

28th November
OET Writing – Important Verbs

Starter:

Which sentence is incorrect?

Why?

- a) “We explained the procedure to Mrs Daley”
- b) ~~“We explained Mrs Daley the procedure”~~
- c) “The procedure was explained to Mrs Daley”

What is the difference between the two correct sentences?

~~“Mrs Daley was explained the procedure”~~

Verbs using the preposition 'to'...

Report

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) "The outbreak was reported to the World Health Organisation"
- b) ~~"The World Health Organisation was reported to about the outbreak"~~
- c) "We reported the outbreak to the World Health Organisation"
- d) ~~"The WHO was reported the outbreak"~~

Prescribe

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) ~~"Ms Garcia was prescribed benzylpenicillin to"~~
- b) "We prescribed benzylpenicillin to Ms Garcia"
- c) "Benzylpenicillin was prescribed to Ms Garcia"
- d) "Ms Garcia was prescribed benzylpenicillin"

Give

Can you make two sentences using 'give' and the nouns below?

prophylactic treatment / Mrs Sanders

- "Mrs Sanders was given prophylactic treatment."
- "Prophylactic treatment was given to Mrs Sanders."
- "We gave prophylactic treatment to Mrs Sanders."
- "We gave Mrs Sanders prophylactic treatment."

Recommend

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) "We recommended an increase in exercise to Mrs Cleaver"
- b) ~~"Mrs Cleaver was recommended an increase in exercise"~~
- c) "An increase in exercise was recommended to Mrs Cleaver"

The doctor recommended increasing her exercise.
Mrs Cleaver was recommended to increase her exercise.

Suggest

Can you make two sentences using 'suggest' and the nouns below?

a cessation in smoking / Mr Paulson

"A cessation in smoking was suggested to Mr Paulson"
"We suggested a cessation in smoking to Mr Paulson"

Advise

Somebody advised someone to do something
"We advised Mr Paulson to cease smoking"

Someone was advised to do something
"Mr Paulson was advised to cease smoking"

We admitted Mr Smith to hospital.
Mr Smith was admitted to hospital.

He admitted breaking the glass.
~~Breaking the glass was admitted by him.~~

Verbs using infinitives...

Ask

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) ~~"A urine sample was asked to Mr Jones"~~
- b) "Mr Jones was asked to provide a urine sample"
- c) "We asked Mr Jones to provide a urine sample"

Tell

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) "We told Mr Smith to reduce the amount of fat he ate"
- b) "Mr Smith was told to reduce the amount of fat he ate"
- c) ~~"Reduce the amount of fat he ate was told to Mr Smith"~~

Verbs using other prepositions...

Diagnose

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) "Mr Davies was diagnosed with diabetes"
- b) "We diagnosed Mr Davies with diabetes"
- c) "Diabetes was diagnosed with Mr Davies"

Notify

Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) "We notified Miss Chen of the date of the procedure"
- b) "The date of the procedure was notified of Miss Chen"
- c) "Miss Chen was notified of the date of the procedure"

Inform

Can you make two sentences using 'inform' and the words below?

the need to have a light diet / Mrs White / of

"We informed Mrs White of the need to have a light diet"

"Mrs White was informed of the need to have a light diet"

Verb Patterns

Verbs using 'to' as preposition...

Explain

Subject + explain + object + to + person

"We explained the procedure to Mrs Daley"

Object + explain (passive) + to + person

"The procedure was explained to Mrs Daley"

Report

Subject + report + object + to + person/group

"We reported the outbreak to the World Health Organisation"

Object + report (passive) + to + person/group

"The outbreak was reported to the World Health Organisation"

Prescribe

Subject + prescribe + object + to + person

"We prescribed benzylpenicillin to Ms Garcia"

Object + prescribe (passive) + to + person

"Benzylpenicillin was prescribed to Ms Garcia"

Person + prescribe (passive) + object

"Ms Garcia was prescribed benzylpenicillin"

Give

Subject + give + person + object

"We gave Mrs Sanders prophylactic treatment"

Person + give (passive) + object

"Mrs Sanders was given prophylactic treatment"

Object + give (passive) + to + person

"Prophylactic treatment was given to Miss Sanders"

Recommend/Suggest

Subject + recommend/suggest + object + to + person

“We recommended an increase in exercise to Mrs Cleaver”

Object + recommend/suggest (passive) + to + person

“An increase in exercise was suggested to Mrs Cleaver”

With recommend/suggest you can also use:

Subject + verb + the gerund form

“We recommended exercising more to Mrs Cleaver”

Subject + verb + that + clause

“We suggested that Mr Paulson reduces the amount he smokes”

Verbs using infinitives...

Ask

Subject + ask + person + infinitive

“We asked Mr Jones to provide a urine sample”

Person + ask (passive) + infinitive

“Mr Jones was asked to provide a urine sample”

Tell

Subject + tell + object + infinitive

“We told Mr Smith to reduce the amount of fat he ate”

Object + tell (passive) + infinitive

“Mr Smith was told to reduce the amount of fat he ate”

Verbs using other prepositions...

Diagnose

Subject + diagnose + object + with + condition/illness

“We diagnosed Mr Davies with diabetes”

Object + diagnose (passive) + with + condition/illness

“Mr Davies was diagnosed with diabetes”

Notify

Subject + notify + person + of + noun

“We notified Miss Chen of the date of the procedure”

Person + notify (passive) + of + noun

“Miss Chen was notified of the date of the procedure”

Inform

Subject + inform + person + of + noun (phrase)

“We informed Mrs White of the need to have a light diet”

Person + inform (passive) + of + noun (phrase)

“Mrs White was informed of the need to have a light diet”