

GRAMMAR – UPPER-INTERMEDIATE VERB FORMS

As you know, verb forms in English is a major part of the grammar. You have to be aware of:

- the tense: past, present, future, present perfect etc.
- the subject/object and making sure the verb agrees: she is/they are etc.

The key to knowing whether or not you understand verb forms is to do as much practice as possible. That practice could be in the form of grammar exercises and using the different verb forms in your writing and speaking.

In the exercise below, you will be doing a grammar exercise. It is on the Web this time. If, after doing this exercise you are not sure why you were wrong, please ask the teacher.

HURRICANE QUIZ

1. In this quiz you will be given 10 sentences with one or two gaps in each sentence. You should choose the correct form of the verb to fill the gaps.
2. Write your answers in the table below. You can check if you were correct by clicking on the Answer button. Please do not just click on the answer first.
3. After you have checked your answers, please record the number of correct responses in the space provided.

Please go to this Website to access the exercise:

<http://a4esl.org/g/h/9807/cr-hurricane.html>

1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
5	A	B	C	D
6	A	B	C	D
7	A	B	C	D
8	A	B	C	D
9	A	B	C	D
10	A	B	C	D

Total Correct: _____ / 10

Student's Name: _____

More Information and Practice

For a more detailed explanation of verb forms and more practice, go to

http://www.eslbee.com/verb_tenses.htm

GRAMMAR – UPPER-INTERMEDIATE SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

The purpose of this activity is to practise using the correct form of the verb to agree with the subject. For example, for the verb 'to eat', you would have to add 's' when the subject is singular – she/he/it.

Subject	Verb form
I, You, We, They	eat
She, He, It	eats

Even though this is a really basic grammar point that everyone learns when they start learning English, it is one that creates problems for students all the time. After you finish a piece of writing, the first thing you should check for is subject-verb agreement. It is a grammar point that you have control over. You can fix your own subject-verb agreement mistakes before handing your work to the teacher. Your teacher can then focus on the more serious mistakes that you may not understand by yourself yet.

Subject-Verb Agreement Quiz

1. In this quiz there are 20 sentences with a gap for the verb.
2. Below each sentence are two choices of the verb form.
3. Click on your answer. If you are wrong, the computer will tell you and it will get you to do that sentence again during the activity.
If you are right, it goes to the next sentence.
4. Can you please keep a record of how many you answered correctly the first time and write the number below.

Please go to this Website to access this activity.

<http://a4esl.org/q/j/kf/mc-svad.html>

Total Correct: _____ / 20

Student's Name: _____

More Information

For a more detailed explanation of subject-verb agreement, go to this Website:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslsubverb.html>

More Practice

You can do more practice by clicking on 'Exercises' at the bottom of the page on the Website above.

Or go to this Website: <http://www.eslbee.com/sv.htm>

GRAMMAR – UPPER-INTERMEDIATE WORD FORMS

You know from your study of English so far that:

- -or, -er, -ist, -ness, -ance, -tion, -ity are common endings for nouns
- -able, -ible, -ic, -ical, -ish, -ive, -ful, -less are common endings for adjectives
- -ate, -en, -fy, -ise/ize are common endings for verbs
- -ly is a common word ending for adverbs

Knowing word forms can help when you are trying to work out the meaning of a word.

It is important to do as much practice as possible on all aspects of grammar. Below is a Web-based activity on word forms.

WORD FORMS QUIZ

1. Read the 'About' and 'Options' information before starting.
2. You will be given 15 multiple choice items on word forms. Click the answer you think is correct. You will be told if it is the correct answer or not.
3. At the end of this activity, please note down how many correct you scored out of 15 (the computer will tell you this)
4. You can retry any items you got wrong. If you are not sure why you got an item wrong, please make a note of it and ask the teacher.
5. Go to this Website to access this activity:
<http://a4esl.org/q/f/z/zz81mkq.htm>

Total Correct: _____ / 15

Student's Name: _____

More Information and Practice

For a more detailed explanation of word forms and more practice, go to
<http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/quiz/wordf1.html>

GRAMMAR – UPPER-INTERMEDIATE ARTICLES

The articles 'a', 'an', 'the' are necessary in English but create confusion for many learners of English, particularly if they do not have them in their own language. For an explanation of the rules for using articles, go to the Website listed below. If you have any questions regarding the use of articles, please ask the teacher.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslart.html>

The activity below provides some useful practice on articles. As it is about the one topic, it might be easier to understand how articles are used.

Health Clubs Quiz

1. In this quiz you will be given 16 sentences about health clubs with a gap in each sentence.
2. You are given 4 choices in the answers. One of the choices is 'no article needed' as this can be the case in English.
3. Make sure you read each sentence and circle your answer on the table below **before** you check the answer.
4. After you have checked your answers, please record the number correct in the space provided below.

Please go to this Website to access this activity.

<http://a4esl.org/q/h/9901/cw-articles.html>

1	A	An	The	No article
2	A	An	The	No article
3	A	An	The	No article
4	A	An	The	No article
5	A	An	The	No article
6	A	An	The	No article
7	A	An	The	No article
8	A	An	The	No article
9	A	An	The	No article
10	A	An	The	No article
11	A	An	The	No article
12	A	An	The	No article
13	A	An	The	No article
14	A	An	The	No article
15	A	An	The	No article
16	A	An	The	No article

Total Correct: _____ / 16

Student's Name: _____

More Practice

For more practice on articles, go back to this Website and scroll down to the end of the document. There are two exercises which you can try.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslart.html>

GRAMMAR – UPPER-INTERMEDIATE CONNECTORS

Connectors are joining words and link together two parts of a sentence. Many connectors are also known as 'conjunctions'.

There are two types of conjunctions:

a) coordinating conjunctions: join equivalent parts of a sentence.

For example: and, or, but, nor, both...and, not only...but, either...or etc.

b) subordinating conjunctions: join a subordinate clause to a main clause.

For example: as, than, if, although, whereas, because, as...as, so as not to etc.

Connectors are necessary in complex sentences.

Connectors quiz

1. In this quiz there are 10 questions with a gap for the connector.
2. Below each sentence are 3 choices of connectors.
3. Click on your answer. If you are wrong, the computer will tell you and it will get you to do that sentence again during the activity.
If you are right, it goes to the next sentence.
4. Please keep a record of how many you answered correctly the first time and write the number below.
5. If you make the wrong choice and you are not sure why it is wrong, please ask the teacher.

Please go to this Website to access this activity.

<http://a4esl.org/q/f/y/zz99maa.htm>

Total Correct: _____ / 10

Student's Name: _____

More Information

For a more detailed explanation of connectors (conjunctions), go to

<http://www.linguarama.com/ps/193-4.htm>

More Practice

For more practice on conjunctions, try

<http://a4esl.org/q/f/z/zy57mbw.htm>