

## **Traditional Grammar**

- During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, grammars of English began to appear.
- They were studied as an aid to learning Latin. So, they followed Latin models although the structure of English is quite different from Latin.
- To alter meaning, in Latin, one must change the forms of the words, not their order which is the case in English.
- The purpose of the early grammars of English was not to provide an accurate description of the language, but rather to serve as a basis for the study of Latin grammar.
- English word order was largely ignored, and the meaning of such relationships as actor and receiver was emphasized as a preface to Latin forms.