

Grammar Focus: Word/Verb Forms

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Directions: Read the paragraph below. Correct the word/verb form errors you find. These include words written as the wrong part of speech and verbs that are written in an incorrect tense.

Gastroscopy: A Medical Procedure

Gastroscopy, a non-surgical technique **used** to help **diagnose** problems of the upper digestive tract, is carried out in three stages. First, the patient is prepared. During this stage, the patient fasts for six hours prior to the exam. The patient **is** asked to arrive early for his/her appointment so that s/he **has** enough time to fill out the registration forms, change his/her clothes, and complete other preoperative procedures. In addition, a companion is needed to **accompany** the patient as s/he will be **sedated**. Once these steps have been completed, an anesthetic is administered. The anesthetic prevents the patient from feeling any pain, stress or anxiety. It even helps remove the memory of the procedure without **causing** the patient to totally **lose** consciousness.

Next, the actual procedure begins. Throughout this stage, the well-being of the patient is monitored. This includes **measuring** the patient's blood pressure, oxygen level, and heart rate. To carry out the procedure, the doctor **uses** a gastroscope, which is a long, thin, flexible fiber optic tube that has a camera **attached** at the end. The gastroscope is inserted through the mouth; the doctor needs to make sure that it does not **enter** the windpipe and affect the patient's breathing. Additionally, a mouthpiece is placed between the teeth to relax the jaws. Next, the patient's stomach is gently filled with air. Once this has been completed, the doctor begins to **inspect** the lining of the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum. This part of the procedure **takes** approximately fifteen minutes. If necessary, at this point, specimens of the lining may be **taken**.