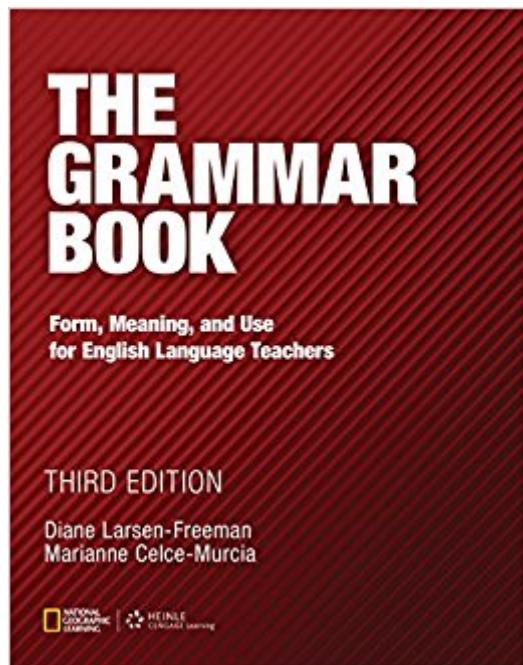


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# The Grammar Book



## **Synopsis**

The Grammar Book introduces teachers and future teachers to English grammatical constructions. This highly acclaimed text, used both as a course book and as a grammar reference guide, is suitable for all teachers of English. What sets it apart from other grammar books is its unique pedagogical focus: It describes not only how each grammatical construction is formed, but also its meaning and its use. Grammar is seen to be a resource for making meaning in textually and socially appropriate ways.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Diane Larsen-Freeman is Professor Emerita of Education, Professor Emerita of Linguistics, and Former Director of the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is also a Distinguished Senior Faculty Fellow at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. Dr. Larsen-Freeman has been a conference speaker in over 60 countries of the world and has published over 100 articles in her areas of interest. Her Heinle/Cengage titles include "The Grammar Book: Form, Meaning, and Use for English Language Teachers" (third edition, 2015, co-authored with Marianne Celce-Murcia), "From Grammar to Grammaring" (2003, authored), and the fourth edition of "Grammar Dimensions: Form, Meaning, and Use" (2007, Series Director). From 1980-1985, Dr. Larsen-Freeman was Editor of the journal "Language Learning." In 1997, Dr. Larsen-Freeman was inducted into the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1999, she was selected by ESL Magazine as one of "the ESL pioneers." In 2000, she received the lifetime

achievement award from Heinle & Heinle. Marianne Celce-Murcia (Ph.D. in Linguistics, 1972) is Professor Emerita of Applied Linguistics and TESL at the University of California, Los Angeles, where for 30 years she taught primarily graduate students, preparing to be language teachers and researchers. Beyond her work at UCLA, she taught in and administered English language programs in Nigeria (1964-1966), Egypt (Fall, 1980), Canada (Summer, 1983), and Armenia (2003-2007). She has lectured and led workshops all over the U.S. and in many other countries as well. In addition to her co-authorship (with Diane Larsen-Freeman) on the three editions of "The Grammar Book," she is co-editor (with Donna Brinton and Marguerite Ann Snow) of the fourth edition of "Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language" (2014) and series co-editor (with Maggie Sokolik) of the five-volume, content-based "Grammar Connection" series (2008-2009), all with Cengage Learning, who (as Heinle & Heinle) presented her with their lifetime achievement award in 1997. At UCLA Marianne was honored for distinguished teaching both as a graduate student (1964) and as a professor (1976).

The subtitle of the book which suggests it is an ESL Teacher's Guide is really MISleading ... it's one of the FINEST all-around books on English grammar EVER published, and is one where the reader must have a good degree of "prior knowledge" to appreciate the information contained in this book some of which I've never seen in any other English grammar book! There were a couple of areas that were condensed in this the 3rd edition that are expanded in the 2nd ed which is why I'm keeping my old edition; conversely, Professor Larsen expands on other areas in her 3rd ed which is a fair tradeoff. Also, the graphics and the layout using bold face type makes it an easier read this time around. Forget that it's geared for ESL students ... EVERY English teacher should at least be aware of this book if not have it as a permanent part of their classroom reference library.

Additionally, I love the index / reference section at the end of the book where certain words can be looked at ["maybe vs perhaps" "some vs any," etc.] + the standard index of specific English topics, e.g., conditional sentences, prepositions, etc. Absolutely and positively LOVE this book! --

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I am so excited to read this book. I have heard it is the book to have for ESL grammar teachers. This is the book that my professor recommended. I have yet to read it, but by skimming it, it looks thorough.

I have known Dr. Larsen-Freeman work since I studied my first MA in late 1980s. Now I'm working

on my EdD, and bought the latest edition. This book is a must in every graduate student's library.

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Excellent grammar book for teachers or grammaphiles.

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