

USAGE PROBLEMS

What is Usage?

The way in which the **English language** is **used** is known as **usage**. To speak and write our language properly, certain **rules** must be followed.

Some Usage Guidelines for English

1. **who** and **whom**

who is a subject

whom is an object

Who went to the nurse's office?

You expect to go to the dance with **whom**?

2. **contractions** and **possessives**

it's is a **contraction**

its is a **possessive pronoun**

It's been

The kitten

3. **changing tense**

Be consist

below, bo

past tense

that confuses

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the first example

first verb is in the

past tense and the second verb is in the present tense, they don't match and

that confuses the reader.

Correct: Lillian **ordered** French fries, and thoroughly **enjoyed** eating them.

Incorrect: Lillian **ordered** French fries, and thoroughly **enjoys** eating them.

Try This!

1] This sentence is written **correctly**.

Me and Shannon went jogging.

a] true

b] false

2] This sentence is written **correctly**.

Don't sit down in that there seat.

a] true

b] false

- 3] This sentence is written **correctly**.
My aunts teach English and Social Studies.
- a] true
 - b] false



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