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GRAMMAR TUTORIALS

Grammar Explanation

Review: Fixing errors with verb forms

Before you hand in a paper, make sure that all verbs are in the correct form:

 Each verb has a final -s when it follows a subject that is or can be replaced by he, she, or it.

(See Verb Forms: Exercise 2.)

Past forms of verbs are used in sentences that describe past events.

(See Verb Forms: Exercise 3.)

• The auxiliaries *do, does, did,* and modals such as *should, could, must, and can* are followed by the base form of the verb.

(See Verb Forms: Exercise 5.)

• Gerunds (e.g., *going*) and infinitives (e.g., *to go*) are used correctly.

(See Verb Forms: Exercise 6.)

Excerpted from: Verb Forms: Exercise 7