

***Grappling with Grammar? Or Grammar is Great!*** was the intriguing title of David Hornsby's grammar workshop held at AAMI Stadium complex in Adelaide, on Friday April 8 this year.

He began by contemplating the character of a group of people who would choose to spend a golden autumn day working their way through a grammar workshop, and then proceeded to entice, challenge and exhort us through a series of activities which both reassured us that we *knew* grammar, and led us into new understandings *about* grammar.

Hornsby's approach to teaching grammar in the classroom is to embed the instruction in his reading and writing program, and support it with mini-lessons which may be directed at whole class, group or individual level as the need arises. How much more appealing did these activities look when they were constructed from some favourite bits of text from a well-loved book?

Hornsby's polished presentation, supported by a well-organised and comprehensive set of notes and resources, gave us valuable insights into useful and new resources as well as teaching approaches for the classroom.

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