

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Proper nouns e.g. New Zealand
Common nouns e.g. drinking, smoking, hazard, reactor, residents

Prepositions:

Of place at, from, in, on etc., e.g. in New Zealand
Of time at, in, before, after etc., e.g. at present

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the habit
Indefinite a, an, e.g. a nuclear reactor
Omission of articles
before most proper nouns,
with uncountable nouns e.g. in New Zealand

Pronouns:

Subject it, you, we, they etc., e.g. It is radioactive.
Possessive our, her, my, their etc., e.g. their unhealthy habit
Relative who, which, that etc., e.g. Smoking is a major health hazard which endangers many people

Conjunctions and connectives:

Contrastive but, although etc., e.g. but many have either become dependent
Temporal firstly, in conclusion etc., e.g. Firstly, cigarette smoking is the most common cause of illness.
Causal because, so, hence etc., e.g. It is a difficult question because the importance of research has to be weighed up.

Adjectives:

e.g. common, major, health, expensive, safer nuclear

Adverbs:

Of manner readily, correctly, quickly etc., e.g. literally going up in smoke

Demonstratives:

this, that, these, those, e.g. These are the main reasons.

Quantifiers:

most, many, some, all, much etc., e.g. the most frequently used and abused drugs.

Empty subject (there/it) + existential 'be' + noun/adjective:

e.g. There is a lot of discussion at present.

Question formation:

'wh' e.g. What are the reasons for using nuclear power?
Subject reversal e.g. Is alcohol harmful?
'do' support
when no auxiliary e.g. Do residents want it?
Modal e.g. Can legal drugs be harmful?
Negation e.g. Smokers can't kick the habit.
Short answer forms e.g. Yes, they do. No, they don't. Yes, it has. No, it hasn't. Yes, it is. No, it isn't.

Verbs:

Present tense verbs e.g. Smoking is expensive. It is necessary.
Present perfect tense verbs e.g. Many have become dependent.
Future tense verbs e.g. Your money will be wasted. New technology will provide.
Infinitive verb e.g. hard habits to break, it is necessary to find
Modals e.g. These drugs should be treated the same, may also have nuclear weapons on board
Passive voice e.g. The legal age of smoking should be increased.
Conditional constructions e.g. If the law prevented them from smoking so young, it would be better for them.

Simple contractions:

e.g. can't kick the habit

Punctuation:

e.g. apostrophes, question marks, upper/lower case, full stops, commas, paragraphs