

# 句法學 Syntax

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- A course for intermediate students (some Chinese will be used)
- Online asynchronous class
- 3-credit course

## Assignments and exams (*may change*):

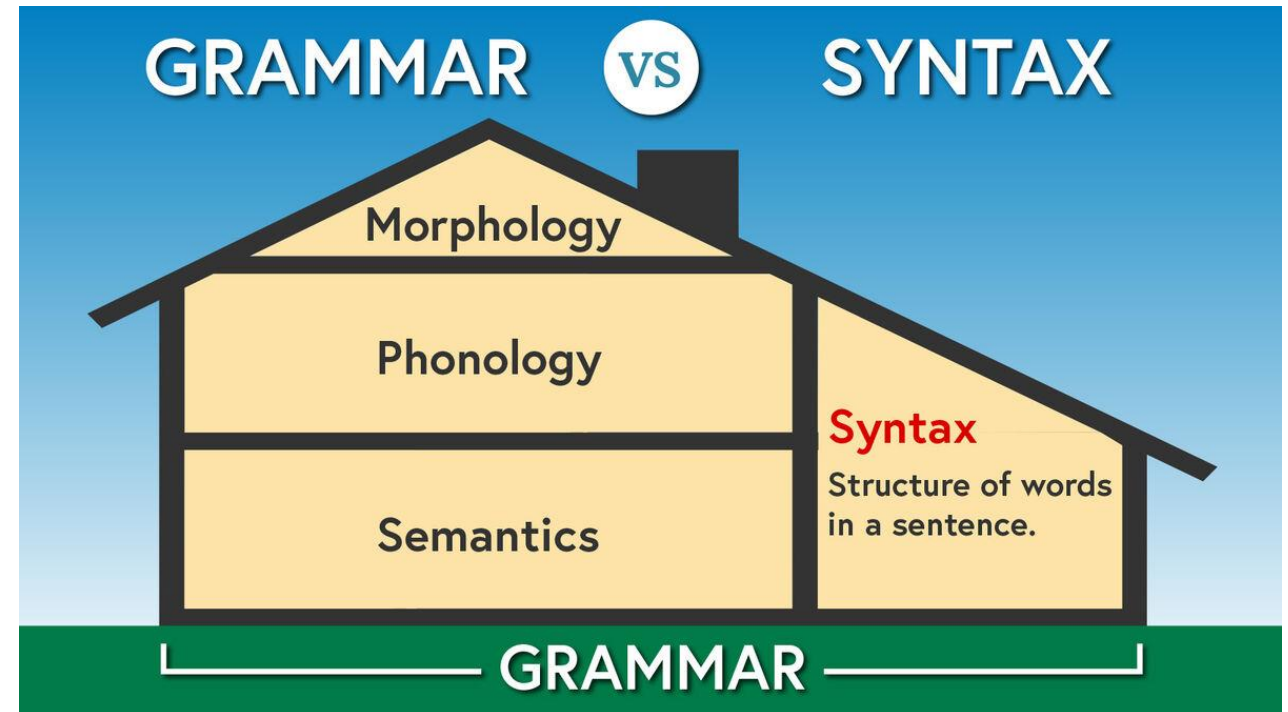
Occasional homework (grammar exercises)

Midterm exam

End of term exam

## Textbook

Undecided (maybe yes, maybe no)



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In this class we will look at English syntax with comparison to other languages

- How are English sentences structured?
- How is this different from Chinese, Japanese etc.?

Example:

English

The cat is on the mat ✓

Japanese

Cat the mat on is ✓

猫はマットの上にいる

Chinese

Cat is mat on ✓

貓咪在墊子上

Example:

English

The dog bit the man ✓

Japanese

Dog man bit ✓

犬は男性を噛んだ

Chinese

Dog bit man ✓

狗狗咬了一個男生



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- How do small changes in word order affect meaning?

Example:

**She only likes books** 她只喜歡書

**Only she likes books** 只有她喜歡書

Sometimes we can play with word order to be poetic:

**Books, only she likes them.**

**Who likes books? Only her.**



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- This class will be taught in simple English so it is not for total beginners.
- But it might be too easy for advanced students!
- I will use some Chinese (but my Chinese is bad, so please don't expect too much)



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(I also think that grammar is boring, so I am going to try to find ways to make it fun)

