

English Grammar Rules

Parts of Speech | Tenses | Rules | Error Detection

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1. Parts of Speech

English has 8 parts of speech: Noun, Pronoun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb, Preposition, Conjunction, Interjection.

Q. What is a Noun?

Ans: A word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. Types: Proper (Delhi), Common (city), Collective (team), Abstract (love), Material (gold)

Q. What is a Pronoun?

Ans: A word used instead of a noun. Types: Personal (I,he,she), Reflexive (myself), Relative (who,which), Interrogative (who,what)

Q. What is a Verb?

Ans: A word that shows action or state of being. Types: Transitive (needs object), Intransitive (no object), Auxiliary (is,was,has,will)

Q. What is an Adjective?

Ans: A word that modifies a noun. Degrees: Positive (tall), Comparative (taller), Superlative (tallest)

2. Tenses

There are 3 main tenses: Present, Past, Future — each with 4 forms: Simple, Continuous, Perfect, Perfect Continuous.

Q. Present Simple formula?

Ans: Subject + V1 (base verb). E.g., She eats. He goes. They play.

Q. Past Simple formula?

Ans: Subject + V2 (past tense). E.g., She ate. He went. They played.

Q. Present Perfect formula?

Ans: Subject + has/have + V3 (past participle). E.g., She has eaten. They have gone.

Q. Future Simple formula?

Ans: Subject + will + V1. E.g., She will eat. They will go.

Q. Present Continuous formula?

Ans: Subject + is/am/are + V1+ing. E.g., She is eating.

3. Common Grammar Rules

Q. Subject-Verb Agreement rule?

Ans: Singular subject takes singular verb. Plural subject takes plural verb. E.g., "He goes" (not "He go"). "They go" (not "They goes")

Q. Use of "a" vs "an"?

Ans: "a" before consonant sounds (a book, a university). "an" before vowel sounds (an apple, an hour, an MBA)

Q. Active vs Passive Voice?

Ans: Active: Subject does the action (Ram ate the mango). Passive: Subject receives the action (The mango was eaten by Ram)

Q. Direct vs Indirect Speech rule?

Ans: Change tense back one step, change pronouns, add "that". E.g., She said, "I am happy" → She said that she was happy

4. Error Detection Rules

Q. Most common errors in exams?

Ans: 1. Subject-verb agreement 2. Wrong tense 3. Article errors (a/an/the) 4. Preposition errors 5. Pronoun-antecedent agreement

Q. When to use "the"?

Ans: Before specific nouns (the Taj Mahal), superlatives (the best), unique things (the sun), rivers/seas (the Ganga)

5. MCQ Practice

Q. Fill in: She ___ to school every day.

- (a) go
- (b) goes
- (c) going
- (d) gone

Answer: (b) goes

Q. Choose correct: "He is ___ honest man."

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) no article

Answer: (b) an

Q. Passive voice of "Ram writes a letter":

- (a) A letter is written by Ram
- (b) A letter was written by Ram
- (c) A letter has been written
- (d) A letter will be written by Ram

Answer: (a) A letter is written by Ram

Q. Which is correct?

- (a) Neither of them are wrong
- (b) Neither of them is wrong
- (c) Neither of them was wrong
- (d) Neither of them were wrong

Answer: (b) Neither of them is wrong

Q. Fill in: I have been living here ___ 5 years.

- (a) since
- (b) for
- (c) from
- (d) by

Answer: (b) for