

**Analytical Grammar 2021-2022**  
**Westfield Washington Public Library**  
 (with distance-learning backup)

**Junior Analytical Grammar / Grades 4-6+ / Tuesdays 11:30am-12:30pm / 24 weeks**  
**Analytical Grammar / Grades 6-8 thru high school / Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm / 30 weeks**

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**School-year classes / 6-week sessions**

*Junior Analytical Grammar (JAG) calendar (24 weeks)*

- Session 1: Week of August 30 – week of October 11 (minus Labor Day week)
- Session 2: Week of October 18 – week of November 29 (minus Thanksgiving week)
- Session 3: Week of January 24 – week of February 28 (followed by 2-week spring break)
- Session 4: Week of March 21 – week of April 25

*Analytical Grammar (AG) calendar (30 weeks)*

- Session 1: Week of August 30 – week of October 11 (minus Labor Day week)
- Session 2: Week of October 18 – week of November 29 (minus Thanksgiving week)
- Session 3: Week of January 10 – week of February 14
- Session 4: Week of February 21 – week of April 11 (minus weeks of 3/7 and 3/14 for spring break)
- Session 5: Week of April 19 – week of May 23

**AG and JAG Classes:**

- ***On a few weeks, lessons will be held online via Zoom; both courses are prepared with distance-learning backup via Zoom.***
- Yearlong classes — no mid-year enrollment
- Minimum 4 students; maximum 8 students (waiting list maintained if needed)
- **\$72 per 6-week session**
- **\$20 one-time materials/licensing/usage fee** (*pending arrangement with Demme Learning*): \$5 immediate discount for enrollment and first payment by 8/1; \$5 refunded at end of year upon return of answer keys)
- Register online through WWPL children's department.
- *Enrollment in any session is not complete until paid in full.* You may pay this instructor directly by check or via PayPal or Venmo. Direct any payment questions to instructor.
- Each session payment is due 1 week before the session begins. Payments made after first day of class (any session) are subject to a \$10 late fee *per week*.
- ***See individual class descriptions for info regarding required purchases and class-specific fees***

*Returning JAG and AG students are welcome; please note that lessons will repeat from year to year.*

**Teacher information.** Mrs. Daryl Kessler has a background in English and publishing, and she enjoys helping students express themselves in writing with clarity and individuality. Over the past thirteen years, she has taught a variety of homeschool language arts classes, including creative writing, IEW composition, and grammar. She has had the pleasure of offering classes through WWPL since 2014.

**Junior Analytical Grammar (JAG) (grades 4-6+) Tuesdays 11:30am-12:30pm — 60-minute class; 24 weeks**

This year-long course for students in grades 4-6+ requires two workbooks — (yellow) *Junior Analytical Grammar* and (orange) *Junior Analytical Grammar: Mechanics*. Together, these cover the following aspects of grammar:

- All the parts of speech, five sentence patterns, and parts of a sentence
- Classic sentence diagramming
- Six comma rules
- Capitalization
- Titles, dialogue, quotations, and possessives
- Usage units on agreements and word choice

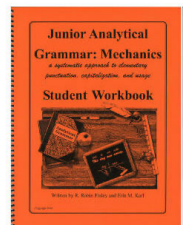
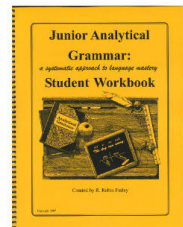
During the first semester, we will work through *Junior Analytical Grammar*. This workbook concentrates on the grammar basics, without going into the more complex concepts such as phrases and clauses. All the parts of speech (nouns, articles, adjectives, pronouns, prepositions, verbs, adverbs, and conjunctions) and the functioning parts of a sentence (subjects, verbs, modifiers, direct and indirect objects, predicate nominatives, and predicate adjectives) are covered.

In the spring, we will move to *Junior Analytical Grammar: Mechanics*, which focuses on punctuation, capitalization, and usage rules.

*This is an ungraded class.*

**Required materials for JAG:**

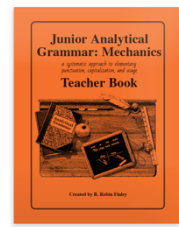
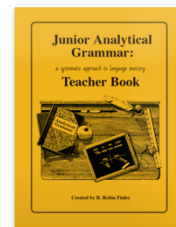
- *Junior Analytical Grammar* student workbook (\$21)  
[store.demmelearning.com/junior-analytical-grammar-student-workbook.html](http://store.demmelearning.com/junior-analytical-grammar-student-workbook.html)  
(each student needs an individual copy)
- *Junior Analytical Grammar: Mechanics* student workbook (\$21)  
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- Please plan to obtain both books before the first day of class. (PDF versions of both workbooks are also available; must be printed out in their entirety and bound in preparation for first day of class.)
- NOTE: You will not need the DVDs.



**Additional materials for JAG:**

If a licensing arrangement with Demme Learning cannot be reached, the one-time materials/usage fee due upon enrollment will be \$15 (\$5 immediate discount for enrollment and first payment by 8/1). In this event, families must also obtain the following to access the answer keys and grade student homework:

- *Junior Analytical Grammar* teacher book (\$21)  
[store.demmelearning.com/junior-analytical-grammar-teacher-book.html](http://store.demmelearning.com/junior-analytical-grammar-teacher-book.html) (one per family)
- *Junior Analytical Grammar: Mechanics* teacher book (\$21)  
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**Analytical Grammar (AG) (grades 6-8 through high school) Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm — 60-minute class; 30 weeks**

This year-long course for students in grades 6-8 through high school requires a single hefty workbook — *Analytical Grammar*. This book covers the following aspects of grammar:

- All the parts of speech and parts of the sentence
- Phrases and clauses
- Classic sentence diagramming
- Rules of punctuation and capitalization
- Common usage errors

According to the authors, “The concepts in *Analytical Grammar* are taught in a certain logical order, so that each concept builds on and is reinforced by the concepts already covered. For all intents and purposes, this method is not unlike the study of math where one is applying everything one already knows about math and simply moving on to a new concept ...

“[*Analytical Grammar*] is taught sequentially as a whole body of knowledge instead of being taught piece-meal along with writing or literature or other language activities ... Since every concept is woven logically together with every other concept, there simply is no reason for endless repetition and drill.”

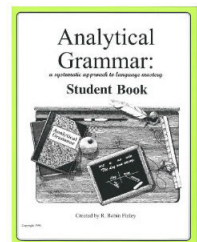
During the 12 fall weeks, we will work through “season” 1 and begin season 2. Over the 18 weeks in the new year, we will work through the rest of season 2 and the entirety of season 3. Depending on student comprehension of individual concepts, we may reduce the number of assigned sentences to parse for homework. Also, we will not diagram every sentence that we parse.

Upon completion of each season, the perforated pages of notes from each unit of *Analytical Grammar* can be removed from the workbook and compiled into a binder which the student can then use as a valuable complete and indexed grammar reference for years to come.

*This class is worth 1 high school language arts credit.*

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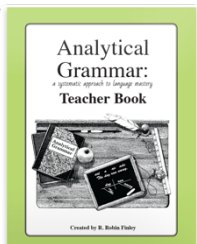
- *Analytical Grammar* student workbook (\$47) [store.demmelearning.com/analytical-grammar-student-workbook.html](http://store.demmelearning.com/analytical-grammar-student-workbook.html) (each student needs an individual copy)
- Please plan to obtain the book before the first day of class. (PDF version of the workbook is also available; must be printed out in its entirety and bound in preparation for first day of class.)
- NOTE: You will not need the DVD or reinforcement book.



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**REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

- ½-inch 3-ring binder for collecting diagrammed sentences during the class, and for compiling notes from the AG/JAG workbook after each season
- Highlighters
- Sharpened pencils
- A zippered pouch for pencils, etc.
- Loose-leaf, lined paper in binder for diagramming
- *TBD*: Answer key (licensed, copied, and loaned by instructor) kept in good repair and in parent possession
- Parent availability to check test answers
- Access to Internet and email

Students (or parents) must have **email and Internet access** for the following purposes:

- Follow-up information (lesson recap and assignment details) will be posted each week on **Canvas** or sent via **email**.
- In the event of a weather or widespread health emergency, unforeseen library closings, or teacher illness, classes will be held online (during the usual class hour or rescheduled as necessary) via **Zoom**.
- In the event of student absences, with forewarning I may be able to video-record specific lessons. Recordings will be accessible via **Canvas**.
- I will provide detailed instructions for each of the above as needed.

For *AG students* needing just a bit of a refresher over the summer or in the future, Analytical Grammar does offer themed reinforcement books: *American Authors*, *British Authors*, *World Authors*, and *Shakespeare's Plays*. (Note: the green "Reinforcement & Review" book reviews only seasons 1 and 2 of AG.)