

## 61. HOW TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT ERRORS WITH VERBS

1. Underline all subjects. Double underline all matching verbs.	2. Check to see that:	3. Correct any mistakes.
<p><i>Last year, <u>they</u> <u>stayed</u> and <u>help</u> him.</i></p> <p><i><u>He</u> <u>born</u> in Mexico.</i></p>	the verb is in the right TIME	<p><i>Last year, <u>they</u> <u>stayed</u> and <u>helped</u></i>  <sup>^</sup> <u>help</u> him.</p> <p><i><u>was</u></i>  <i><u>He</u> <sup>^</sup> <u>born</u> in Mexico.</i></p>
<p><i>The <u>guard</u> <u>know</u> that <u>they</u> <u>is</u> dangerous.</i></p>	the verb and the subject AGREE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ he / she / it <b>knows</b>; they <b>know</b></li> <li>■ he / she / it <b>was</b>; they <b>were</b></li> <li>■ he / she / it <b>has</b>; they <b>have</b></li> </ul>	<p><i><u>knows</u></i>  <i>The <u>guard</u> <sup>^</sup> <u>know</u> that</i>  <i><u>are</u></i>  <i>they <sup>^</sup> <u>is</u> dangerous</i></p>
<p><i><u>She</u> <u>is</u> <u>help</u> by her brother because <u>she</u> <u>is</u> sick.</i></p> <p><i><u>They</u> <u>did</u> not <u>learned</u> the lesson.</i></p>	the verb after any form of <i>be</i> or <i>have</i> has the CORRECT ENDING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>be (is, was...)</i> + <b>helped / helping</b></li> <li>■ <i>have (has, had...)</i> + <b>helped</b></li> </ul> the verb after all other helping verbs has NO ENDING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>did, could, should...</i> + <b>help</b></li> </ul>	<p><i><u>helped</u></i>  <i>She <u>is</u> <sup>^</sup> <u>help</u> by her brother</i>  <i>because <u>she</u> <u>is</u> sick.</i></p> <p><i><u>learn</u></i>  <i>They <u>did</u> not <sup>^</sup> <u>learned</u> the lesson.</i></p>

\* -en endings (e.g., *is broken*) or irregular past participles (e.g., *has gone*) can also come after *be* or *have* verbs.

### EXERCISE: Correct the errors with verbs.

1. First underline all the subjects and double underline all the matching verbs.
2. Check to see that the verb is in the right TIME, and the verb and the subject AGREE:
  - the verb after any form of *be* or *have*, has the CORRECT ENDING
  - the verb after any other helping verb (*do, could, should...*) has NO ENDING
3. Correct any mistakes.

*People who has grown up in another country has the right to bring their traditions to the United States. However, by the time someone arrive in the United States, that person should have learn the laws of the country. If that person break the law, then he or she should be punish. This is because the laws of the U.S. are design to protect the people, and so they should be follow by everyone.*

*Steven is a defendant who is accused of selling cocaine and possessing guns. The police stop him, but they did not explained his rights. He enter jail over three months ago. He has not been release because no one has help him with money for the bail. Now, he believes he is being punished unfairly. He hope to be released after his lawyer prove that the police obtain the evidence in his case illegally.*

## ANSWER KEY

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*have* *have*  
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*stopped*  
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*explain* *entered*  
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