

# Language Primer: Grammar, Punctuation and Word Use

The Language Primer helps students learn the basics of grammar, punctuation and word use by helping them identify what they already know--and what they don't. With a combination of explanation, practice questions and feedback, they can identify the areas they need to focus on. Then they can test their knowledge in the "final exam" for each section. (And you can see their results in NewsU's Instructor Dashboard.)

Here are the topics covered in the Language Primer.

- **Grammar**
  - Modifiers
    - **Dangling Modifier**
    - **Misplaced Modifier**
  - Pronouns
    - **Antecedents**
    - Personal Pronoun Case
      - **Who vs. Whom**
      - **I or Me**
  - Sentence Structure
    - **Passive Voice**
    - **Parallel Construction**
    - **"Person" Shift**
    - **Run-on Sentences**
    - **Sentence Fragments**
    - **Subject-Verb Agreement**
    - **Verb Tense Shift**
- **Punctuation**
  - Apostrophes
    - **Contractions**
    - **Possessive Plurals**
    - Possessive Pronouns
      - **Its vs. It's**
      - **Whose vs. Who's**
      - **Your vs. You're**
  - Commas
    - **Comma Splices**
    - **Commas Between Adjectives**
    - **Commas with Conjunctions**
    - Essential and Non-Essential Clauses
      - **Who, That or Which?**
  - Quotation Marks
- **Word Usage**
  - **General Word Use**
  - **Lie or Lay?**
  - **Spelling**
  - **There, They're or Their?**
  - **To or Too?**