interactive grammar quizzes. They cover topics like parts of speech, subject and verb agreement and the most confusing words in English. The extra value of the quizzes is their focus on writing in English. You can test your skills with interactive exercises about punctuation and capitalization. These quizzes will prepare you for written English communications in the real world like college essays, cover letters or business proposals.

EGO4U. The EGO, English Grammar Online, site includes everything you need to improve your English grammar online, from an overview of all tenses with examples to a ton of English grammar lessons and exercises on tenses, the conditionals and English subjunctive. It includes an amazing section where you can find the most confusing English tenses. It also has the most important English grammar topics divided into separate sections so you do not get lost when trying to learn something new. The dots on the right side of each exercise link mark the difficulty of the exercises. Each section includes grammar lessons and many exercises for you to practice.

Edufind. This site has a brilliant section on grammar, which is conveniently organized, into different sections. It gives you plenty of helpful examples of how each grammar point is used in a sentence. The example sentences are in handy blue boxes, which makes them easier to read. It is a website with a very simple layout, which allows you to navigate through it quickly. Even though the website's materials are not organized in the form of lessons, they are written in simple, easy-to-understand language, so you can use them as a learning resource.

FluentU. One of the best ways to learn English grammar is by hearing it used in real situations. The more English you listen to, the more grammar you learn, without even memorizing the rules first, although that definitely helps. FluentU takes real-world videos, like music videos, movie trailers, news and inspiring talks, and turns them into personalized language learning lessons. Each video comes with interactive captions, click any word for an instant definition, pronunciation and visual learning aid. The videos are organized by genre and learning level, so it is easy to find ones that work for you. Some are focused specifically on grammar, others are focused on different topics but allow you to learn English grammar naturally.

UsingEnglish.com. It has an extensive collection of free English language quizzes so that you can practice various issues in grammar, word usage and vocabulary. The tests are available for learners of all levels: beginner,

intermediate and advanced. Quizzes are in the form of multiple-choice questions and you will receive a score once you finish with all the items. The answer keys are also available at a click. You can practice with a few specific topics under a broader grammar matter. With each quiz, you can see the number of questions and the level of difficulty. There are also many quizzes on vocabulary so that you can speak and write in English not only grammatically but also naturally.

II. Grammar apps.

Grammarly Keyboard. It is a special Android app that gives you hints and grammar help while you type. It works on social media, email and more. If your work involves a lot of writing or you just wish to be as grammatically correct as you can, you need this app. Not only will it help you type in correct English, but it will also help you realize your mistakes and ensure you avoid them in the future. That is because it gives you an explanation for each correction. To get the most out of it as you advance, it is good to practice typing with the app turned off. Once you are done, you can turn it on and check for errors and suggestions for vocabulary improvements. This way, you practice English grammar and test your grammar knowledge at the same time.

LearnEnglish Grammar by the British Council. When it comes to learning the English language, the British Council is a trusted name. This is a free Android English grammar app designed to improve your grammar accuracy and suited for language learners of all levels. Divided into 25 grammar topics, the app has over 600 grammar activities and over 1,000 practice questions. It is packed with unique activities that will help you learn and memorize key concepts. There are even instructional images and help files available in Arabic, Chinese, Italian and other languages for non-native English speakers. If you are a dedicated learner who loves solving a lot of exercises and tests, then this app is the right one for you.

English Grammar Book by TalkEnglish. This is a free and extremely comprehensive textbook-style app and a must-download for any beginner. It covers over 138 grammar topics. It has been well-liked by users with a nearly five-star rating. The grammar lessons in this app are grouped by topic, such as nouns, verbs, punctuation, conditionals, or by level. It is suggested to follow the approach of completing the easy grammar lessons first before moving on to the higher, more difficult levels. This app is packed with quizzes and level tests and you earn points and colorful medals based on your score.

English Grammar Ultimate by Maxlogix. This is a good app to use as a handy

grammar reference tool. It covers a host of grammar topics in great detail, complete with definitions, examples and follow-up questions to test your understanding. Grammar topics covered by this app include auxiliary verbs, direct and indirect speech, quantifiers, plurals, capitalization, etc. They have special sections on essay writing, phonetics and the rules of capitalization to help with all-around language learning. Best of all, you are not just following lessons. You will actually follow interactive exercises and practice tests to make sure you understood everything.

English Grammar Test by SevenLynx. This app is perfect for intermediate and upper-intermediate language learners. It is filled with numerous tests and exercises. In fact, it has around 1,200 exercises and 60 tests. Moreover, a unique feature of this app is that whenever you give a wrong answer, the app will explain to you why it is wrong and which English alternative you should use instead. There is also an English chat option where you can converse with other language learners from all over the globe. The lessons are divided into two levels. You need to reach a certain green score to unlock the next level. This way the app ensures that you are totally ready and confident before you move on to the tougher grammar topics.

English Verbs by Universk. Verbs and nouns are the two most essential components of a simple English sentence. Therefore, having a strong grasp of the different types of verbs as well as verb conjugation is essential for language learners. This app is your key guide to some of the most-used verbs in English, as well as regular and irregular verb forms. If needed, you can see the verbs translated into other languages. In addition to this, the app will help you understand tenses better, as well as the concepts of participles and infinitives. You can also save the important verbs or the ones you are planning to use in conversations as favorites.

English Tenses Practice by MagikHub. For English language learners, it can be difficult to understand the usages and differences between the 12 English tenses. This app is designed to help you understand the structures of the different tenses as well as the right contexts to use them in. The app is available in both online and offline modes and has exercises involving multiple choice questions and arranging sentences. Not only will you be able to understand the key concepts very well, but you will have over 1,000 questions to practice and check your learning progress. This is also a must-have app for anyone preparing for English proficiency exams.

Mondly. It is a unique educational app focused on all aspects of language

learning including grammar, speaking, writing, listening and reading. It is suited for all levels, and adapts itself to suit your learning needs. Moreover, the app uses augmented reality to further help you learn and improve your pronunciation. You interact with virtual teachers and chat bots to practice speaking and understanding English. It will prepare you for tackling real situations by focusing primarily on conversations. By the end of the course, you will have mastered the most useful 5,000 words and phrases of the English language. They even have a leader board feature that will help you compete with your friends and with people all across the globe.

Memrise. It is a great language learning app that is built like a video game. It will make you feel that learning a language is a lot like completing different levels and progressing higher up in the game. The app is packed with videos featuring native speakers, as well as with fun games to learn important words and phrases. Again, this one takes an indirect approach to grammar, because instead of learning the rules by direct memorization, you will be able to figure them out for yourself as you progress with your learning. If you are looking for a fun and effective way to learn English, the app is sure to be a memorable experience.

Duolingo. It is one of the most popular language learning apps, and for good reason. Each of their exercises involves translation, speaking and listening, so you work on several aspects of language learning. You will pick up new words by looking at pictures, learn how to pronounce them and immediately know if you are saying them right. There are sentence-building exercises that gradually demonstrate grammar rules, rather than making you memorize the rules. Each of the exercises are pretty short and will hardly take five to ten minutes of your time. You get rewarded for continuing a streak, several days of practice in a row, which keeps you motivated.

CONCLUSIONS.

On the grounds of the above survey findings, the following conclusions can be made. Correct grammar is a key to any language proficiency. Online grammar learning and practice have proven to be a very convenient means of studying a foreign language. Online exercises can be completed anytime anywhere. Instant response helps to keep the study motivation high. The variety of resources meets the needs of language learners of all levels. The key online sources for learning English grammar are observed to comprise grammar websites and grammar apps. The concise summarising description

have been provided for peculiar characteristics of the main resources for learning English grammar online. The perspectives of further research involve the efficient ways of implementing the survey outcomes in the current educational environment.

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