

# TAKS USAGE SKILLS

## Grade 7 and Exit

### I. AGREEMENT

- A. **Subject-verb agreement (Simple subjects, compound subjects separated from the verb by an intervening phrase, and indefinite pronoun subjects must agree with the verb in person and number. Example of error: Jack and Alberto wants us to play basketball. Correction: Jack and Alberto want us to play basketball.)**
- B. **Pronoun-antecedent agreement (Pronouns must agree with their antecedents in person and number. Example of error: Each woman gave their opinion. Correction: Each woman gave her opinion.)**

### II. VERBS

- A. **Correct formation of tense (Example of error: I have play in the bank for two years. Correction: I have played in the band for two years.)**
- B. **Appropriate tense (Example of error: Last year Mrs. Martinez becomes our principal. Correction: Last year Mrs. Martinez became our principal.)**
- C. **Proper form of irregular verbs (Example of error: Have you ever rode on a train? Correction: Have you ever ridden on a train?)**

### III. PRONOUNS

- A. **Subject pronouns (A subject pronoun must be used for the subject of a sentence or clause. Example of error: Dorothy and me went shopping last Saturday. Correction: Dorothy and I went shopping last Saturday.)**
- B. **Object pronouns (An object pronoun must be used for the object of a verb or preposition. Example of error. Were you standing near Abe and she? Correction: Were you standing near Abe and her?)**
- C. **Possessive pronouns (A possessive pronoun must be used to show possession and must be formed correctly. Example of error: She's vacation will begin next week. Correction: Her vacation will begin next week.)**

### IV. ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

- A. **Comparative and superlative forms (Examples of errors: more pretty, most pretty. Corrections: prettier, prettiest)**

- B. Usage (Adjectives must be used to modify nouns or pronouns, and adverbs must be used to modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. Example of error: Walk slow. Correction: Walk slowly.)**
- C. Double negatives (Only one negative word should be used to negate a single thought in a sentence. Example of error: We didn't know none of the answers. Correction: We didn't know any of the answers.)**