

ENGAGING GRAMMAR: TEACHING GRAMMAR USING VISUALS, MANIPULATIVES, AND PATTERNS

Grades 4-10



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Does grammar instruction have to elicit moans and groans from students and teachers alike? Only when it's taught the old-fashioned way: as a series of rules to follow and errors to "fix" that have little or no connection to practical application or real-world writing.

Teacher, researcher, consultant, and author Amy Benjamin will introduce you to a new paradigm for integrating grammar instruction into the heart of the writing process. Amy, author of *Engaging Grammar: Practical Advice for Real Classrooms* (NCTE, 2007), will demonstrate, explain, and involve you in brain-based classroom activities that will improve student performance in all aspects of language.



Specific topics to include:

- A variety of ways to recognize a complete sentence
- Expanding and elaborating on a basic sentence
- Understanding punctuation and clause boundaries
- Addressing common usage errors
- "Translating" English from informal to formal register

Amy Benjamin is a nationally recognized expert in integrated, engaging grammar instruction that breaks through the old-fashioned and ineffective "drill and workbook" method. Amy has been a consultant for the National Council of Teachers of English, the College Board, Scholastic Magazines and major educational publishers, including Holt MacDougal. She is president of the Assembly for the Teaching of English Grammar, and NCTE affiliate.

As a result of her contributions to *Grammar Alive!*, NCTE's groundbreaking guide for teachers, Amy was asked to write *Engaging Grammar: Practical Advice for Real Classrooms*. This book, NCTE's newest offering on modern grammar instruction, has been enormously successful in changing the paradigm of how grammar is taught.



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About the Presenter

SPECIAL RATE FOR AMY BENJAMIN'S WORKSHOP:
\$100 per person for any teacher who can register 5 weeks before the workshop date