

VERB TENSE EXERCISES

Write the complete list of subject pronouns. After each pronoun, write the correct form of to be in the present tense next to the pronoun subject or subjects with which they agree.

	singular		plural	
1 st person	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 nd person	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 rd person	_____		_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____		_____	_____

Subject-verb agreement. Write the proper verb form.

1. Before the play begins, the audience (to find) _____ their owns seats.
2. The tribe still (to meet) _____ at the old reservation, although, in the past, they (to meet) _____ at Harry's Bar.

In the following sentences, write either present-perfect or the past-perfect verb form--- whichever is appropriate.

1. After I (travel) _____ for several hours, I stopped to eat lunch.
2. After I (travel) _____ for several hours, I usually stop to eat lunch.
3. Charles already (talk) _____ to several people before he decided.
4. Charles (talk) _____ to several people, and now he is ready to decide.

Fill in the proper past-tense or past-participle form of the verb in parentheses.

1. After the party had (draw) _____ to a close, Beckford (take) _____ up residence in the Abbey.
2. As time (go) _____ by, it also (steal) _____ away his fortune.
3. He (fly) _____ into a fit of laughter. He had (beat) _____ the odds, and so he (do) _____ n't mind that his tower had (break) _____ apart.

Above each line, change the verb forms when necessary.

1. I could have did a better job.
2. They have never ran that far before.
3. She has simply worn, torn, and beat us down.

Rewrite these sentences to correct the misplaced or dangling descriptive phrases.

1. Being a lazy and poor student, no one ever thought that Charles Darwin would ever amount to anything.
2. At the age of sixteen, Darwin's father sent him to medical school.
3. When Thomas Jefferson became president, he greeted guests wearing plain working clothes.

Join each of the pairs of sentences with a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

The six coordinating conjunctions are _____

1. The Tibetan people call such creatures "Yeti." In English, the most popular name for them is "Abominable Snowmen."
2. Their feet are at least a foot long. Their long brown hair hangs over their eyes.
3. They have pointed heads, no tail, and hairless faces. They are not very pretty.