

## Correcting Errors in Word Form

Four of the most common English word forms are *noun*, *verb*, *adjective* and *adverb*. English words will sometimes be used in different forms, depending on how they are employed in the sentence, and as a writer you need to be careful that the form of the word you use is correct for each case. When students confuse word forms in their writing, the reader may find it difficult to follow along, especially if the confusion upsets the grammatical balance of the sentence.

For example, when “composition” (a noun) is used in its verb form (“compose”) in the following sentence—

*I finished my English **compose** at three o'clock in the morning.*

—the reader may read the sentence as meaning that the “English compose at three o'clock in the morning,” thus creating confusion.

If you have any doubt about a word, use a dictionary to identify all of its forms and which one is most suitable for your sentence. This is particularly important if you are using the word for the first time.

The following exercise contains common examples of word form errors. Working through the exercise should help you learn to identify and correct these errors in your own writing.

Exercise: Identify and correct all word form errors in the following sentence

1. The student finished her apply in three hours.
2. The package was send yesterday.
3. Most athletes feel terribly after losing.
4. This essay will introducing two new issues.
5. The man could not concealing his anger.
6. The film evoked a powerfully response from the audience.
7. After seven hours of writing, he finally finished his compose.
8. My father always told me to tell the true.
9. The report indicated a growing rate of 11% in the first fiscal year.
10. The company recovered quick from the recession.
11. After several hours of negotiate, the two leaders finally reached an agreement.
12. I decided to sale my care.
13. The store was not opening at lunch time.
14. The couple decided to separating.
15. When Tom's manager questioned his competent, Tom quitting.
16. All of Tom's colleagues were happily to see him returning.
17. This exercise is difficulty.
18. The new year began with the replace of three key employees.
19. The new worker seemed very comfort with her new appointment.
20. Most immigrants try to maintaining their traditional.