

Skills for English A2 Grammar List

This list provides a selection of grammar points that could appear in an A2 level Skills for English test. This list is for guidance purposes only and grammar not included in this list may also appear in A2 tests.

Tenses

Present simple:

I eat breakfast every morning.

He likes ice cream.

Present continuous:

I am eating lunch right now.

She is reading a book.

Present perfect simple:

I have seen that movie before.

They have not spoken yet.

Past simple:

I played tennis yesterday.

She ate pizza last night.

Past continuous:

I was studying when you called.

We were waiting a long time.

Future simple:

I will call you later.

They will not arrive on time.

Verbs

Basic regular and irregular verbs:

She has a cat.

I am happy.

There is/are:

There is a fox in the garden.

There are three pigs in the field.

Subject-verb agreement:

The woman drinks 8 glasses of water every day.

The couple are waiting for the bus to arrive.

Talking about future plans with "going to":

I'm going to visit my friend tomorrow.

They are going to the beach this weekend.

Imperatives for giving advice:

Take an umbrella with you.

Don't forget to study.

Modals

Basic modal verbs and their negatives:

She can play the drums.

He can't go to school today.

Ability and possibility:

I can/can't swim.

Could you help me?

He may / may not be able to help.

Necessity and obligation:

You must finish your homework.

We have to wear special shoes when working on the site.

Nouns

Singular nouns:

The cat is black.

The plant is new.

Common regular and irregular plural nouns:

Dogs are cute animals.

There are three babies.

Personal pronouns:

She is my sister.

They are friends.

Proper nouns:

New York is a big city.

Sarah is 11 years old.

Countable nouns:

I have three apples.

There are two cats.

Uncountable nouns:

I need some water.

Do you have any money?

Demonstrative pronouns:

This is my hat.

Those are your shoes.

Possessives

Simple possessives:

That is Mary's car.

The dog's tail is brown.

Possessive pronouns:

This is my book.

Is this yours?

Articles

Definite article:

The book is on the shelf.

The computer is broken.

Indefinite articles:

A dog is barking.

An ant is small.

Adjectives

Describing nouns:

The red car is fast.

That's a big house.

Comparative and superlative:

The turtle is slower than the rabbit.

This is the biggest cake.

Comparative and superlative using 'more' and 'most':

Comparative: This book is more interesting than that one.

Superlatives: It's the most beautiful place.

Adverbs

Common adverbs

They moved slowly.

She walked quickly.

Adverbs of degree:

The boy is very tall.

I really like it.

Adverbs of frequency:

I always brush my teeth.

They sometimes come on time.

Conjunctions

Combining simple sentences:

I like pizza and he likes chips.

The cat is black but the dog is white.

Coordinating conjunctions:

We can eat pasta or pizza.

I passed because I studied a lot.

Prepositions

Prepositions of place, e.g., in, under, on, near, next to, between, on the left/right:

The pen is on the desk.

The cat is under the table.

Prepositions of time:

The film starts at 5 pm.

We have class on Monday.

The weather is nice in May.

Adjective and preposition combinations:

Adjective + at:

She's really good at football.

He's amazing at the flute.

Adjective + about:

He's nervous about the meeting.

We're excited about the new house.

Adjective + in:

She's interested in the project.

We'd prefer someone who's experienced in marketing.

Adjective + for:

Exercise is good for you.

The city is famous for its river.

Adjective + to:

I'm married to Helen.

It's important to arrive early.

Adjective + of:

I'm afraid of the dark.

He's proud of the team.

Negation

Negative sentences:

I don't like bread.

She isn't here.

Negative questions:

Don't you like pizza?

Isn't he coming?

Questions

Yes/no questions:

Is it sunny today?

Are you coming?

Do you speak English?

'Wh' and 'How' questions:

What's your name?

Where do you live?

Why are you here?

Who is your friend?

How did you get here?