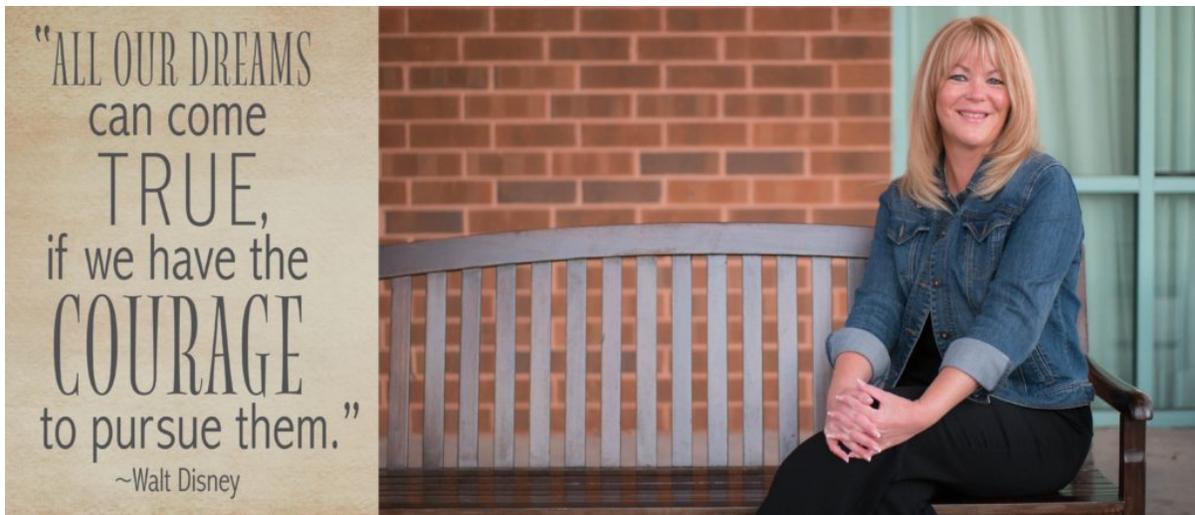




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Have you checked out our new blog layout on our website?

All of our blogs have photos included in the article, as well as expected reading time and publication date.

We are working on adding a search option based on categories. Unfortunately, we've had to turn off our comments section as, like many websites, we were being spammed. We hope that we will be able to fix this in the near future. But until then we would welcome any comments to our email (see below).

Our past blogs include:

- Jan '21 | [Fasten Your Seat Belts](#)
- Dec '20 | [Could Coaching from Beth Gibson Lilja Help You?](#)
- Nov '20 | [Beth Gibson Lilja Rescues the History of MFBPW](#)
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You can read all our past blogs [here!](#)

Happy reading!

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*“No one's ever achieved financial fitness with a January resolution that's abandoned by February.”*

— Suze Orman

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# National Grammar Day - March 4

by Teresa Day

My high school English teacher, Mrs. Slygh (sly), was the perfect example of a grammar perfectionist, a stickler for accuracy. Her biggest pet peeve was a student's question of "can I go to the bathroom?" And her reply? "I don't know, can you?" And you were not given a bathroom pass until you asked correctly, which was: "may I go to the bathroom?" And then you could go to the bathroom.

She was one of two big influences in my life for my love of English, writing, grammar, and storytelling.

**March 4 is National Grammar Day for 2021.** Established in 2008, the day's motto is:

*"It's not only a date, it's an imperative: March forth on March 4 to speak well, write well, and help others do the same!"*

I have three coffee cups...



In the first, do you see the error? In the second, do you know what the Oxford comma is? And do you need to get your red pen before I continue?

For those of us who are English nerds, it is the perfect day to celebrate the idiosyncrasies of the English language.

But I am sure that many are asking why are we so concerned with grammar? Grammar is useful, and even saves lives. It's the difference between inviting your grandmother to eat ("let's eat, grandma!") and eating your grandma ("let's eat grandma!"). I love that one!

The American English language is said to be one of the hardest languages to master because there are words that are spelt differently but sound the same:

- to, too, two.
- ate, eight
- bare, bear
- buy, by, bye
- there, their, they're

- dew, do, due
- fairy, ferry
- for, fore, four
- marry, merry
- rite, right, write

Or are spelled the same but have different meanings. The word bat, when used as a noun, could be a winged animal or a piece of equipment in baseball. Others include:

- address: to speak to / a location
- arm: body part / division of a company
- band: a musical group / a ring
- bark: a tree's layer / the sound a dog makes
- lie: to recline / to tell a falsehood
- right: correct / direction opposite of left
- spring: a season / coiled metal
- tender: gentle / offer of money
- well: in good health / a source for water in the ground

There are eight parts of speech:

1. **Noun:** a person, place, thing, or idea
2. **Pronoun:** used in place of a noun
3. **Verb:** expresses action or being
4. **Adjective:** modifies or describes a noun or pronoun
5. **Adverb:** modifies or describes a verb, an adjective, or another verb
6. **Preposition:** a word placed before a noun or pronoun to form a phrase modifying another word in the sentence
7. **Conjunction:** joins words, phrases, or clauses
8. **Interjection:** used to express emotion

Who remembers **Schoolhouse Rock**? I loved these videos!

- [Nouns](#)
- [Verbs](#)
- [Conjunction Junction](#) (admit it, you're signing that song in your head)
- [Lolly, Lolly, Lolly, Get Your Adverbs Here](#)
- [Interjections](#)
- [Unpack Your Adjectives](#)

And let's not forget about punctuation. The most common are:

- **Period:** used at the end of a complete sentence.  
*I went to the gym to workout.*
- **Comma:** used to separate words or items in a list; to separate two adjectives.  
*In my pocket I have keys, cell phone, and lip gloss.*  
*Ollie is a handsome, goofy cat.*
- **Question mark:** used only after a direct question.  
*Will you come to the post office with me?*
- **Exclamation point:** used to show emphasis or excitement.  
*Beth has a new office!*
- **Quotation marks:** used to set off a direct quotation; periods and commas always go inside quotation marks.  
*"Will this pandemic ever end?" he asked.*

- **Colon:** used after a complete sentence to introduce a list of items.  
*For this presentation I will bring: a laptop, a power cord, a mouse, and a projector.*
- **Parenthesis:** used to enclose words or figures that clarify.  
*There were five (5) people at the meeting.*
- **Apostrophe:** used when combining two words; to show possession.  
*He's (he is) the better golfer.*  
*Those are Beth's sunglasses.*
- **Hyphen:** used to join words to indicate that they have a combined meaning or that they are linked. Or to tell the ages of people and things.  
*Beth has a state-of-the-art studio.*  
*My brother has two, three-year-old golden retrievers.*

Are there grammar rules you know by heart, or ones that you need to look up (lay versus lie, its versus it's)?

My favorite punctuation rule is the Oxford comma, or better known as the serial comma. It is that comma before the word "and" when joining three or more items. And it is needed because it resolves ambiguity.

An example collected by Nielsen Hayden was found in a newspaper account of a documentary about Merle Haggard:

*Among those interviewed were his two ex-wives, Kris Kristofferson and Robert Duvall.*

At first read, I interpret this to mean that Merle Haggard's two ex-wives were Kris Kristofferson and Robert Duvall. A serial comma following "Kris Kristofferson" would help clarify that the two ex-wives, Kris Kristofferson, and Robert Duvall were distinct interviews.

Books, newspapers, and magazines go through several rounds of edits, but mistakes still happen. Even by professionals.

So, on this year's National Grammar Day, read through your favorite magazine or newspaper, with your red pen at the ready, and see if you can catch any mistakes.

Check out these online grammar tests and find your English level:

<https://www.oxfordonlineenglish.com/english-level-test/grammar>

<https://www.niu.edu/writingtutorial/grammar/quizzes/GrammarSelfTest.htm>

<https://www.dailywritingtips.com/grammar-test-1/>

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From our blog...

## No Data Backup? Bye-Bye Data, Photos and Vital Documents

If ever there were a year to take part in "World Backup Day" on March 31, this is the year. Did you know computer hacks are up 330 percent since the pandemic began?

(FBI web site) And a December University of Maryland study documented that a hacking attack occurs every 39 seconds in America. The statistics go on and on. And those are just hackers. How about accidents, natural disasters, equipment breakdown, spills, loss, and theft? You've heard of "the dog ate my homework?" Well, I have a friend whose dog tried her portable external hard drive for taste. Wasn't impressed. Neither was my friend, whose backup was destroyed.

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