

# GRAMMAR RULES

## Rule #1

A complete sentence must include a noun and a verb.  
The bird flew.

## Rule #2

A complete sentence must include a subject and a predicate.  
The angry bird flew quickly across the sky.

## Rule #3

The only exception to the above rules is the imperative sentence.  
Go away!

## Rule #4

Adjectives can go directly before the noun they describe, or after it, if separated by a verb.

- The angry bird flew.
- The bird is angry.

## Rule #5

A compound subject includes two or more simple subjects.  
The bird and the plane flew.

## Rule #6

A compound predicate includes two or more predicates.  
The bird flew and sang.

## Rule #7

A compound sentence includes more than one subject or predicate.  
The bird sang and the plane flew.

## Rule #8

An independent clause consists of a subject and a predicate, like a complete sentence.  
The plane flew.

## Rule #9

A dependent clause cannot form a complete sentence without additional words.  
When the bird sang.

## Rule #10

The direct **object** is the noun being acted on by the verb.  
The bird ate seeds.

## Rule #11

An **indirect object** is a noun indirectly affected by the verb.  
The bird gave the seeds to me.

## Rule #12

When written in passive voice, the object of the verb becomes the subject of the sentence.  
The bird ate seeds.  
--> The seeds were eaten by the bird.

## Rule #13

Conjugations of the verb "to be" are essential to passive voice.  
The seeds are being eaten by the bird.

## Rule #14

Sentences written in passive voice can omit the subject of the acting verb.  
The seeds were eaten.

## Rule #15

In passive voice, the subject of the acting verb is connected by a prepositional phrase.  
The bird ate seeds after lunchtime.

## Rule #16

Prepositional phrases are sometimes separated by commas.  
The bird, after destroying the feeder, ate all the seeds

## Rule #17

Adverbs function like prepositions—they answer the question "how?"  
The bird ate seeds quickly.

## Rule #18

A subject compliment describes the subject of the sentence.  
The bird is green.

