

Exercise on Inappropriate Shift in Person or Tense

In the following pairs, one sentence is correct, and the other sentence has an inappropriate shift in mood, person, tense or voice. Mark the CORRECT sentence.

1. A _____ Before going on the tour, we learned that we should leave our itinerary with the park ranger.

B _____ Before going on the tour, we learned that you should leave your itinerary with the park ranger.

2. A _____ If one wants to be successful, you must work hard, ask questions, and keep an open mind.

B _____ If you want to be successful, you must work hard, ask questions, and keep an open mind.

3. A _____ The characters in the novel are average people, but they had more than average problems.

B _____ The characters in the novel are average people, but they have more than average problems.

4. A _____ The driver yelled at me to get off the bus, so I asked him why, and he told me it was none of my business.

B _____ The driver yelled at me to get off the bus, so I asked him why, and he tells me it is none of my business.

5. A _____ Advisors will tell their students to register early so that they got the classes they wanted.

B _____ Advisors will tell their students to register early so that they will get the classes they want.

6. A _____ In 1835 Charles Darwin explored the Galapagos Islands, and in 1850 he writes *Origin of Species*.

B _____ In 1835 Charles Darwin explored the Galapagos Islands, and in 1850 he wrote *Origin of Species*.

7. A _____ In the interview, the star of the film explained the stunt work and talked about the special effects. However, she never mentions her costars.

B _____ In the interview, the star of the film explained the stunt work and talked about the special effects. However, she never mentioned her costars.

8. A _____ The virus mutated so rapidly that it developed a resistance to most vaccines.

B _____ The virus mutated so rapidly that it develops a resistance to most vaccines.

9. A _____ Salespeople have to be careful when a customer tries on clothes. They can't hint that a suit may be a size too small.

B _____ Salespeople have to be careful when a customer tries on clothes. You can't hint that a suit may be a size too small.

10. A _____ If you want to learn to write well, people need to practice, practice, practice!

B _____ If people want to learn to write well, they need to practice, practice, practice!