

时态、语气、语态 Verb tense, mood, and voice

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Standard English Convention

Sentence structure

Sentence formation •Sentence boundaries •Subordination and coordination •Parallel structure •Modifier placement Inappropriate shifts in construction •Verb tense, mood, and voice •Pronoun person and number



• Inconsistencies in grammatical elements will confuse your readers and distort your meaning.

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First draft

A bank owes more to its customers than is held in reserve. It kept enough assets to meet reasonable withdrawals, but panicked customers may demand all their deposits. Then demands will exceed supplies, and banks will fail. These days, a person's losses are not likely to be great because the government insures your deposits.

Shift in verb voice
Shift in verb tense
Shift in number

Shifts in number and person 除新标方在线

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1. Shifts in tense



Shifts in tense

• Within a sentence or from one sentence to another, certain changes in tense may be required to indicate changes in actual or relative time. 除新东方在线

Tense	Simple	Continuous	Perfect
present			
past			
future			
past			
future			

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Tense	Simple	Continuous	Perfect
present	do /does	am/is /are doing	have/has done
past	did	was/were doing	had done
future	shall/ will do	shall/ will be doing	shall/ will have done
past future	would do	would be doing	would have done



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• Tom was absent when his rivals voted against his proposal.



- Nutritionists consider Greek yogurt to be a healthy food: it is an excellent source of protein, serves to be a digestive aid, and <u>it</u> <u>contains</u> few calories in its unsweetened low- and non-fat forms.
- A) NO CHANGE
- B) containing
- C) contains
- D) will contain



- But some fruits do not respond as well to 1-MCP as others <u>did</u>, and some even respond adversely.
- A) NO CHANGE
- B) do,
- C) have,
- D) will,



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- ·有时间状语判断时态:
- did: last/ ago/ in/ after/ before/when



- ・有时间状语判断时态:
- have done :
- •表示从过去一直持续到现在的动作或状态。
- 句中谓语动词通常是延续性动词。
- 时间状语:
- since, for, these days, all this year, all my life, in the last / past few years
- for + 时间段
- since + 时间点



have done

- •表示过去发生的动作对现在有影响和现在的结果。
- 常与 already, yet, just, ever, never 等表示不确定 时间的时间副词连用。
- A: Would you like something to eat?
- B: No, thanks. I' ve just had lunch.



• Despite its cultural importance, the Daily Gazette lost 70 percent of its subscribers since 1920.



- ... have done since 1997.
- ... have done since I joined the army.

- ... have done for 10 years.
- ... have done for the past 10 years.

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易错过去式及分词

- choose-chose-chosen
- run ran run
- write wrote- written
- rise rose risen
- ride rode ridden
- swim swam swum
- wear wore worn
- sing sang sung
- shake shook shaken
- take took- taken
- lay laid laid / lie lay lain / lie lied lied
- hang hung hung / hanged hanged



• After Gertrude Ederle had swam the English Channel, she was celebrated as the first woman ever to accomplish the feat.



2, Shifts in mood

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- Shifts in the mood of verbs :
- imperative mood Unplug the appliance.
- indicative mood

You should unplug the appliance.



• Shift in mood:

 Cook the mixture slowly, and you should stir it until the sugar is dissolved.

• Revised:

• Cook the mixture slowly, and stir it until the sugar is dissolved.



 To avoid saturated fats, substitute turkey and chicken for beef, and you should use cholesterol-free salad dressing and cooking oil.



Subjunctive Mood

- Past :
- If had done..., would/should/could/might have done...
- If Tom had not missed many classes, he would have made greater progress.
- Present :
- If were/did..., would do...
- If I were you, I would donate all the money to those poor.
- Future :
- If were to do/should do ..., would do...
- If I should live my life over again, I would have you as my wife.



- Sally was certain that <u>if someone else</u> would have saw the accident, she would have been able to press charges.
- A) NO CHANGE
- B) if someone else would see
- C) if someone else had seen
- D) were someone else to see



- After marching for four hours in temperatures exceeding ninety degrees, the band members were as soaked as <u>if</u> <u>marching</u> through a rainstorm.
- A) NO CHANGE
- B) having marched
- C) if from marching
- D) if they had marched



Subjunctive mood with inversion

- Were I you, I would donate all the money to those poor.
- Had he not missed many classes, he would have made greater progress.
- Should I live my life over again, I would have you as my wife.

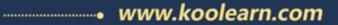


- <u>If everyone would have contributed</u>, we might have raised enough money to save the old landmark from developers.
- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Had everyone contributed
- C) If there was a contribution from everyone
- D) If everyone contributes



Subjunctive Mood

- •表示命令、建议和要求的转述句中的虚拟语气
- suggest, advise, recommend, propose, request, demand, order, ask, decide, insist, command
- ...that sb. (should) do...





• He suggested (that) she (should) take her mother' s advice.

• They requested (that) the problem (should) be discussed at the meeting.



- Our tour guide requested that, while hiking through the national park, <u>our garbage not be thrown</u> on the trails.
- A) NO CHANGE
- B) our garbage should not be thrown
- C) we did not throw our garbage
- D) we not throw our garbage



Subjunctive Mood

- 引起主语从句的形容词:
- essential, important, vital, urgent, advisable, desirable...
- It is essential that there should be an organization of labor.
- It is important that you should know precisely what is going on.

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Subjunctive Mood

- 引起同位语从句和表语从句的名词:
- advice, idea, plan, command, demand, insistence, proposal, desire...
- His insistence that an experiment should be designed either to prove or disprove a guiding hypothesis is an integral part of the modern scientific method.



3. Shift in voice

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• When a verb is in the active voice, Megan passed the carrots.

• When a verb is in the passive voice, The carrots were passed [by Megan].



Shift in voice

• Internet blogs cover an enormous range of topics. Opportunities for people to discuss pet issues are provided on these sites.

Revised

 Internet blogs cover an enormous range of topics and provide opportunities for people to discuss pet issues.



• At the reunion they ate hot dogs and volleyball was played.



• If students learn how to study efficiently, much better grades will be made on tests.



4. Shift in quotation



- Direct quotations:
- "I am the greatest," bragged Ali.
- In his day few people asked, "Is he right?"



- Indirect quotations:
- Ali bragged that he was the greatest.
- In his day few people asked whether he was right.



 Kate reported that the rats avoided the maze and "as of this writing, none responds to conditioning."

• Revise:

- Kate reported that the rats avoided the maze and that as of this writing, none responded to conditioning.
- Kate reported, "The rats avoid the maze. As of this writing, none responds to conditioning."

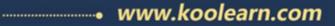


5. Shift in question

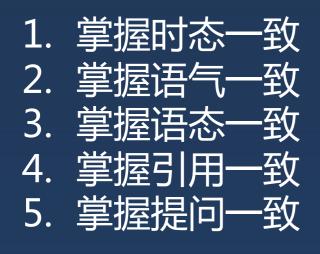


- We all wonder what the next decade will bring and will we thrive or not?
- Revise:
- *Direct:* What will the next decade bring? Will we thrive or not?
- *Indirect:* We all wonder what the next decade will bring and whether we will thrive or not.

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