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**The Big Book of English Prepositions, Irregular Verbs, and English  
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**for ESL and English Learners**

by

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Dedication

To my students everywhere

## Forward

These three English grammar *hotspots* (difficult areas), prepositions, irregular verbs, and English articles are found everywhere in the English language. The correct use of English grammar in English communication can sometimes be difficult because of its unpredictable nature. This text was written as a quick reference guide, and primer, to help students quickly find and correct problem areas. The book was written for low-intermediate through advanced English learners.

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## Introduction

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***Making the difficult parts of learning English easy***

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*The Big Book of English Prepositions, Irregular Verbs, and English Articles for ESL and English Learners*

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This book goes beyond just being a guide to the correct use of English prepositions, irregular verbs, and English articles. The student can use this text to learn how to correctly use the most difficult and confusing English grammar correctly in situational English communication, in a wide variety of English sentence contexts. In addition to **complete and clear explanations** of the correct way to use these difficult areas of English Grammar, there are many **examples** of correct usage and **self reviews** throughout the book.

The student is encouraged to use this book in three ways:

- As ***a quick reference*** The book layout and design make it easy for the student to quickly search for words or phrases of interest.
- As ***a learn-by-example*** Every step of the way there are many clear examples of usage, making it easy for the student to

understand how English speakers use prepositions in everyday communication.

- As ***a grammar*** This book was designed to push the student to the next level in learning English prepositions in their many different usages. The practice and review sections of the book challenge the student to generate communication based on the lesson at hand, helping the student to reinforce his or her new We encourage students, ESL instructors and schools to use this volume as part of their regular English grammar curriculum.

## Focus on Books for ESL Learners

*Making the difficult parts of learning English easy  
Use English Grammar Correctly in Every English Sentence*



*This book is designed for low-intermediate through advanced English Learners who want to clearly understand the use of difficult English grammar in many different kinds of English sentences.*

*If English prepositions, irregular verbs, and English articles are confusing to you, don't worry! This Focus On English Big Book of Grammar will help you to learn and master these three difficult areas (the of English grammar.*

## How to use this grammar book

This book was designed to be both a reference book and an aid for classroom work that can be quickly searched for answers about the correct use in most English sentences of prepositions, irregular verbs, and English articles. At the beginning of each part there is a full Quick-Find Menu for that part.

" The Big Book of English Prepositions, Irregular Verbs, and English Articles" is broken down into three parts: Prepositions, Irregular Verbs, and English Articles. The student can quickly go to any part from the Master Quick-Find Menu after this section.

The student is encouraged to use the many examples in this book to help understand how we use grammar in particular English sentences, and to practice with the review sections at the end of each chapter.

This book was designed to be used as an aid to classroom study for students, ESL teachers, and schools, and as a quick-search resource manual.

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