

5118008 English for Software Developer

Intransitive and Transitive Verbs

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Intransitive Verb

- Follows a subject and completes an independent clause or sentence
 - used for constructing Subject-Verb sentences
 - must not be followed by any direct objects
 - may be followed by an adverb, adverbial phrase or prepositional phrase
 - Ex. laugh, cry, die, come, listen, hear
- Cannot be made passive since it does not take any object

Examples from Tech Writings

- Edsger Dijkstra died in 2002 at his age of 72.
- The system should keep going even when a failure occurs.
- Two events can only be causally related if light from the first event can reach the other before the second event happens
- The message did not arrive at the distribution server.
- Our natural capacity to learn seemed to deteriorate over time
- How do the U.S., Europe, and Japan differ in their approaches to data protection
- A similar problem exists in artificial intelligence
- We increasingly rely on AI in safety-critical functions

Common Mistakes

- Can you hear someone knocked the door?
- You should listen the teacher.
- I wish the scholarship.
- I have applied the governmental post
- I search the information
- The failure was happened last night before I was arrived at the office.

Transitive Verb

- Requires one or more objects that receive an action
 - may be used as a passive verb
- Examples
 - The teachers addressed the various features of ChatGPT
 - Researchers bring underwater messaging app to smartphones
 - Enrollment algorithms raise equity concerns in higher education
 - Manufacturers added sensors that gave users an alternative to passwords when unlocking the devices

Common Mistakes

- Peter has married with Mary
- I regret for my mistake
- She suffered from injuries in the accidents
- Eddie doubted about what I have told him
- Only one person suspected about the player of being a bot
- This computer lacks of memory capacity
- My husband accompanied with me to the hospital

Transitive and Intransitive

- There are many verbs that may or may require objects, depending on use cases (i.e., ambitransitive verb)
 - examples
 - I read a book. Mostly, I read in bed.
 - The stock price increases rapidly. It seems that the news increase the stock price.
 - He opened the door, so now the door opens.