

GRAMMAR WORKSHOP: WORD FORM

RECOGNIZE THE ERROR TYPE

- On your own or with a tutor, see if you can find the error in each sentence. If you can, underline the word or words that seem incorrect. Do you know why the sentence is wrong? Can you correct it?
- INCORRECT: The windy today has made a mess of my hair.
 - INCORRECT: My History teacher correction the answers on my exam.
 - INCORRECT: Alice was surprised that he gave her a riding home.

UNDERSTAND THE GRAMMAR RULE

- When you learn more about grammar rules, you can develop your ability to correct your own mistakes, sometimes even before you make them! Review the following explanation about word forms in English grammar.
- After you have read this section, which continues on the back, go back to the sentences above and try to correct them now that you have more information about this grammar error.

THE EIGHT MAIN PARTS OF SPEECH IN ENGLISH GRAMMAR			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VERB: action or state of being Examples: swim, sleep, is, like, rest, feel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOUN: person, place, thing, idea Examples: woman, beach, shoe, freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADJECTIVE: describes a noun Examples: smooth, straight, beautiful, angry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADVERB: describes a verb (action) Examples: quickly, lazily, affectionately, slowly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRONOUN: takes the place of a noun Examples: he, she, it, some 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PREPOSITION: links a noun to another word Examples: for, or, below, at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CONJUNCTION: joins clauses, sentences, or words Examples: and, but, so, yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTERJECTION: short exclamation Examples: Ouch! Hey! Oh!

- Basic English sentence structure is in this order: *noun subject + verb + object*:

The	team	raced	across	the field.
(article)	noun subject	verb	preposition	object

- Here is a more complex example:

Oh!	The	amazing soccer	team	quickly	raced	across	the field.	and	scored!
interjection	(article)	adjective	noun	adverb	verb	preposition	object	conjunction	verb

Next, review the chart on the next page to see how one word can have different forms to act as different parts of speech. Choosing the correct form for the part of speech you need is very important in writing.

- Read the example sentences below and notice how *anger* changes from sentence to sentence. See how the four parts of speech in the first row (*nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs*) can be formed from the same base form of the word by adding a specific ending.

Base form	VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
anger	To anger	anger	angry	angrily
Example sentences	<i>The waiter was unaware that he angered the customer when he didn't help her right away.</i>	<i>She developed more anger towards the waiter with each passing minute.</i>	<i>Although the waiter tried to make the customer happy, she only became more angry.</i>	<i>When the waiter finally told her that she would have to wait a little more, the customer stormed angrily out of the restaurant.</i>
More examples:				
talk	to talk	talk	talkative	talkatively
home	--	home	homey	homeward
inform	to inform	information	informative	informatively
A few common endings:	hated (<i>past tense</i>) ponder graduate	butcher cupful candidate	hated taller fanciful degenerate	
CAUTION! Read your dictionary carefully!				
<i>Some endings appear in more than one category and some words can act as more than one part of speech!</i>				
Try some of your own:				

 **RECOGNIZE THE ERROR IN YOUR PAPER AND APPLY THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY AND GRAMMAR RULES ABOVE TO CORRECT YOUR OWN ERROR**

- If you are not sure if you have chosen the correct form of a word in your paper, try this strategy:
- Read your sentence aloud. Underline words you are not sure about or you looked up in the dictionary.
 - Identify the main parts of speech: find the nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Remember that some words or forms of the words can be used as different parts of speech.
 - Examine the word forms in your sentence and check the dictionary to see if they are correct
 - Write a few sentences from your paper and apply this strategy.
