

**A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE ENGLISH NOUN  
IN TWO GRAMMAR BOOKS: A PRACTICAL ENGLISH  
GRAMMAR and A UNIVERSITY GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH.**

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**RESUMEN**

Estudio comparado del sustantivo Inglés en dos textos de Gramática: Thomson, A.J. and A.V. Martinet, **A PRACTICAL ENGLISH GRAMMAR** y Quirk, R. and S. Greenbaum, **A UNIVERSITY GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH**. Se analiza la descripción que se hace de este elemento gramatical (clase, género, número y caso) en ambos textos y después se compara para ver con que claridad y profundidad se realiza esta descripción.

El trabajo tiene como propósito guiar a los profesores de Inglés con respecto al uso, y/o adquisición de un texto de gramática pedagógico-práctico y que contenga el máximo de información.

**ABSTRACT**

This paper contains a comparative study of the English noun in two grammar books: Thomson, A.J. & A.V. Martinet, **A PRACTICAL ENGLISH GRAMMAR** and Quirk, R. & S. Greenbaum, **A UNIVERSITY GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH**.

The study is based upon the description made by both texts of this grammatical element, class, gender, number and case. It is analysed and compared in order to establish the depth, clarity and pedagogical approach of them.

The aim of this paper is to serve as a guide to teachers of English, in case they want to consult or purchase a sound, accurate and practical book.

However, before beginning the analysis of the topic, it seems appropriate to state the purpose, aim the authors of both books have in order to write them down.

T&M book is described in Oxford catalogue in the following way:

"It contains straightforward explanations, abundant practical advice, and up-to-date example sentences to illustrate how the grammatical forms are used." (p.45)

Q&G book is presented in Longman catalogue in the following way:

"It is a synchronic description of present-day educated English grammar. The authors concentrate on the common core of English,... Above all the present treatment has been adapted to the needs of students who require maximum comprehensiveness with maximum economy of presentation." (p.63)

From the above descriptions, one can say that both books attempt to a practical description of the English language of to day. Moreover the first book, T&M's book gives emphasis to the examples they have to illustrate grammatical points. Perhaps if the main difference between the two books is that T&M is intended for intermediate students while Q&G is for advanced students.

























































