

GRAMMAROSAURUS

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THEY EVEN KNOW WHAT COLONS DO.
DO YOU?

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JESSICA

Good evening. I'm Jessica, and this is Roberto.

ROBERTO

Welcome to our special report.
We have breaking news from Scotland.

JESSICA

People from all over the world are flocking here
to talk to the Loch Ness Monster.

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Hey, I heard that!

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

I'm NOT a monster!

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

I'm a Grammarosaurus.

ROBERTO

How many of you are there?

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Lots.

JESSICA

How come you've never come out in the open before?

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

The world is in crisis.

ROBERTO

Economic crisis?

JESSICA

Environmental?

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

Grammatical.

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

The world needs us now.

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

We Grammarosauri love different kinds of grammar.

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

The three of us, for example, love capital letters.

ROBERTO

Capitals?

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Of course.

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

But there's one capital letter we REALLY like.

CAPITAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

Because it's an entire word!

MY VERY FAVORITE CAPITAL

THE FIRST WORD IN A SENTENCE

GETS A CAPITAL

THE OTHER WORDS

DON'T USUALLY EVEN TRY

BUT THERE'S ONE WORD

THAT ALWAYS GETS A CAPITAL

MY VERY FAVORITE CAPITAL IS I!

NO MATTER WHERE YOU PUT IT,
IT'S A CAPITAL
BEGINNING, MIDDLE, END IT STANDS UP HIGH
THE SUBJECT I LIKE BEST,
WELL, IT'S A CAPITAL
MY VERY FAVORITE CAPITAL IS I!

I, I, I, I
IT'S JUST ONE LITTLE LETTER
I, I, I, I
IT CAN'T GET BETTER THAN I!

OH SURE A PERSON'S NAME
WILL GET A CAPITAL
AND CERTAIN WORDS LIKE "MONDAY" OR "JULY"
BUT IF I HAVE TO PICK OUT
JUST ONE CAPITAL
MY VERY FAVORITE CAPITAL IS !

I, I, I, I

IT'S JUST ONE LITTLE LETTER

I, I, I, I

IT CAN'T GET BETTER THAN !

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SALLY

Hi there. I'm Sally Swampwater,
your roving reporter.

I've just come across three more Grammarosauri.
Or is it Grammarosauruses?

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

I prefer Grammarosauri.

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

It's the Latin form.

SALLY

You guys know Latin?

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

Doesn't everybody?

SALLY

You must have been in that lake a very long time.

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Yes—it's taking us a while to adjust to modern times.

SALLY

What do you find so confusing about life these days?

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

Lots of things. Forks, for example.

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

And the tax code.

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

And especially plurals.

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

It used to be so easy to make a plural. You just added an 's'.

PLURAL GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

But modern life is complicated!

PLURALS

WHEN I WAS YOUNG
LIFE WAS SIMPLE
PLURALS JUST ADDED AN “S”
“VOICE” BECAME “VOICES”
“CHOICE” BECAME “CHOICES”
PLURALS WERE EASY TO GUESS.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG
LIFE WAS SIMPLE
PLURALS JUST ADDED AN “S”
THEN I GOT OLDER
THE WORLD GREW COLDER
NOW EVERYTHING IS A MESS!

“HOUSE” BECOMES “HOUSES”

“MOUSE” BECOMES “MICE”

“MOOSE” ISN'T “MOOSES”

AND “DIE” BECOMES “DICE.”

IT'S SO RANDOM

IT'S CAUSING ME STRESS

I MISS THE “S.”

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“CHILD” BECOMES “CHILDREN”

“SHEEP” JUST STAYS “SHEEP”

“GOOSE” ISN'T “GOOSES”

AND “FOOT” BECOMES “FEET.”

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I **MISS** THE “S.”

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Hey look, it's a tourist. Pssst. Hey, buddy.

TOURIST

Wow, a Grammarosaurus! I've come all the way from Cerritos to see one of you up close.

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

You wanna buy an 'O'?

TOURIST

You mean the letter O?

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

Yeah. The letter O.

TOURIST

What is this, Wheel of Fortune?

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

A nice fresh O. Took it right out of the phrase, “Should not.”

TOURIST

You stole an O?

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

We didn't really STEAL it. We BORROWED it.

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

We do it all the time—we take the O out of phrases like “should not” and put an apostrophe in its place.

TOURIST

You shouldn't!

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Exactly. We end up with shouldn't!

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

It's a contraction.

CONTRACTION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

And we LOVE contractions!

CONTRACTION

CONTRACTION

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SUCH SATISFACTION

SQUEEZE TOGETHER TWO WORDS INTO ONE

CONTRACTION

CONTRACTION

TIME FOR SUBTRACTION

WHO KNEW APOSTROPHES COULD BE SO FUN?

IF YOU'RE FEELING NEGATIVE I'VE GOT

A WAY TO STEAL THE "O" RIGHT OUT OF "NOT"

THERE'S WOULDN'T SHOULDN'T COULDN'T CAN'T AND WON'T

DOESN'T DIDN'T ISN'T AREN'T AND DON'T.

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WHO KNEW APOSTROPHES
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WOULD BECOMES JUST “D” AND THAT’S A THRILL
DOUBLE “L” IS ALL THAT’S LEFT OF “WILL”
THERE’S I’D AND YOU’D AND HE’D AND WE’D AND SHE’LL
I’LL AND THEY’LL AND YOU’LL AND THEY’D AND WE’LL.

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SALLY

Hi. It's me, once again, with an exciting scoop.
I've found two Grammarosaurs who refuse to talk to each other.

NOUN GRAMMAROSAURUS

Blockhead!

VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS

Buzz off!

SALLY

Stop that! Now which one of you only uses nouns and pronouns?

NOUN GRAMMAROSAURUS

Me.

SALLY

So that must mean that you, uh...

VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS

...use...

SALLY

...only verbs. You know, if you two worked together, you could make some great complete sentences. Come on, give it a try.

NOUN AND VERB

NOUN GRAMMAROSAURUS
KINGS

VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS
RULE

NOUN GRAMMAROSAURUS
DOGS

VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS
DROOL

NOUN/VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS
HEY LOOK IT'S NICE TO SHARE

NOUN GRAMMAROSAURUS
GRASS

VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS
GROWS

NOUN GRAMMAROSAURUS
WHO

VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS
KNOWS

NOUN/VERB GRAMMAROSAURUS
WE MIGHT MAKE QUITE A PAIR.

ALL

NOUN AND VERB

NOUN AND VERB

TOGETHER SOMETHING SWEET

NOUN AND VERB

NOUN AND VERB

THE SENTENCE IS COMPLETE.

OOOHHH

OOOHHH

OOOHHH

OOOHHH

EYES

PEEK

PENS

LEAK

HEY NOW WE'RE GOING STRONG

SOCKS

STINK

I

THINK

WE MIGHT JUST GET ALONG.

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OOOHHH
OOOHHH
OOOHHH!

PROFESSOR #1

Professor, you can NOT do that.

PROFESSOR #2

Well I just DID it.

PROFESSOR #1

Impossible! Your punctuation is absurd.

PROFESSOR #2

We'll settle this once and for all
when we find a Grammarosaurus.

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Did I hear something about punctuation?

PROFESSOR #1

Here's one now! We've traveled halfway around the world
so you can settle our argument.

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

What's the problem? I LOVE punctuation problems.

PROFESSOR #2

He has ended a sentence with a little smiley face.
Can you do that?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

No.

PROFESSOR #1

Well SHE ended the sentence with a giant sunflower.

Can you do THAT?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

Absolutely not.

PROFESSOR #2

Then what in the world CAN you end a sentence with?

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE

ALL

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE WITH A COMMA?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

NOPE

ALL

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE WITH A SMILE?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

NO WAY

ALL

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE WITH SOME CHOCOLATE?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

NU-UH

ALL

THIS GRAMMAR STUFF CAN REALLY CRAMP YOUR STYLE.

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE WITH A HYPHEN?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

NOPE

ALL

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE WITH BOUQUETS?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

NO WAY

ALL

CAN YOU END A SENTENCE WITH A GROUNDHOG?

PUNCTUATION GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

NU-UH

ALL

I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO CHANGE MY WAYS.

QUESTION MARK

PERIOD

EXCLAMATION POINT

THESE I HIGHLY RECOMMEND

QUESTION MARK

PERIOD

EXCLAMATION POINT

JUST THREE WAYS TO END.

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COMMA GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

Have you noticed a lot of strangers running around here?

COMMA GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

You'd think they'd never seen a Grammarosaurus before.

COMMA GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

Somebody asked me yesterday if I was Nessie.

COMMA GRAMMAROSAURUS #1

We hardly ever see her these days.

COMMA GRAMMAROSAURUS #2

Not like us Comma Grammarosauri.

COMMA GRAMMAROSAURUS #3

Yeah, we're EVERYWHERE. Just like
commas.

COMMAS

BLUE, COMMA, RED,
COMMA, WHITE, COMMA, GREEN
COLORS CANNOT RUN
IF THERE'S A COMMA IN BETWEEN.

DOG, COMMA, CAT,
COMMA, FISH, COMMA, MOUSE
COMMAS KEEP YOUR ANIMALS FROM
TEARING UP THE HOUSE.

COMMAS MAKE US PAUSE
COMMAS MAKE A CLAUSE
COMMAS SPLIT A CITY
AND A STATE

AND THEY SPLIT THE DAY AND YEAR
WHEN THERE'S A DATE.

EAST, COMMA, WEST,
COMMA, SOUTH, COMMA, NORTH
COMMAS KEEP THINGS STRAIGHT SO
YOU'RE NOT RUNNING BACK AND FORTH.

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DR. PICKWICK

As an animal psychologist, I have to say these Grammarsauri are astonishing. Not only are they expert grammarians, some of them actually believe they are quotation marks.

Here, let me introduce you. Mark and Mark.

Come here a moment, won't you?

MARK #1

Hi, I'm Mark.

MARK #2

And I'm Mark.

MARKS

We're the Quotation Marks.

MARKS MARKS

ALL

**IF YOU'RE QUOTING SOMEONE
WE'VE GOTTA BE YOUR FRIEND**

MARK #1

I'M AT THE BEGINNING

MARK #2

AND I COME AT THE END.

**ALL
PALS WE'RE TWINS WE'RE BUDDIES
BEYOND EACH OTHER'S REACH
'CAUSE ALWAYS THERE BETWEEN US
YOU'LL FIND REPORTED SPEECH.**

**MARKS MARKS
QUOTATION MARKS
SEE US HANGING OVERHEAD
WE'RE MARKS WE'RE MARKS
TELLING YOU EXACTLY WHAT WAS SAID.**

ALL
QUOTE SOMEONE DIRECTLY
AND WE WON'T MISS THE FUN

MARK #1
I'M THERE WHEN YOU'RE STARTING

MARK #2
AND I'M THERE WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

ALL

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JESSICA

Jessica and Roberto here once again,
and look who we found!

NESSIE

Whom.

JESSICA

Whom what?

NESSIE

It's "look **WHOM** we found," not "WHO we found."
"Whom" is an object.

ROBERTO

Wow! I think my head just exploded.
We're gonna have to come back next year to figure that one out.

JESSICA

This is Nessie, the famous Loch Ness, uh, Grammarosaurus.
We're so honored.

NESSIE

Be that as it may, I really must be off. It's tea time.

ROBERTO

Jessica, I think we should let Nessie get to her tea now.

JESSICA

So be it! That's it for our special report on Grammarosauri.

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