

# **The “Gotta Know EVERYTHING about Grammar” English Class** **at KAT**

**A course focusing on English grammar, rules, and writing**

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## **For whom?**

Students in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who need to learn (or re-learn) the basics of grammar, go beyond the basics and learn more advanced concepts and vocabulary.

## **What is it?**

This is a solid class about the rules of English grammar, and maybe more importantly, how to use the rules in one’s own writing. Use of an activity called a “time drill” will help students to learn nearly every part of speech, to understand and apply correct punctuation, and to practice the correct use of many concepts such as verb tense, subject/predicate agreement, and pronoun antecedents. The goal of this class is to empower students with the tools and knowledge that will make them grammatically sound writers and communicators.

Teaching vocabulary can be a daunting task: so many words, so little time! Yet, it is important that students have a vast knowledge of our language. Therefore, Kristen will teach students many of the 100 most common words for SAT/ACT test preparation through a variety of activities. Students won’t just memorize words and their meanings; instead, students will learn the words, understand them, and use them in their conversations and writing.

## **How will this help my youngster?**

Since Kristen has taught in the public school system and maintains close relationships with many current public and private school teachers, she knows the current standards, curriculum, and material that students of this age need to know and understand to successfully move onto the high school grades and then to college. Since she has taught a writing class at KAT since 2006, she recognizes the areas where she needs to focus her teaching for this home school program.

Grammar is a crucial component to becoming a solid and successful writer. Because writing is large part of high school English programs, college entrance exams and applications, and most college curriculums, it is important for students to have a strong grasp of English grammar, including parts of speech, punctuation, and essay structure. This course is designed to teach students all aspects of English grammar.

## **How much is this going to cost me?**

\$400 per student for the entire year:

- \$50 deposit is due at registration to secure a spot in the class
- \$150 is due on or before the first class in September
- \$200 is due at the beginning of the second semester in January

### **Length**

This class is a one year program, following the KAT's schedule.

### **Materials**

Students will need a three-ringed binder with dividers and notebook paper as well as writing utensils.

### **Drop Policy**

If a student needs to drop class (within the first four classes), tuition will be refunded on a pro-rated basis for the number of classes we have left, less a small amount for the church building fee. **NO refund will be given after class four.**

### **Absence/Cancellation Policy**

If a student misses class, it is his/her responsibility to see Kristen for make-up work and class material. A very effective and easy way to stay caught up before a planned absence or after an unplanned absence is to email Kristen ([kristenscranton@gmail.com](mailto:kristenscranton@gmail.com)) so that the student can get notes, handouts, and assignments. If class is cancelled due to weather or illness on Kristen's part, material will be made up within the next few classes.

### **Who is Kristen Scranton?**

Kristen has taught grammar and writing at KAT since 2006. Prior to teaching at KAT, she taught at Mattawan Schools. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Elementary Education and minors in English, Math, and Science from Western Michigan University in 2002, and she earned her Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College in 2005.

Kristen is wife to David and mom to four kids. She is a long-time member of Calvary Bible Church where has served in various ways over the years: nursery, VBS, wedding coordinating, high school ministry, and a young families' life group. She loves spending time with her family and friends, playing volleyball, coaching, reading, and traveling. Teaching and engaging with young people are her passions, and KAT is a huge blessing to her and her family.

*Please contact Kristen anytime with questions about classes and guidance on English classes!*

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