

# Basic English Review

## Unit 6

### Misused Verbs

# Objectives

- To use commonly misused verbs correctly
- To use less troublesome verbs correctly
- To recognize and use linking words and phrases

## Section 18 Commonly Misused Verbs

# *Lie and Lay*

- *Lie* means to rest or recline. It never has an object.
  - The dog always lies on Adam's bed.
    - lies—present tense—means to rest or recline—does not have an object
- *Lay* means to place or put something down. It always takes an object.
  - Ted lays the packages on the counter.
    - lays—present tense—means to place or put something down—has an object, *packages*

## Section 18 Commonly Misused Verbs

# *Sit and Set*

- *Sit* means to have a seat or occupy a position. It never has an object.
  - Janie and Joseph sat by the fire.
    - sat—past tense—means to have a seat or occupy a position—does not have an object
- *Set* means to put or place. It always has an object.
  - Olivia set the instruments on the tray.
    - set—past tense—means to put or place—has an object, *instruments*

## Section 18

# Commonly Misused Verbs

- Choose the correct word in parentheses.
  - Akira (lay, laid) there, thinking about everything that had happened.
  - The old part of the city (lies, lays) underwater.
  - Florence (lay, laid) her purchases on the bed.
  - Will you (sit, set) with me and talk awhile?
  - Keisha (sat, set) the map on the seat beside her.

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Shall, Should, Will, and Would*

- The helping verb *will* is used before the main verb in all persons in the future tense, except in questions.
  - Bob will leave early tomorrow morning.
- For the first person (*I, we*) in questions, the helping verb *shall* is used.
  - Shall we go over the cases for next week?

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Shall, Should, Will, and Would*

- *Would* is used in sentences that convey willingness but some doubt or uncertainty about the statement being made.
  - I would go with you, if I had the time.
- *Should* is used to indicate obligation (ought).
  - We should help your sister move next Tuesday.
- *Would* is used in polite requests or expressions of willingness.
  - Would you like some more dessert?

Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

## *May, Might, Can, and Could*

- *May* and *might* are used to express permission or possibility.
  - May I borrow the car tomorrow?
  - Sherry might buy a hybrid.
- *Can* and *could* are used to express the ability or power to do something.
  - Curtis can lift 135 pounds.
  - The foundation could provide the money.



## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Leave and Let*

- *Leave* means to depart. It also means to cause or allow to remain.
  - Did you leave them the car keys?
- *Let* means to permit or allow.
  - His parents let Mario plan the party.
- Only with *alone*, meaning to stop disturbing, can either verb be used.
  - I wish those telemarketers would leave (or let) us alone.

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Teach and Learn*

- *Teach* means to instruct or to show someone how something is done.
  - Karen teaches Spanish in the middle school.
- *Learn* means to acquire knowledge.
  - I'd like to learn how to do a podcast.

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Borrow and Lend*

- *Borrow* means to obtain something from someone else on loan. You do not have it, so you borrow it.
  - You may borrow library materials for 30 days.
- *Lend* means to let someone use something of yours for a period of time. You have it, and you allow the other person to use it.
  - Let me lend you my umbrella.

## Section 19

# Less Troublesome Verbs

- Choose the correct word in parentheses.
  - (May, Can) I leave early today? I have a doctor's appointment.
  - (Should, Would) you like to go to a movie?
  - (Leave, Let) me explain the procedure.
  - Tracy will (teach, learn) us to use the software.
  - Do you think Ian will (borrow, lend) us his condo?

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

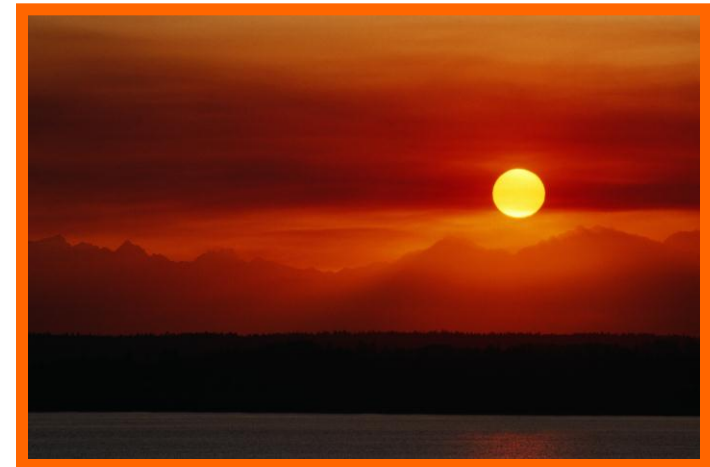
# *Bring and Take*

- *Bring* means to carry something toward a person, place, or thing or to come carrying something.
  - Why don't you bring your chair over here?
- *Take* means to carry something away from a person, place, or thing or to go carrying something.
  - Yvonne took seven bags of canned goods to the food bank.

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Raise* and *Rise*

- *Raise* means to lift something. It has an object.
  - To *raise* the wreck would cost thousands of dollars.
- *Rise* means to get or go up. It never has an object.
  - On Earth, the sun *rises* in the east and sets in the west.



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## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Lead and Led*

- The verb *lead* means to be first or in charge, to take to, or to carry on.
  - The committee will lead the effort to restore the old building.
- *Led* is the past tense and past participle of lead.
  - Our guide led us down into the canyon.

## Section 19 Less Troublesome Verbs

# *Accept, Except, and Expect*

- *Accept* is a verb. It means to take willingly or agree with.
  - Richard accepted the company's offer.
- *Except* is usually a preposition meaning not including.
  - The store is open every day except Sundays.
- *Expect* is a verb. It means to believe something is going to happen or arrive.
  - Mary and Ralph are expecting a baby.



## Section 19

# Less Troublesome Verbs

- Choose the correct word in parentheses.
  - Please (bring, take) an appetizer.
  - That (rises, raises) an important question.
  - On December 25, 1776, General George Washington (lead, led) an army of 2,400 men across the Delaware River.
  - Will you (accept, expect, except) delivery?