



Misuse of Tenses: Genz's Decline in English Grammar

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Abstract: The proficiency of English grammar, especially the inappropriate usage of tenses that has been witnessed at this generation (Genz) is leading to the decline of grammar. The emergence of the Digital Medias and Communities has led to the usage of abbreviations and short forms that helps in replying to the texts and other social media platforms as soon as possible which would be quick and ease but they are not considered if it's précised and organized. This paper examines how such speaking style of this generation is leading to the inappropriate usage of tenses in two cases that is while speaking and writing. It also explores through the influence of society and culture, those which are influencing through technology, the avoidance of education and the specialty of this generation to avoid he importance of formal English, where we are ignorant about grammar. It has also been found in the studies that there is a grammatical attrition that could be found in the fields like writing, communication and comprehension. This study focuses on bringing the awareness for this generation the importance of correct grammatical usage in conveying every particular matter. This research expresses the importance of the need of bringing in the awareness about grammar discipline through teaching and various digital platforms bringing forth the richness of this language English to the present generation.

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The language English kept changing along with society, culture and technology. There is a drastic diversion in the 21st century where the grammar is not what was taught and understood. There are various parts in grammar but among them tenses are found the most made mistakes by the youngsters of this generation. The step in of digital life has took control over the usage of grammar by the younger groups in their text messages and easy modes of communication where they prefer the uses of abbreviation and informal languages. This generations new methods of usage of language has introduced creativity and aesthetic styles, but it is leading the language English to a huge fall of grammar.

Tenses are one important factor that is behind this fall of grammar. The speakers who are young have built confidence in speaking but their expressions bring out wrong meaning because of the improper use of tenses that is where they don't realize how the past, present and the future should be expressed. These all happens because of the lack of reading habits and auto correction that is found in every digital platforms. The outcome of this is that most of the students and prolific people who uses English end up making mistakes in tenses that effects in normal and professional communication.

There is a confusion arising in the world about the education given in English based on the usage of tenses and grammar in the present generation which has create a possibility to think for a reexamination on the teaching quality and consideration about the influence of easy methods in the digital fields. The consideration for this matter can help in bringing changes in clarifying and a detailed examination in the appropriate usage of English Language.

Tense shows time which is a verb form that denotes past, present and future, showing when it happens and how to express it. Even though tenses are very important for proper usage of English but people of this generation are not aware of what to put where, when forming a sentence. A study from Nigeria shows the experience of the people using English facing the wrong usage of tenses because of prioritizing their mother tongue and considering English as their second language. Another study states the experience of people from China who faces trouble in improper usage of grammar which includes tenses and other various aspects of grammar because of the similar reasons of prioritizing mother tongue, considering English to be their second language and apart from these another aspect that affected the usage of English was that translation from mother tongue to English brought broad changes in vocabulary. Even in this 21st century, English is being used inappropriately because of inadequate education system. India has also been facing the similar troubles like that of wrong usage of English in terms of grammar. The downfall starts from the education system where the teaching committee prefers using their own language to teach the students. Taking a glance at every state in India, it shows that in every state most of the government schools prefers using their own language in teaching every subject even in English. This has caused decline to the knowledge of English in most of the government schools in India. There was a news that was previously published that a government school teacher was suspended for teaching wrong English, he taught the students nose as “noge” and then taught ear as “eare” and for eyes as “icy”. All these happens because these teachers did not acquire proper education and was neither provided with proper education. That main reason behind that sir’s teaching style was his way of speaking the language English which is aligned with his mother tongue which causes him to pronounce the words in the wrong way and his that particular understanding is given to the students. This is how things are clear what is the current generation getting and adapting.

This generation apart from the failure of the education system has built their way of using language in short forms and abbreviations and most of all they are not bothered about the grammar where we can find that they are not at all bothered about tenses. Their use of English in digital platform for texting and chatting has influenced in their personal studies and speaking and writing skills. They depended on their own style of writing which they were influenced by the digital language. This practice led them to avoid considering about tenses and that was reflected on their education. These reflection was revealed when they did public speaking where they forgot how to use the tenses and in writing they wrote in their texting style. When they mixed up their mother tongue with the texting language, they lost their every knowledge of how to use the language in its best manner. They are well versed in using informal and colloquial English where they omit the usage of tenses but fails when it comes to their education where they have to use formal English where they are not aware of the tenses how to use and when and where to use. The lack of knowledge of teachers in finding the mistake made by the students made the students have confidence in misusing tenses as they have no one to correct them. They face the trouble of not knowing tenses and other parts of grammar when it comes to a situation of attending a job interview. The communication skill and writing skill may be considered non important when schooling but when it comes to the matter of job and occupation, then it plays a major role because communication and writing skills are very important in a field of work. The recent news in India focuses on the words of a political leader, Amit Shah who asked the Indians to focus on speaking their native language. The news media mentions his words that who speaks English will feel ashamed soon as his words says that the language English would be soon removed from the land of India. This proves that even the mindset of the politicians ignoring

the importance of the language English and this is the reason why students are not motivated to use the language English in Government schools.

The importance of tenses should be known by every particular individual, especially by students of this generation who considers English to be of no value.

The tenses and its types play an important role in English Language. It helps in finding out the time and the time of an event. That is the Past tells about action that happen previously or last week or last months or years. Its types plays much major role showing how actions takes place when used. When Simple Past is used the action of what started and ended at a particular time is expressed through it. When Past Continuous is used the ongoing action that took place earlier at a particular time is expressed. When Past Perfect is shown an action was completed before the beginning of another action, this is when the word “had” is used. When Past Perfect Continuous is used when an action that already started continues till another events beginning, this is when the word “had been” is used. These are the types of Past Tense.

Present Tenses are the next important part of tenses. This tense expresses the action of something that is currently happening, this particular time. This has its types which help understand this tense in a better manner. Simple Present is used when the fact or truth or the habits are described as doing something. Present Continuous is used when an action is taking place currently, something that is happening at this particular moment. Present Perfect is used to an action that started earlier and ended at present or gave it its result right before now. Present Perfect Continuous that began in the past and is still continuing.

Future Tense is another important part of tenses that tells us and explains us of the action that will take place in the future. It also has types: Simple Future is which tells about the action that will happen in the future. Future Continuous is where it tells about an action that will start and continue in the future. Future Perfect is where the action will completed at a particular time in the future. Future Perfect Continuous is where the action will start at a particular time and continue to a particular time in the future.

These types of tenses give meaning to the word called Tenses. The types of the types are the ones that explains the thing in detail that teaches us in an understandable manner. These types play a very major role in the field of grammar where it gives meaning to the language especially its use when speaking and writing, as these two are the main important aspect of an individual in usage of English language.

The knowledge of tenses helps any individual bring meaning to his or her sentences, that meaning brings in standard to the language and another important part of knowing tenses are that they give confidence in using English. The teaching faculties should also have very detailed knowledge on tenses and its types. The faculties’ knowledge can only help the students learn the right thing. The current generation who has fallen into the influence of digital language can be corrected only by the teachers who are well versed in tenses and other grammatical knowledge.

In conclusion, this article wants to bring to attention the matter that the tenses are very important part of grammar which plays the role as the backbone of English language. It helps in having proper clarity in communication which will give meaning to the sentence. It gives grammatical structure and avoids misunderstanding. It helps in showcasing professionalism and academic success. These are all the benefits of having the knowledge of tenses. This knowledge is very much needed for the present generation who rely on their own sort of language and grammar which are just digital language and brings no benefit to them in any manner

neither in their studies or for their future. It is important that every student should know the language English and should be aware all the grammatical aspects especially tenses as it is the backbone of English language.

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