

GRAMMAR TIP SHEET

GRAMMAR: THE SET OF RULES THAT EXPLAIN HOW WORDS ARE USED IN A LANGUAGE IN BOTH WRITING AND SPEAKING

Subject Verb Agreement

The army is coming. ✓

The army are coming. X



Compound Sentences

I like to read, and my sister enjoys painting. ✓

I like to read. My sister enjoys painting. ✓

I like to read my sister enjoys painting. X

Use: For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet,
So

Comma Splices and Run On Sentences

I locked the door. He was there. ✓

I locked the door and he was there. ✓

I locked the door, he was there. X



Sentence Fragments

Officer Humphrey ran as fast as he could. ✓

Ran as fast as he could. X



Missing Commas

The big red one it was
lumbering down the field
 towards them all. X

I want to thank my dad Steven
Willis for all of his love and
 support. X



Incomplete Comparisons

Watching TV is better. X
Watching TV is better than
 reading. ✓



Active Voice

The lion was killed by the
 hunter. X

The hunter killed the lion. ✓



Apostrophes

it's vs its

it's - contract meaning "it is" or it has"
its - possessive pronoun, like his or hers

Its raining. X

It's raining. ✓

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