

BOOK REVIEW

Eugene J. Hall. *Grammar For Use, Books 1 & 2* Price: \$4.95 each Paperback
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An excellent book for advanced ESL students or teachers who want grammatical rules for English usage. Although these books use traditional grammar terminology, the rules and exercises reflect descriptive usage rather than being traditionally prescriptive.

There are six major divisions with 39 separate sections covering the problem areas of dialectical and non-native English speakers. Each section contains textual material followed by questions for comprehension and discussion. These are followed by questions for comprehension and discussion. Exercises in the form of connected discourse follow. Halles' foreword explains the rationale of the exercises:

1. Questions and grammatical points, for the purpose of making the student more conscious of the forms and meanings of the various structures.

2. Manipulations of the sentences for the purpose of making the students more at ease in their use of the forms of the patterns.

3. Exercises principally in combining and otherwise "improving" sentences, for the purpose of making the students more conscious of stylistic devices in English and giving them a basis on which to improve their own skills in communication.

These books could be used for individual study. The exercises would then alert the teacher to problems students might have in understanding the material.

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