Hello again . . . !

. . . and welcome to **big grammar book 2**! Why another Big Grammar Book? Wasn’t the first one big enough? Well, it’s eleven years since I wrote the first book and it has been, without a doubt, the most popular of all my English Banana books. It’s always the first book that people ask me about; it’s always cited as the most useful and valuable of my books; indeed it has been downloaded for free hundreds of thousands of times! No matter how much I love and promote my other children (I mean, books!) BGB is what people want. So, I often used to joke about making a sequel: give the people what they want. This summer I thought: why not?

Like its older sibling, BGB 2 is packed with 101 printable worksheets for teaching and improving grammar skills in English. The topics are wide and varied, starting with *Essential English* worksheets that cover the basics, like the alphabet, days, months, and telling the time; then tenses (*a lot* about tenses!), then irregular verbs, question forms, word order in sentences, parts of English, uncountable nouns, and so on! If you have used the first BGB, you will know what to expect from this one. Around 25% of the worksheets in this book are closely modelled on activities in BGB 1, for example Full Stops 1 & 2 (pp.68-69).

The material starts off at beginner level, with the alphabet worksheets, then gets progressively more difficult, while staying in Elementary (A1 / A2) level. Only towards the end do things get “tougher”, with articles, conditionals, and phrasal verbs making their inevitable appearance! Don’t worry – all the answers and notes for use are included at the back of this book.

English teachers can use **big grammar book 2** in class, although it may be better to use the worksheets for homework and let students focus on speaking and listening and group work – *producing* language – in class. It is ideal for private study – i.e. homework or self-study – and also for use in online lessons. Teachers can adapt the worksheets in this book, and I would positively encourage them to treat many of the pages as templates for producing their own activities. For example, the sentence building worksheets (from p.60) would be ideal for adaptation, among many others. Please feel free to download and adapt the .doc Word document files for each page which are available at our website. By the way, this is the first English Banana.com book to be published straight into the public domain. This means that anybody can print, copy, adapt, sell, give away, and otherwise use this work – for commercial and non-commercial purposes. I hope you enjoy learning English with **big grammar book 2**! Remember, a good understanding of English grammar will open doors of opportunity.

Thank you to all my students who have good-naturedly tried out these worksheets in class. Special thanks to my friends Iramaia and Marcelo who have been kind enough to read through and test out different parts of this book. Your feedback has been invaluable! If you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear *your* feedback too! You can email me at: info@englishbanana.com

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