

Term Verbs And Ne-Plus Ultra Adjectives

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Term Verbs

In English Language, there are some certain [verbs](#) that have a long span of execution of action and others that have a short span of execution of action. Those that have a short span of action, that is, short moment of executing or carrying them out are called **Short term verbs** and those that have long span of action, that is, long moment of executing or carrying them out are called **long term verbs**

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For example,

- a] **Taking salute**
- b] **Leaping over the fence**
- c] **Washing clothes**

If you observe the examples above, you will see that 2 of examples is done in quick tempo that is, very fast.

When taking salute, the action is quick and sharp.

And also when leaping over the fence, the action is done quick and fast but when washing clothes, it is not. And even if it is fast, that is your own call not the way its suppose to be, the only reason that can make someone to wash clothes in a fast tempo is only if such person have something else to do.[top?](#)

Hence, when a short term verb is used, the verb remains in its **base form** not in [past tense](#) or **inflection (s) in gerund form**, I.e the **ing** form.

e.g

a) I saw him **leap** over the fence not ~~I saw him leaped~~ (past tense) over the fence Or ~~I saw him leaping~~ (gerund I.e ing) over the fence.[top?](#)

b) I saw him **come** into the room not ~~I saw him coming~~ into the room Or ~~I saw him came~~ into the room. Please note that example 2, it's very important.

c) I watched the soldier **take** a fast salute not ~~I watched the soldier taking~~ a fast salute.

When a long term verb is used, the verb can be in gerund form, that is, the **ing** form

d) We caught her **washing** dishes not ~~we caught her wash~~ dishes [top?](#)

More Examples

1) I saw James () an egg on the wall.

- a) smashed
- b) smash
- c) smashing
- d) smashes

What is the correct answer?

Imagine that you are smashing egg on a wall, will you be fast about it or slow about it? Just picture it...

In you imagination, you will see that, the action is a quick tempo, hence a short term verb.

Hence, the answer is **b**,

I saw james smash an egg on the wall not ~~I saw james smashed~~ or ~~smashing~~ an egg on the wall.[top?](#)

Brief : The process of smashing or throwing an egg to a wall or house is called **Egging** and it is prohibited. (Egging is a crime).

2) We all saw the gang () and hit the man on the head.

- a) Approaching
- b) Approaches
- c) Approach
- d) to approach

The answer is **a**, because approaching is a long term verb.

We all saw the gang approaching and hit the man on the head not ~~we all saw the gang approaches~~ Or ~~approach~~ and hit the man on the head.[top?](#)

Approached is also a correct option, if it is in the option but we only have approaching in the option.

Ne-Plus Ultra Adjectives

Ne-plus ultra adjectives : Also known as **ultimate** or **ceiling** , [adjectives](#) are adjectives that cannot be compared using **than**, for example,
It is wrong to say; [top?](#)

1) **This is more triangular than** that, where **triangular** is the [adjective](#).

Explanation

"**This is more triangular than** that"

We have already said something has three [angles](#), that is, triangular, so how can it be more **triangle**" than another.

Do you understand now.

The point is, it is wrong to grade **non-gradeable** adjectives.[top?](#)

More Examples

It is wrong to say;

a) James is more **superior** than me, instead you say;

ai) James is **superior** to me

Or

b) James is **inferior** to me.

Other Associated Ne-Plus Ultra Adjectives

Other associated ne-plus ultra adjectives are **Wrong, right, senior, junior, supreme, superior, inferior, paramount, preferable, final, unique and all shapes**, be it rectangular, sphere circle or **whatever**.[top?](#)

So it is also wrong to say;

I am more **senior** than him instead you say **I am senior to him.**

Let stop here, till next class.

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