

GRAMMAR

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CONCEPT AND IN CONTEXT

WHAT DOES ACTFL'S POSITION STATEMENT
SAY...AND WHAT DOES IT NOT SAY

<https://www.actfl.org/guiding-principles/teach-grammar-concepts-meaningful-contexts-language-learning>

What does ACTFL mean?



Grammar should be chosen in the context of a theme to promote communication

Learners need to know why they need to know this grammar

The focus is on the meaning of the words...not the forms

Learners should have experiences learning grammar explicitly and implicitly

What doesn't ACTFL mean?



We should stop teaching grammar- grammar is still needed to communicate

Our courses should be grammar intensive- grammar should be chosen to promote a theme and language function

We should only teach grammar implicitly or explicitly- learners benefit from both kinds of experiences

All grammar is needed at all levels- grammar needs to match the performance goals and proficiency guidelines