

VERB TENSE AND FORM REVIEW

Verb tense refers to the time that a verb expresses. It tells us when an action took place. It can also show the duration of an action. Verb-tense errors are serious errors that can make a piece of writing difficult for the reader to understand.

Directions: Correct the verb-tense errors below.

1. Since I moved to my new house one week ago, I was very busy.
2. Humans make mistakes. Sometimes we do things we regretted later.
3. Many students like to go abroad to study. Now I am in my second year of college, and I just find out yesterday that I have been accepted to go to Brazil.
4. Last week my parents send me money for my tuition bill, and I pay it later today.

A **verb-form** error is an error in the formation of the main verb, verb phrase, gerund, infinitive, or participle.

Directions: Correct the verb-form errors below.

1. Mario chosed to live in Norwalk rather than in Downey.
2. The hikers had walk two miles before they realized their mistake.
3. Sometimes I totally confuse about English grammar.
4. The actor did not deserved to win the Golden Globe award.
5. My son hasn't ate his breakfast yet.
6. I have to learning English.
7. I attending college because I need to improve my English skills.
8. She was fail her class last semester.
9. I enjoy to attend classes at Cerritos College.

Essay #1: Three Objects

Assignment: For this first writing assignment, you will write a basic five-paragraph essay that includes an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Before writing the final draft of your essay, you will go through steps in the writing process to help you brainstorm and develop ideas, organize sentences, and finally revise and edit your writing.

Topic: Write an essay about three meaningful objects in your life. The first object will represent something about your childhood. The second object represents something about your current life. The third object represents something about your future goals in life. Describe *how* and *why* each object has special meaning to you with respect to your childhood, present life, and future plans.

Word count: **500** words minimum
MLA format
Times New Roman size 12 font

Steps:

1. Pre-writing (listing or clustering in class)
2. Reading and discussion of sample essays
3. Three Objects Presentations
4. Outline (General and Specific)
5. Write first draft
6. Peer Review of first draft
7. Second draft with revisions (Sentence-by-sentence draft) – You will edit each sentence for correct grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, and vocabulary.
8. Final draft of essay and submission of essay to Turnitin.com night before due date
9. In-class reflection on essay