

- Use complete sentences with a subject and predicate.
- Avoid sentence fragments and run-ons.
- Vary sentence length to maintain reader interest.
- Use parallel structure for lists and comparisons.

Example:

Incorrect: "The report is due tomorrow, and need to review it."

Correct: "The report is due tomorrow, and I need to review it."

2. Verb Tenses

Consistent verb tense usage maintains clarity about the timing of actions.

Key points:

- Use present tense for current actions: "I review the documents."
- Use past tense for completed actions: "I completed the report."
- Use future tense for upcoming tasks: "I will attend the meeting."

Tip: Be consistent within a paragraph or context to avoid confusion.

3. Subject-Verb Agreement

Ensure the subject and verb agree in number:

- Singular subjects take singular verbs: "The manager reviews the reports."
- Plural subjects take plural verbs: "The managers review the reports."

Common pitfalls:

- Collective nouns: "The team is working," not "are working."
- Indefinite pronouns: "Everyone is responsible," not "Everyone are responsible."

4. Punctuation

Proper punctuation clarifies meaning and improves readability.

