
CEP Writing Center Workshop

October 2021

I

Verb Tense Review and Problems with Verb Tenses

- Date: Wednesday, October 6th, 15:30 to 17:30
- Lecturer: James Wood (기초교육원 강의부교수)

English has 12 verb tenses. These will, first of all, be reviewed, and opportunities to produce these verb tenses and receive correction will be offered (bring an internet-connected device). In South Korea, confusion often occurs around the use of past tense (confused with past perfect or past progressive), present perfect tense (confused with past tense or present progressive), past progressive (confused with the use of the simple present, or simple past, in the past) and past perfect tense (confused with past tense). The session will explain the common problems and correct usage. It will also offer practice and the opportunity to produce sentences or check your research sentences with the teacher using Google Docs and Drive for in-session feedback.

II

Tense in Research Papers and Common Grammar Problems in Academic Writing

- Date: Wednesday, October 13th, 15:30 to 17:30
- Lecturer: James Wood (기초교육원 강의부교수)

If you gained mastery of tense in session 3, this session will review the tenses used in academic writing and help students to understand which of the tenses are most commonly used and which are not in academic texts generally as well as in reports dissertations and theses. It will also cover how to be consistent with tenses used in academic writing, as well as the correct tenses to use when referring to sources and the correct reporting patterns to use. It will conclude by looking at the most common errors learners make with grammar tenses: 1. Incorrect forms, 2. Shifts in verb tense, and 3. Confusing verb tenses. Practice will be offered. The session would be suitable for both under and postgraduate students who are required to write in English.

III

Improving Sentence Structure with Proper Comma and Semicolon Usage

- Date: Thursday, October 14th, 11:00 to 13:00

- Lecturer: Raymond Salcedo (기초교육원 강의교수)

In this workshop, participants will learn to recognize and use the various types of commas and semicolons used to improve overall sentence structure. We will begin with the basic essentials of these forms of punctuation and then work toward building complex sentences. The aim for this session is to make students feel confident about their overall writing, and questions throughout the seminar are highly encouraged. Participation will greatly enhance effectiveness, so those interested should have microphone and camera capability.

IV

Linking Words and Cohesion in Academic Texts

- Date: Monday, October 18th, 15:30 to 17:30
- Lecturer: James Wood (기초교육원 강의부교수)

This session will focus on the development of grammatical accuracy in the use of linking words and phrases in academic writing. It will first examine examples of cohesive and non-cohesive texts before introducing transition signals that can be used in academic writing and offering practice. Finally, participants will be offered an opportunity to practice writing their own original sentences using new linking words. A highly coherent and cohesive essay will be given as an example. Useful resources on linking words will also be offered.

V

How to Correctly Paraphrase and Cite Your Research Paper

- Date: Monday, October 25th, 15:30 to 17:30
- Lecturer: James Wood (기초교육원 강의부교수)

This session examines the skills involved in paraphrasing, and then offers a number of practice activities at the word, sentence, and paragraph level. Workshop participants will then be offered the opportunity to paraphrase and correctly cite some example paragraphs before comparing their answers with professionally written examples and receiving feedback from the instructor. Analysis of examples will help students to understand the three main ways of referencing more clearly, and help students to troubleshoot problems in their own referencing practice. Various useful academic resources will also be shared.

VI

Articles and Prepositions in Research Papers

- Date: Wednesday, October 27th, 15:30 to 17:30
- Lecturer: James Wood (기초교육원 강의부교수)

Students often find the rules for using articles ('a', 'an', and 'the') in English confusing. There are two kinds of articles in English: indefinite (a, an) and definite (the). Articles occur before nouns (the book) and before adjectives + noun combinations (a big book). This session focuses on the use of articles and provides guidelines, examples, and practice. We will also look at the use of prepositions. Prepositions are generally short words such as 'by' or 'at', which have a variety of uses. They are essential because different prepositions can change the meaning of a sentence. This session explains how they can be understood, linking them to nouns, adjectives, and verbs and offers a variety of practice exercises and answers.

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