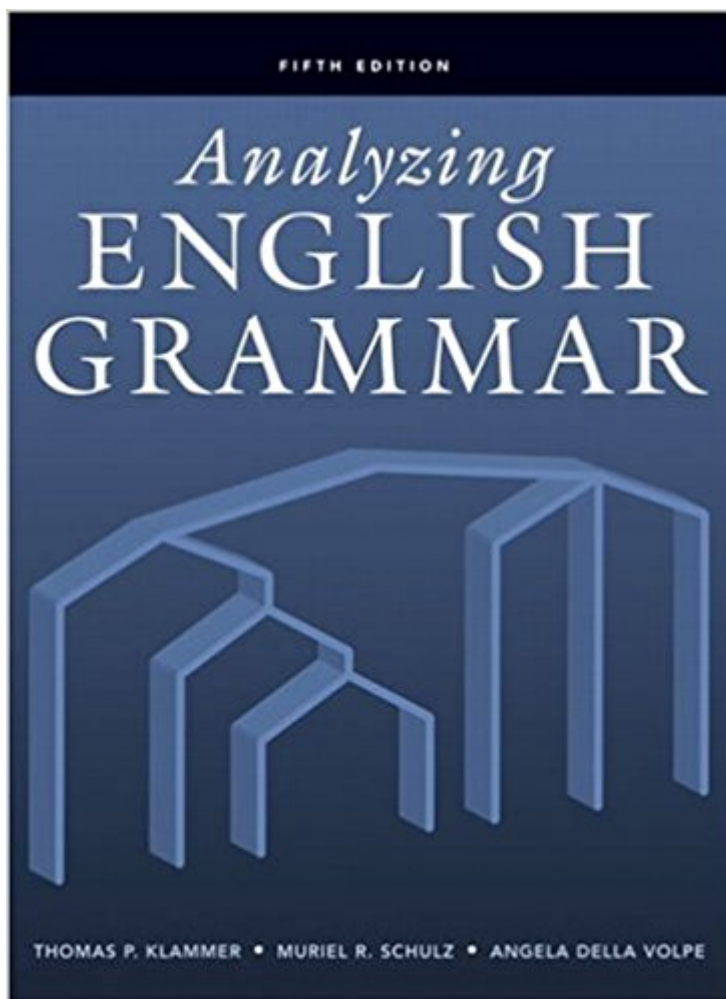


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I bought this book, like many others, as a requirement for my grammar course at university. I'm a graduate student, and this was one of the electives; I felt that my grammar skills could be honed further, so I signed up and received the book. After finishing the course, I can safely admit that the book proved itself to be extremely useful and helpful, but the professor made it far greater than it intended to be. The first half, and especially the first good chunk of the first half (so a quarter?), was of utmost importance. If you feel that this book can be taken out of order, you may be out of luck; the book is designed to be taken step by step, so you're going to have to read all of it in order to make the most sense. Also, it can be exhaustive at times. When it's exhaustive, it's REALLY exhaustive, but when it's not, it proves to be helpful, and even summarizes its main points when

you're about to come to the exercises. The exercises are overall helpful, but they begin to get slightly obfuscated toward the second half. It seems that the first part was simplified to an extent that made the book enjoyable, whereas the latter half could not have been made easy save for the fact that it was explained in a class. In fact, my professor ignored a large chunk of the second half in favor of utilizing the best points the book presented, and focused the rest of the class on those attributes. While my grammar is far superior to what it was before (at least I like to think so), I still wanted to undertake both the course, and this book proved itself worthwhile. NB: this book is NOT a beginner's guide to English grammar. You must already exhibit some sort of mastery over the English language, and this book serves both as a reinforcement as well as clarifies some things that will, hopefully, further your skills. Again, the second chunk wasn't as lucid to me as the first, so the course I took aided tremendously. With all that being said, I'd recommend this book only as a textbook, and with that label it's a fantastic tool. Sure, it's a bit pricey, but the meat inside is cooked particularly well (when there is meat), but the fat can be trimmed a bit.

Book is just what I needed to teach my advanced grammar course. It lacks ample exercises but that can be compensated for. My issue is with the seller who said the book was new but it has marks through the second half of the book. New and Like New are two different categories. Too late to return it as I need it now; will make do.

I refer to this for grammar instruction. Very helpful charts.

I love this grammar book. It's challenging, focused, and unbiased. I now have a nuanced understanding of clauses as well as a truly effective way to root my understanding of other languages within English grammatical constructs. I wish they taught grammar like this in high school--I probably would have felt more connected to the subject.

Excellent condition with exception of a few notes written in on some of the exercises. This book was excellent with giving specific examples! I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to learn about English grammar.

One of the only textbooks for a class in 3 years that has actually taught me something. We go through everything in this book. It is VERY helpful for learning English Grammar and makes understanding it really simple with many exercises.

The book is okay. I feel that some grammar explanations are unclear. The writer's word choice and organization of chapters made the text too difficult to understand at times. Re-reading chapters doesn't even help. Many of my peers, including myself, had to rely on our professor to reconstruct definitions and create her own activities.

This book is excellent for understanding linguistics and the depth of the English language. If you are looking for a traditional grammar book (prescriptive grammar) this is not for you. This book is descriptive grammar which describes the variations of spoken English language. In addition to showing the traditional Reed-Kellogg form of diagramming it also includes the newer phrase structure trees. I had a hard time understanding this at first but it is becoming more clear. I am a senior in college and this is the textbook we are using in class. It is one to keep if you are going to be an English major or English teacher.

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