

Tense Usage

1. Deviation in using the basic axis time corresponding to the moment of reference

*At the individual level of analysis, studies revealed that OCWs not only **express** [expressed] relative satisfaction with their decision to work abroad but also continued to renew their contracts despite the hardships experienced. (basic axis time is past, but writer used simple present)*

*But it was only in 1510 that a more authentic epidemic **has been** [was] described. (basic axis time is past, but writer used present perfect)*

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2. Deviation in referring to a time before the basic axis time

*Some characteristics which these yams have, however, were not observed because visitation was done after harvest where the plants **have** [had] dried up already making it difficult to identify.* (basic axis time is past and reference is made to a time before the past, but writer used present perfect, instead of past perfect)

*Avian influenza is worldwide and reported outbreaks **had** [have] occurred in chickens, turkeys, ducks, pheasants, quails...* (basic axis time is present and reference to a time before the present requires present perfect, rather than past perfect)

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3. Passive/wrong form/complex form

*All the Spaniards had disappeared. It **is** [was] as if they **were** never there [had never been there].*

*It is hoped that this simple endeavor **would** [will] be useful to researchers.*

Mass and Count Nouns

1. Mass noun used as count noun

*The President directed Cayetano to give him **a** [∅] feedback on the matter...*

*Even as “theory,” **a** [∅] free trade is an utterly discredited one, as discredited as the Ptolemaic view...*

2. Mass noun used as a collective noun

*Basic **equipments** [equipment] for flower arrangement include a pair of scissors to cut branches and flowers, flower holders and vases.*

*We cannot expect those who were allegedly libeled to spread the **libels** [libel] against them by giving copies to the newspapers to print.*

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3. Count noun given *less/much* quantifier

*This is due to heavy traffic and congestion, since so **much** [many] passenger **jeepneys** and **buses** ply the area.*

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

1. Lack of agreement in number

*They allow, for instance, for the removal of dirt from a painting or sculpture without affecting the varnish or natural color. They leave the **work** as **they** are [it is].*

2. Lack of agreement in gender

*The suspect, [Filipino man's name], 49, a carpenter, was arrested by the police after **her** [his] stepdaughter complained that **he** raped her several times beginning in November 1995.*

3. Lack of agreement between determiner and following noun

*A typical PCR protocol comprises 30 to 50 of **this** [these] thermal cycles.*