

Grammatical subclasses of verbs and category of verb tenses

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Abstract: A key element of the English grammatical system, the verb is essential to the construction of sentences and the expression of meaning. This article looks at the category of verb tenses in English as well as the grammatical subclasses of verbs. The categorization of verbs into several grammatical kinds, including lexical verbs, auxiliary verbs, modal verbs, transitive and intransitive verbs, and stative and dynamic verbs, is the main emphasis of the study. The system of verb tenses, including present, past, and future forms, as well as their characteristics and purposes, are also examined in this article. The research demonstrates how verbs support language structure, temporal reference, and communication effectiveness through theoretical analysis and real-world examples. The results demonstrate that the classification of verbs and tense categories are essential for understanding the flexibility and precision of the English language.

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INTRODUCTION

As the fundamental building block of sentence structure and meaning, the verb is one of the most important and intricate parts of the English language. It is essential for communication since it plays a key role in expressing activities, processes, states, and occurrences. Conveying time linkages, describing actions, and adequately expressing ideas and feelings would all be difficult without verbs. Verbs are therefore essential to both theoretical linguistics and everyday language use. Verbs in English grammar are divided into a number of grammatical subclasses, each with unique characteristics and purposes. Lexical verbs, auxiliary verbs, modal verbs, transitive and intransitive verbs, and dynamic and stative verbs are among these subclasses.

Each type contributes differently to sentence construction and meaning. For instance, lexical verbs carry the main semantic content, while auxiliary and modal verbs provide grammatical and functional support, such as forming tenses or expressing modality.

The category of tense, which is intimately linked to aspect and temporal reference, is another essential component of verb analysis. By differentiating between past, present, and future occurrences, tense helps speakers locate activities in time. But the English tense system encompasses more than just temporal distinctions; it also takes

into account aspectual distinctions like whether an action is finished, ongoing, or repeated. Temporal links may be expressed precisely and subtly thanks to this combination of aspect and tense. This subject is significant since it relates to both linguistic theory and language acquisition. Grammar proficiency and communication abilities are improved by having a solid grasp of verb subclasses and tense categories. Gaining proficiency in these areas is crucial for English language learners to create precise and coherent sentences. Linguists can learn about the structure, adaptability, and development of language by studying verbs. The goal of this article is to present a thorough examination of the category of verb tenses in English as well as grammatical subclasses of verbs. It examines how they are categorized, used, and function, emphasizing their place in the larger grammatical system and their significance in efficient communication.

LITERATURE REVIEW AND METHODOLOGY

In linguistic study, verb categorization and tense system analysis have been thoroughly examined. Form and distribution were crucial in defining grammatical categories, according to early structural linguists like Leonard Bloomfield. Bloomfield's method, which concentrated on observable language patterns and structural linkages, set the stage for further research. More thorough and in-depth explanations of the English verb system have been offered by later studies. The knowledge of verb categorization, tense, aspect, and modality has been greatly advanced by academics like Randolph Quirk, Sidney Greenbaum, Geoffrey Leech, and Jan Svartvik. In addition to highlighting the intricacy of English grammar, their work offers a methodical framework for examining verb forms and functions. Another significant viewpoint is provided by functional linguistics, which emphasizes the function of verbs in communication.

From this viewpoint, verbs are not only grammatical elements but also tools for expressing meaning and interaction. Functional linguists analyze how verbs are used in real-life contexts, considering factors such as discourse, context, and speaker intention [2,36].

By concentrating on how speakers cognitively process and interpret verb forms, cognitive linguistics broadens the investigation even more. This method holds that verbs are a reflection of conceptual knowledge and experience and that language is intimately related to human cognition. For instance, a speaker's perception of an event whether it be finished, ongoing, or habitual may influence the tense or aspect they choose. Grammatical subclasses of verbs and tense categories are examined in this study using a qualitative and descriptive technique. A variety of examples are chosen from textbooks, linguistic sources, and everyday usage. To find patterns, structures, and functions, these cases are analyzed.

There are several steps to the analysis. First, according to their structural and functional characteristics, verbs are divided into several grammatical subclasses. Second, the form, meaning, and usage of the tense category are examined. Third, to comprehend the role verbs play in communication, a semantic and functional analysis is carried out. A thorough comprehension of verbs from several angles, including structural, functional, and cognitive characteristics, is made possible by this scientific approach. Additionally, it guarantees that the analysis is both practically applicable and conceptually sound [5,47].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

According to the research, the English verb system is both highly organized and adaptable, enabling a variety of grammatical and semantic purposes. A clear framework for comprehending verbs' functions in sentence creation is provided by the division of verbs into several subclasses. Since they provide the primary meaning of the sentence, lexical verbs are determined to be the most important subtype. They make up the predicate's core and describe states, activities, and processes. By creating grammatical structures like continuous and perfect tenses, auxiliary verbs including basic auxiliaries like "be," "have," and "do" play a supporting function. Another significant subclass of verbs that communicate modality, such as possibility, necessity, duty, and capacity, are modal verbs. They are crucial for conveying the speaker's attitude because of their distinctive grammatical characteristics, which set them apart from other verbs. The significance of syntactic structure is emphasized by the difference between transitive and intransitive verbs. In contrast to intransitive verbs, transitive verbs need objects. Sentence construction and meaning are impacted by this difference. The versatility of English grammar is demonstrated by the fact that many verbs may serve as both. This distinction is directly tied to aspect, as demonstrated by the examination of dynamic and stative verbs. Stative verbs are often limited to basic forms, but dynamic verbs can be utilized in continuous forms. This distinction illustrates the verbs' semantic characteristics and how they describe states as opposed to acts [8,57].

The study of tense indicates that English expresses temporal links by combining aspect and tense. Forms like Present Simple and Present Continuous, which are used for general facts and continuing actions, are part of the present tense. The current perfect forms provide a link between the past and the present. Forms like Past Simple, Past Continuous, and Past Perfect are examples of the past tense system that let speakers explain events in great detail, including their duration and order. Many constructs, like as "will," "going to," and present forms with future reference, are used to convey future meaning. The results show that tense in English is a semantic and functional system that enables accurate communication in addition to being a grammatical category.

CONCLUSION

Their crucial function in the English language is shown by the study of verb tenses and grammatical subclasses of verbs. Verbs are a crucial part of grammar and communication since they are necessary for articulating states, actions, and temporal relationships. The division of verbs into several subclasses offers a methodical framework for comprehending their purposes and applications. Every subclass of verbs lexical, auxiliary, modal, transitive, and stative contributes to the overall structure and meaning of sentences. English has a sophisticated and adaptable system for conveying time and aspect, as the tense analysis shows. With this approach, speakers may communicate in-depth details regarding the timing of activities and their interrelationships. In conclusion, the English verb system is both structured and dynamic, reflecting the adaptability and richness of the language. Understanding grammatical subclasses and tense categories is essential for both linguistic analysis and effective communication, making this topic a fundamental area of study in English linguistics.

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