

## Common Errors in Tense

1.Incorrect: If I would live in a hill station,I would be much healthier.

Correct:If I lived in a hill station,I would be much healthier.

Explanation:When one talks about present or future,while imagining something that is unlikely or untrue,one uses past tense in the if clause.would is not used in such cases.

2.Incorrect: I am studying Economics since 2000.

Correct: I have been studying Economics since 2000.

Explanation:An action that began in the past and still continuing in the present refers to present perfect continuous tense.

3.Incorrect:At first I was not understanding anything.

Correct:At first I didn't understand anything.

Explanation:The verb understand is a state verb,so it is never used in progressive tense.

4.Incorrect:Let me know immediately she will arrive.

Correct:Let me know immediately she arrives.

Explanation:When one action in future depends upon another simple present tense is used to denote the supposed first action.

5.Incorrect: I am writing in reply to your letter that I have received two days ago.

Correct:I am writing in reply to your letter that I received two days ago.

Explanation:The adverb ago is collocated with a verb in the simple past tense to show how far in the past some action happened.

6.Incorrect: when my uncle came to India I passed M.A.

Correct:When my uncle came to India I had passed M.A.

Explanation:Past perfect tense is used when a sentence refers to two past actions and one of them occurs earlier than the other.

7.Incorrect:I often laughed at him.

Correct:I often laugh at him.

Explanation: words like usually,generally, often whenever are used in present indefinite tense.

## ERRORS IN THE USE OF ADJECTIVES

1.Incorrect:My most favourite game is cricket.

Correct:My favourite game is cricket

Explanation;The adjective favourite means most preferred.so,It can not be collocated with the determiner most

2.Incorrect: It will be more funny to go by train.

Correct:It will be more fun to go by train.

Explanation:The adjective funny means someone or something that makes one laugh.when we refer to someone or something that gives one pleasure or enjoyment we use the word fun.

3.Incorrect:If there were less cars on the roads, there would be less accidents.

Correct:If there were fewer cars on the roads,there would be fewer accidents.

Explanation:Less is used with an uncountable noun whereas fewer is used with the plural form of a countable noun.

4.Incorrect:My job at the office is very bored.

Correct:My job at the office is very boring.

Explanation:bored refers to the state of being tired and impatient because of losing interest.Boring refers to something which is not interesting

5.Incorrect:She likes reading historical novels.

Correct:She likes reading historic novels.

Explanation:Historic is generally used to describe some place or thing that is likely to be remembered, To describe something that is connected with past or history,historical is used.

6.Incorrect:The traffic jams are very terrible.

Correct:The traffic jams are terrible.

Explanation:The adverb very is not used with adjectives which already have strong meaning.

7.Incorrect:These children are very sensible.

Correct:These children are very sensitive.

Explanation:sensible means someone who makes good decisions and sensitive refers to someone who is easily upset or offended.

8.Incorrect:We would be very pleasant if you could attend.

Correct:We would be very pleased if you could attend.

Explanation:pleased refers to happy or satisfied.

## Common errors in the use of article

Incorrect:Climbing theMount Everest in winter can be dangerous.

Correct:Climbing Mount Everest in winter can be dangerous

Explanation:The article the is not used with the name of a mountain unless the name of group of mountains like the Himalayas

Incorrect:These bones are a proof that animals really existed

Correct:These bones are proof that animals really existed.

Explanation:proof is an uncountable noun and does not take article

Incorrect:The dinner was same as usual.

Correct:The dinner was the same as usual.

Explanation: the word same is usually preceded by the.

Incorrect:He served his nation for over quarter of a century.

Correct:He served his nation for over a quarter of a century.

Explanation: the word quarter is generally preceded by a.

Incorrect:Such a behaviour can easily cause offence.

correct:Such behaviour can easily cause offence.

Explanation:an uncountable noun does not take article.

Incorrect:The hotel is suitable for disabled.

Correct:The hotel is suitable for the disabled.

Explanation: disabled stands for all the people who are disabled.

Incorrect:I have the degree in engineering.

Correct: I have a degree in engineering.

Explanation: the word degree is preceded by a

Incorrect:We went to cinema to see stuart line

Correct:we went to the cinema to see start line.

