

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 person or tense. 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!