

Duration: 1 day

# **Dramatic Grammatics**

### **Overview:**

At the very best, poor grammar can have 'you' be considered as being sloppy. It is unfortunate, but many people still judge people's competence on their written output because it is on record. A commercial enterprise can suffer in many areas because of this; efficiency, customer retention and reputation, to name a few. 'Dramatic Grammatics' has been designed to make the process of learning (or relearning in some cases) grammar fun and user-friendly. The courses uses the metaphor of theatre to teach the fundamental grammar needed to write well for business. Participants will learn how to improve business writing skills by understanding grammatical rules and where to apply them.

## **Target Audience:**

This course is essential for anyone who has problems with the fundamentals of wellconstructed and grammatically correct sentences. This is especially if such a person corresponds on behalf of his/her organisation to external parties, but those needing clear internal written communications will also benefit. Executive Assistants, Customer Service Officers, Supervisors, Sales People and Managers.

### At Course completion:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to be clearer, be correct, save misunderstanding through ambiguity, create a positive professional reputation, be more productive by avoiding rewriting.

#### **Act I: Direction**

- What to avoid and achieve today!
  Scene One: The Drama
  Scene Two: The Tragedy
- Scene Three: The Comedy
- Performance Scene Four: Your objectives for today

### Act II: The Players

- Parts of Speech
- Scene One: The Main Cast Scene Two: Understudies
- Scene Three: Props
- Performance
- Scene Four: Performers

### Act III: The Star

- The Verb
- Scene One: Verb Agreement
- Performance
- Scene Two: Active and Passive Verbs
- Scene Three: Irregular vs regular verbs
   Scene Four: Verbals

# **Act IV: Auditioning the Cast**

- Word Choice (put in re good better best)
- Inclusive Language
- Performance

### **Act V: The Stage**

- Sentences
   Scene One: Phrases and Clauses
   Scene Two: Simple, Compound and Complex Sentences

- Performances
- Scene Four: The Prompt
  Scene Five: Parallel Structure

### **Act VI: Stage Direction**

- PunctuationScene One: The Full Stop, Question Mark
- and Exclamation Mark

- Scene Two: The Comma
  Scene Three: The Semi Colon
  Scene Four: The Colon
  Scene Five: The Apostrophe
- Scene Six: Less use marks Performance

#### Act VII: The Whole Theatre

- The Paragraph
- Performance

### **Act VIII: Epilogue**

Setting the scene for future success