

ESL Level 4A Grammar

Description of level 4A:

Level 4A introduces past tense and compound sentences. Students should have a strong sense of basic English grammar to enter level 4A.

Things to work on with the student throughout the quarter:

(Reading)

- Read a short novel or non-fiction text with instructional support.
- Recognize most standard words on a personal information form.
- Apply sound/symbol relationship to decode common words.
- Understand context clues to decode the meaning of new words occurring in sentences and questions.

(Writing)

- Write short, structured single paragraphs on familiar topics.
- Organize a paragraph with title, topic sentence, and supporting information.
- Make simple edits of capitalization, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Use high-frequency and new words with little interference with meaning.

(Speaking and Listening)

- Present basic information about self clearly and without errors.
- Appropriately ask for clarification or information from instructor and classmates.
- Respond correctly to simple requests for more information or clarification.
- Engage in or lead discussions on familiar topics.
- Understand simple conversations in a job (interview), life-skill or social situation.
- Follow 2 or 3-step directions and simple rules or regulations in familiar situations.
- Identify essential information in a conversation.
- Listen for information and respond to questions about shorter spoken material (speeches, radio programs).

<u>Grammar Points</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Compound sentences	She is a teacher, and he is a doctor; We like tacos, but we don't like pasta.
Simple past tense	I came to Seattle in 2001.
Future Tense	I will go to the doctor tomorrow; We're going to California next month.
Modal Verbs	I might want to take classes. She would like to study English.
Review: Simple sentences Yes/no questions & Wh-questions Simple present Present Continuous Tense Subject pronouns Demonstratives	

Prepositions There is/there are	
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