

FIB RULES

1. If there is a ‘to’ before a blank, then it will be filled with first form of the verb (V1)

- *Many people were asked to submit their passports.*
- *Her suggestions help us to understand the project very well.*

2. If there is a blank after (will, would, can, could, shall, should, may, might, ought to, must, need to) then the blank will be filled with first form of the verb (V1).

- *They will know the truth very soon.*
- *We should ensure that no-one fails in the exam.*
- *PTE students must work hard to clear the exam in their first attempt.*

3. If there is any (modal+be) before a blank, then we use V3 or V1+ing

- *The documents will be verified soon.*
- *The Pandas needs to be saved in every possible way.*
- *Mr. President would be addressing the nation soon.*
- *She must be waiting for you.*

4. If article ‘an’ is given before a blank then the blank will be filled with a singular noun which starts with vowels (a,e,i,o,u).

- *An artist plays a vital role.*
- *An ice-cream*

5. If article ‘a’ is given before a blank then the blank will be filled with a singular noun which starts with consonants (b,c,d,f,g,h,k.....so on).

- *A person with no crime record will get US visa.*
- *A corrupt system.*
- *A boy.*

6. If there is a blank between the article (a/an/the) and the noun then the blank will be filled with adjective.

Structure : a/an/the + adjective + noun

- *A beautiful picture.*
- *A close friend.*
- *An ordinary life.*
- *The best institute.*

7. If there is a blank right after possessive pronoun (my, his, her, your, their, our) and a noun, then the blank will be filled with adjective.

Structure: possessive pronoun + adjective + noun

- *Your own house.*
- *My easy task for today.*
- *Their amazing talent.*

8. If there is a blank after ‘has/have/had’ then the blank will be filled with V3

- *She has finished her work.*
- *They have practiced a lot.*
- *She had addressed the chair before you came.*

9. If there is a blank after ‘is, are, was, were’ then the blank will be filled with, V1+ing or V3

- *John is coming tonight.*
- *Recharge is done here.*
- *They are invited for tonight’s party.*
- *Kalpana was killed.*
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10. If there is a blank after (being, will have, would have, could have, should have, may have) then the blank will be filled with V3.

- *She is being treated in this hospital.*
- *We would have helped you if you had told us.*
- *She could have done really well.*
- *You should have worked hard.*

11. If there is a blank after (has been, have been, had been), then the blank will be filled with V1+ing, V3

- *Ron has been struggling for many years.*
- *They have been watching you.*
- *Those thieves have been beaten black and blue.*
- *It had been done.*

12. If (by/towards/instead of) comes before a blank then the blank will be filled with (V1+ing).

- *By working late at night, you will certainly progress.*
- *I have been working towards achieving my goal.*
- *Instead of coming here, why don’t you stay at home.*

13. If there is a blank after ‘it/that/which’, then the blank will be filled with first form of the verb (V1 + s/es/ies).

- *It helps you in many ways.*
- *That happens only in America.*
- *We need an alternative that works*

14. If ‘by’ comes after the blank then the blank will be filled with V3.

15. If a word after the blank ends with ‘ly’ then the blank will be filled with (V3).

- *The inflation has increased significantly.*
- *The temperature has risen dramatically.*

16. If there is a blank after *do/does/did + not*, then the blank will be filled with V1.

- *She does not attend school regularly.*
- *You did not do that.*
- *They do not know anything.*

17. If a word before ‘and’ is plural then the word after ‘and’ will also be plural.

18. If a word before ‘and’ is singular then the word after ‘and’ will also be singular.

- *singular and singular*
- *Plural and plural*

- 19. Anyone, someone, none, everyone (these words are always considered singular)**
- 20. All, some, many, few (these words are always considered plural)**
- 21. This, that (these words are always considered singular)**
- 22. These, those (these words are always considered plural)**
- 23. If there is a singular word before a blank then the blank will be filled with V1+s,es)**
- *This institute teaches IELTS and PTE.*
 - *John plans meticulously.*
- 24. If there is a plural word before a blank then the blank will be filled with only V1 without s or es, ies.**
- *They teach English.*
 - *John and Peter play Cricket.*
- 25. Many - plural**
- 26. If a blank has a phrase ‘one of xxxxxx’ then the blank will be filled with plural word.**
- *One of my friends works here.*
 - *One of her uncles dropped by last night.*