Suggested Grammar Readings

Teaching languages involves, as you know, a knowledge of grammar. While you are not expected to begin the course (or finish for that matter) with a comprehensive understanding of English structure, we do recommend that you brush up on your grammar awareness. Below are short descriptions of a few grammar books that SIT TESOL Certificate course trainers use and recommend. Past participants have found them useful during and after the course as well. If you are interested in more information about these books, you can visit the publishers’ web sites.

1. **Grammar for English Language Teachers** by Martin Parrot, Cambridge University Press, 2000, [http://uk.cambridge.org/elt/gelt/overview](http://uk.cambridge.org/elt/gelt/overview). “Comprehensive and practical guide that will be indispensable to trainee teachers and more experienced teachers throughout their careers. Award winning teacher reference book presents form/meaning challenges for students, and suggested exercises.”

2. **Grammar Dimensions** Platinum Edition, Student Text, by Heidi Riggenbach and Virginia Samuda, Series Director: Diane Larsen-Freeman, Heinle & Heinle, 2000, [http://eslgrammar.heinle.com/gdonline/index.html](http://eslgrammar.heinle.com/gdonline/index.html). Levels 1-4 (Level 2 is low-intermediate, and may be most useful). “Makes teaching grammar easy and more effective than ever. Clear grammar explanations, a wealth of exercises, lively communicative activities, technology resources (CD ROM included), and fully annotated Teachers’ Editions help both beginning and experienced teachers give their students the practice and skills they need to communicate accurately, meaningfully, and appropriately.


Various websites can also be useful as sources of grammar help. Two you might like to have a look at are: [http://esl.about.com/cs/grammar/index.htm](http://esl.about.com/cs/grammar/index.htm), and [http://eslcafe.com/search/Grammar](http://eslcafe.com/search/Grammar).