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Adjectives and Adverbs

demonstrative adjectives (*this ~ that ~ these ~ "those ~*)

I	Nouns & Pronouns	The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
I	Nouns & Pronouns	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
I	Articles	My First Week at College
II	Nouns & Pronouns	Fantasies and Realities
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy

possessive adjectives (*my ~ your ~ etc.*)

I	Nouns & Pronouns	Do Your Pray before You Take a Test?
I	Nouns & Pronouns	Money and Love
I	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
II	Possessives	"Juan de Pareja", by Diego Velazques
II	Possessives	The Right to Privacy
II	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night

comparative and superlative forms of adjectives

Expert		Drugs and Human Nature
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adverbs of frequency - See: **Sentence Structure**: "*always*" and "*never*": adverbs of frequency and their word order

-ed adjectives

II	Verbs	Questions I Ask Myself
III	Conditionals	Will Adam Go?
III	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
III	Mixed Bag	The Immigrant: Determined to Work
III	Mixed Bag	Would You Be Happy If....
Expert		Frank Shabata, Blinded by Anger

real vs. *really*: frequently confused forms

II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
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double negatives

II	Nouns & Pronouns	What Do Children Need?
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any

II	Nouns & Pronouns	A "Ghosts" Story
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one

I	Articles	My First Week at College
I	Mixed Bag	Truth of Lies?

some

I	Articles	Cross-country Skiing
I	Articles	I Wanted to Be a Fireman
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?

other another the other : frequently confused words

I	Nouns & Pronouns	The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
II	Nouns & Pronouns	What Do Children Need?
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful

Articles**a**

I	Articles	My First Week at College
I	Articles	I Wanted to Be a Fireman
I	Articles	Money and Love
I	Articles	Cross-country Skiing
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?

a and the: introduction and contrast

I	Articles	My First Week at College
I	Articles	I Wanted to Be a Fireman
I	Articles	Cross-country Skiing
I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful

an

I	Articles	My First Week at College
I	Articles	Truth or Lies?
II	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time

articles in names of languages, countries and nationalities

I	Articles	My First Week at College
I	Articles	Money and Love
Expert		Drugs and Human Nature

articles in idioms

I	Prepositions	I Wanted to Be a Fireman
I	Articles	I Wanted to Be a Fireman
II	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time!

articles in non-count nouns

I	Articles	I Wanted to Be a Fireman
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the preceding a non-count noun

I	Articles	Money and Love
I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
Expert		Drugs and Human Nature

Gerunds and Infinitive Phrases

verb + [infinitive phrase]

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	Doing It My Way
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	What Do Children Really Need?
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	To Walk Away or Not To Walk Away
III	Mixed Bag	The Immigrant: Determined to Work
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy
Expert		Drugs and Human Nature

verb + [infinitive phrase or gerund]

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	To Walk Away or Not To Walk Away
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	Doing It My Way
III	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
III	Mixed Bag	The Immigrant: Determined to Work
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy

verb + [noun or pronoun] + [infinitive phrase]

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	Doing It My Way
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	What Do Children Really Need?
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	To Walk Away or Not To Walk Away
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	A New Day
III	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
III	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time!

make + [base form]

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	A New Day
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spend [time] + gerund

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	A New Day
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[verb or adjective] + preposition + gerund

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	A New Day
III	Gerunds & Infinitives	To Walk Away or Not to Walk Away
III	Mixed Bag	The Immigrant: Determined to Work

adjective + [infinitive phrase]

III Gerunds & Infinitives A New Day

[question word] + [infinitive phrase]

III Gerunds & Infinitives A New Day

[verbs of perception] + [base form]
[verbs of perception] + [infinitive phrase]

III Mixed Bag My Hopes for China
III Mixed Bag The Immigrant: Determined to Work

(in order) to + [base form]

III Mixed Bag My Hopes for China
III Mixed Bag The Immigrant: Determined to Work

~ing form of the verb to express cause/effect

III Gerunds & Infinitives The Immigrant: Determined to Work

Nouns and Pronouns

singular count nouns See also

Possessives: ~'s" vs. "~s" : confusing plural forms with possessive forms

I Nouns & Pronouns Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
I Nouns & Pronouns The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
I Nouns & Pronouns Buddhist Prayer Sticks
I Mixed Bag Truth or Lies?
I Mixed Bag Life Is Beautiful
II Nouns & Pronouns A "Ghosts" Story
II Nouns & Pronouns Fantasies and Reality
II Nouns & Pronouns What Do Children Need?
II Mixed Bag Life Is Beautiful
II Mixed Bag My Hopes for China

plural count nouns

I Nouns & Pronouns Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
I Nouns & Pronouns The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
I Nouns & Pronouns Buddhist Prayer Sticks
I Mixed Bag Truth or Lies?
I Mixed Bag Life Is Beautiful
II Nouns & Pronouns A "Ghosts" Story
II Nouns & Pronouns Fantasies and Reality
II Nouns & Pronouns What Do Children Need?
II Mixed Bag Life Is Beautiful
II Mixed Bag My Hopes for China

irregular count nouns

I	Nouns & Pronouns	The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
I	Nouns & Pronouns	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
II	Nouns & Pronouns	What Do Children Need?
II	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China

noncount nouns

II	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
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subject pronouns (*I, you, he, she, etc.*)

I	Nouns & Pronouns	Money and Love
II	Sentence Structure	My First Week at College

object pronouns (*me, you, her, him, etc.*)

I	Nouns & Pronouns	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
II	Nouns & Pronouns	What Do Children Need?
II	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China

pronoun agreement

I	Nouns & Pronouns	Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
I	Nouns & Pronouns	Buddhist Prayer Sticks

demonstrative pronouns - *this vs. that*

I	Nouns & Pronouns	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
I	Nouns & Pronouns	Money and Love
II	Nouns & Pronouns	Fantasies and Reality

Possessives

possessives - an introduction

I	Nouns & Pronouns	Friday Nights by the Black Sea
I	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
II	Possessives	"Juan de Pareja", by Diego Velazques
II	Possessives	The Right to Privacy
II	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
II	Possessives	When Children Commit Crimes
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his vs. he's : frequently confused words

I	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
II	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night

its vs. it's *their vs. they're* : frequently confused words

II	Possessives	The Right to Privacy
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~'s vs. ~s : confusing plural forms with possessive forms

I	Possessives	Friday Nights by the Black Sea
I	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
II	Possessives	When Children Commit Crimes
II	Possessives	Everybody Waits for Friday Night

possessives forms of singular nouns ending in ~s, ~x , etc.

II	Possessives	"Juan de Pareja", by Diego Velazques
II	Possessives	The Right to Privacy

Prepositions

separable multi-word verbs

I	Prepositions	Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
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preposition use and word order when there is a direct and an indirect object

I	Prepositions	At the Moscow Airport
II	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time!

believe (that) vs. believe in

and

think (that) vs. think about

I	Prepositions	Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
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modals that do *not* take a preposition - *can must will*

I	Prepositions	At the Moscow Airport
I	Prepositions	Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
II	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time!

common verbs that do *not* take a preposition

I	Prepositions	At the Moscow Airport
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***for* in time expressions**

I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
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prepositions in two-word verbs: See *Gerunds and Infinitive Phrases*

Punctuation : See Sentence Structure and Punctuation

Questions : See Sentence Structure and Punctuation

Sentence Structure and Punctuation

declarative sentence structure (See also below:

information questions - structure of ~, and yes/no questions - structure of ~)

I	Preps	Do You Pray before You Take a Test?
I	Mixed Bag	Mexican Goat
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time!
II	Sentence Structure	My Wedding

there is there are

II	Sentence Structure	My First Week at College
II	Sentence Structure	The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
II	Sentence Structure	My Wedding

subject missing

I	Verbs	Leaving Honduras
I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?
II	Sentence Structure	My First Week in College
II	Sentence Structure	The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
II	Sentence Structure	My Wedding

misusing double subjects (ex. my sister she...)

II	Sentence Structure	My First Week at College
II	Sentence Structure	The Blues and Greens of Ecuador
II	Sentence Structure	My Wedding

verb missing (stative verb be)

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	The Day My Daughter Was Born
I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?
I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Sentence Structure	My First Week in College
II	Verbs	Where Is the Moon Tonight?
II	Verbs	The Right to Privacy
II	Verbs	This Writing Just Confuses Me
II	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy
Expert		Frank Shabata, Blinded by Anger

relative pronouns (who whom that which etc.) and relative (adjective) clauses

I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?
I	Punctuation	My Wedding
II	Punctuation	The Boy Who Divorced His Natural Mother
II	Punctuation	Freedom of Speech
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy

relative (adjective) clauses: punctuation of ~ :

See *below*: punctuation of relative clauses: restrictive vs. non-restrictive

that vs. what : common area of confusion in sentence structure

II	Punctuation	Why Are Some Rich and Others Poor?
II	Nouns & Pronouns	What Do Children Need?

parallel structure

III	Gerunds & Infinitives	To Walk Away or Not to Walk Away
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy
Expert		Drugs and Human Nature

information questions - structure of ~

I	Verbs	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
II	Questions	Why Am I Always So Tense?
II	Questions	Where Is the Moon Tonight?
II	Questions	What Is a Miracle?

yes/no questions - structure of ~

II	Questions	Where Is the Moon Tonight?
II	Verbs	Questions I Ask Myself

negative questions - structure of ~

I	Questions	Why Am I Always So Tense?
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always and never : adverbs of frequency and word order

II	Sentence Structure	What Do Children Really Need?
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sentence structure and word order in expressions that use *how...!*

I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
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**indirect speech (also known as reported speech) and
sequence of verb tenses in noun clauses**

III	Indirect Speech	Winners and Losers
III	Indirect Speech	Doing It My Own Way
III	Indirect Speech	How My Husband Handled Me
III	Conditionals	Will Adam Go?
III	Mixed Bag	Would You Be Happy If....

conditional sentences

II	Verbs	My Views on Divorce
II	Verbs	The Right to Privacy
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
III	Conditionals	Will Adam Go?
III	Conditionals	More Questions I Ask Myself
III	Mixed Bag	Would You Be Happy If....

passive voice sentences: See Verbs: passive voice

-ed adjectives derived from passive voice:

See Adjectives and Adverbs: ~ed adjectives

punctuation of declarative sentences

I	Punctuation	My Wedding
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punctuation of questions

II	Punctuation	Why Are Some Rich and Others Poor?
II	Punctuation	The Boy Who Divorced His Natural Mother

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II	Punctuation	The Boy Who Divorced His Natural Mother
II	Punctuation	Freedom of Speech

run-on sentences

I	Punctuation	How I Saved Somebody's Life
I	Punctuation	Love Story of Two Flowers
I	Punctuation	Stress Everywhere
I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
Expert		Frank Shabata, Blinded by Anger

and or but : connectors

I	Punctuation	How I Saved Somebody's Life
I	Punctuation	Love Story of Two Flowers
I	Punctuation	Stress Everywhere

but and however

I	Punctuation	Stress Everywhere
II	Punctuation	Freedom of Speech

when and after

I	Punctuation	How I Saved Somebody's Life
I	Punctuation	My Wedding
I	Punctuation	Love Story of Two Flowers
I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
II	Punctuation	Adapting to Live in the United States
II	Sentence Structure	My Wedding
II	Expert	Frank Shabata: Blinded by Anger

before and after

I	Punctuation	My Wedding
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because

I	Punctuation	My Wedding
I	Punctuation	Love Story of Two Flowers
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?

although

I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?
II	Punctuation	Why Are Some Rich and Others Poor?

indirect (reported) speech: punctuation of ~

II	Punctuation	Adapting to Life in the United States
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relative clauses: restrictive vs. non-restrictive, Structure and Punctuation of ~

II	Punctuation	Adapting to Life in the United States
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Verbs

simple present tense - positive

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
I	Verbs	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
I	Verbs	Money and Love
II	Verbs	Doing It My Own Way
II	Verbs	My Views on Divorce
II	Verbs	Where Is the Moon Tonight?
II	Verbs	My Views on Divorce
II	Verbs	The Right to Privacy
II	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy

simple present tense - negative

I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?
II	Verbs	The Right to Privacy

simple past tense

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	The Day My Daughter Was Born
I	Verbs	Leaving Honduras
I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
I	Verbs	Money and Love
I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
I	Mixed Bag	Truth or Lies?
I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Verbs	Doing It My Own Way
II	Verbs	My Views on Divorce
II	Verbs	Life Is Beautiful
Expert		Drugs and Human Nature

irregular verbs

I	Verbs	Leaving Honduras
I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Verbs	Doing It My Own Way
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful

present continuous (progressive) tense

I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
II	Verbs	This Writing Just Confuses Me

simple present tense and present continuous (progressive) tense: a contrast

I	Verbs	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport

conjuncted words (e.g. *don't*, *won't*) : when *not* to use

II	Verbs	Why Am I Always So Tense?
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past continuous (progressive) tense

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	How I Saved Somebody's Life
II	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport)
II	Verbs	Doing It My Own Way

non-continuous (non-progressive) verbs

I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
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future *time reference*

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	The Day My Daughter Was Born
I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
I	Verbs	Solving Family Problems
I	Verbs	Leaving Honduras
II	Verbs	Doing It My Own Way
II	Verbs	Where Is the Moon Tonight?
III	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China

present perfect tense

I	Verbs	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
I	Verbs	Money and Love
I	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
II	Verbs	Questions I Ask Myself
II	Verbs	My Views on Divorce
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful

past perfect tense

I	Verbs	My Wedding
II	Mixed Bag	Life Is Beautiful
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verb missing - See **Sentence Structure:** verb missing

sequence of verb tenses in noun clauses See **Sentence Structure:** indirect speech

would and used to : repeated past actions in the past

II	Verbs	The Right to Privacy
II	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China

modals

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	How I Saved Somebody's Life
I	Verbs	At the Moscow Airport
I	Verbs	Solving Family Problems
I	Mixed Bag	The Mexican Goat
II	Verbs	Questions I Ask Myself
II	Verbs	My Views on Divorce
II	Questions	Where Is the Moon Tonight?
II	Mixed Bag	Take Your Time!
Expert		Young Hearts Should Be Happy

passive voice:

I	Verbs	My Wedding
III	Passive Voice	Crime and Punishment in Liberia
III	Passive Voice	What My Uncle Told Me about Marriage
III	Mixed Bag	My Hopes for China
Expert		Frank Shabata, Blinded by Anger
Expert		Drugs and Human Nature

who as 3rd person singular

II	Verbs	Questions I Ask Myself
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remember vs. remembered

I	Verbs	Buddhist Prayer Sticks
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frequently confused and misused verbs:

got vs. have fell vs. felt going to vs. "gonna"

I	Verbs	My Wedding
I	Verbs	Everybody Waits for Friday Night
I	Verbs	Solving Family Problems

Notes: