The Problem of Tenses among Second Language Speakers of English

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Abstract: With the globalization of learning, speaking and culture the requirement for gaining great informative English by every last one has expected incredible centrality in the twentieth first century. The interest for learning and speaking compelling informative English has never been so incredible as it stands today. It is intrigued to take note of that amid the most recent two decades the utilization of English for informative reason has not been restricted just to the elite gathering of society. Individuals from the center and lower-working classes are similarly excited about learning, speaking and utilizing it in an unexpected way. Learning and Speaking English does not mean parrot like rehashing some packed sentences with the assistance of a constrained vocabulary. It implies gaining an aptitude to create and utilize useful English in regularly changing life circumstance while talking. The examination is concerning the issues of Tenses among Second Language Speakers of English. Semantics is the main field of grant that accepts language as its essential object of study. Etymology might be characterized as the logical investigation of language. The main trouble confronting the individual who comes new to the investigation of etymology is that of being set up to take a gander at language equitably. For language is something we will in general underestimate; something with which were are commonplace from adolescence in a down to earth, unreflecting way. There are a wide range of social and nationalistic partialities related with language, and numerous prominent misinterpretations cultivated by the twisted form of customary punctuation that is oftentimes instructed. The paper contains a short investigation of Problem of tenses in English by L2 Speakers of English.

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1. Introduction

Among the numerous fields of philosophy, there are two that are all the more personally interconnected with most yet whose experts have too long follower generally independent ways. From one perspective, there are rationalists of language, who have given much consideration regarding indexicals, worldly administrators and strained sentences. Then again, there are rationalists of strained or tenseless time. The scholars of language have created speculations with imperative ramifications with strained/tenseless time banter however they have seldom investigated the suggestions their hypotheses have for the philosophy of time. Similarly, the scholars of strained or tenseless time frequently make new or significant commitments to the philosophy of language over the span of building up their contentions, however they once in a while compose articles that plan to set up these in the philosophy of language as an end in itself or that intend to convey their outcome to the consideration of rationalists of language [1].

The primary interest in tense originates from the topic of whether tense is anticipated onto the world by the human origination of time, or whether tense in language mirrors a goal reality. Modern material science recommends that time is something very not quite the same as our origination of it; it specific, physical science gives no help to the idea of sense. For some philosophers, the primary interest in tense originates from the subject of whether tense is anticipated onto the world by the human originations of time, or whether tense in language mirrors a goal reality. As Fludernik calls attention to the significance of tense to account originates from the importance of time, the way that "[T]ime is a constitutive segment of account both of the dimension of story and that, of talk; time, or the movement of time, proverbially characterizes story in numerous meanings of narrativity i.e., that which comprise an account. Time-and thus tense angle - assumes a similarly noteworthy job in different classes. All things considered, time related language and the structure of talk are entwined and thy can be - and are-contemplated from either perspective [2].

Universal Grammar in Language Acquisition

Information of language, in fact known as semantic fitness is thought to be spoken to as a generative syntax, a unique arrangement of standards and guidelines which deliver grammatical sentence of a language. Standards and tenets record for such formal properties of language as linguistic structure, phonology, morphology, and certain parts of semantics. The syntax speaking to one's oblivious etymological information is a psychological develop it is mentally genuine and it underlines language use [3]. The etymological framework that second language (L2) learns develops considering in particular the degree to which the fundamental semantic capability of L2 speakers is constrained by a similar all inclusive rules that administer regular language all in all. The examination led brings up that L2 student language is deliberate and that the errors created by students don't comprises of arbitrary missteps, however rather, recommend rule-represented conduct. L2 learns are looked with destitution of the upgrade specifically the L2 improvement and that their interlanguage fitness goes past the info that they are presented to. L2 learns face an assignment parallel to that of L1 acquirers to be specific the need to land at an etymological system which represents the

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L2 input, enabling the student to comprehend and talk the second language [4].

Tense:

We start with the idea of verbal relative time. The regulation of the Sequence of Tenses has opposite sides, a hypothetical and an educational. The ideal tense is essential sequence, to a great extent in view of their esteem. The Perfect tense is essential when it indicates the present resultant state from a past demonstration and secondary when it means the past demonstration [5]. Regardless of whether a language perceives classes both of tense and inclination is obviously an issue for observational investigation. The wrong use of tenses are said to be unmistakable among the grammatical errors of various sorts set up together by most understudies or speakers of English Language in their made and spoken structures. As per Hockett: 'Hopic has three tenses: one utilized in articulations of general ageless truth ("Mountains are high"), a second utilized in reports of known or probably known happenings ("I saw him yesterday", "I' on my way at the present time"), and a third utilized of occasions still in the domain of vulnerability, consequently frequently where we would think about the occasion in the speaker's future ("He's coming tomorrow").' In perspective of what is said about the ramifications of these three 'tenses', one may well feel that they would be all the more appropriately portrayed as "states of mind'. In any case, the general point being made here is that mind-set and tense may 'cross' so that it is possible that either name is similarly fitting [6].

Learning Tenses in Easy Method It is most essential to ace over the tenses then just it is realistic to have unprecedented heading on social limits. Tenses are essential to get talking and making out of English Language. The word, tense, has been gotten from the Latin word 'Tempus' which induces time. In binding tenses it is most fundamental to learn movement words. In a general sense a movement word is a word which infers three things activity, position and duty regarding subject.

Ex:

- 1. Shaukat is teaching Social. (Action)
- 2. Shaukat is a teacher. (Position)
- 3. Shaukat has a scooter. (Possession)

Also, tense offers ascend to a conundrum critical to McTaggart's contention for the irreality of time. McTaggart (1908) recognizes the A-series of positions in time, specifically the ones that are past, present and future and the B-series, which are those that are just sooner than and later-than. He brings up that time requires change, which the B-series alone can't supply. In any case, while the A-series provides change, the change is incomprehensible. Each inevitability changes from future to past by means of the present however it is a logical inconsistency to state of some specific consequence that it is (on the double) future, present and past [7]. We perceive that a few consequences were or are future, some were, are or will be present and some are or will be past. Yet, here is the conundrum, for we should expect the

truth of (tensed) time to put forth such expressions and therefore to demonstrate that there is time [8]. As per Comrie (1976) tense is a grammatical class relating the time of reference to the time of the articulation. Since it is a grammatical class, it ought to be recognized from time, which is outside of language [9]. Tense is inferred through the transaction among three times: the time of speech (S), the time alluded to (R) and the time that the event represented by the verb took place (E). Table 1 [10] demonstrates how the past, present, and future tenses are gotten from the relationship.

Simple tense => R and E coincide (Following three examples)	
Past=> R precedes S	I saw the dog yesterday
Present=> R coincides with S	I saw the dog now.
Future $=> R$ follows S	I will see the dog tomorrow.
Complex Tense=> otherwise	(Two following examples)
Perfect=> E precedes R	I have seen the Dog
Extended => E extends over R	I am watching the dog
Where R= Reference Time	S= Speech Time E= Event Time

The expression "coincide" in Table 1 does not indicate uniformity, a reality which is very clear in timeless sentences. Such sentences additionally give proof to the dispute that tense does not equivalent time. Example (1)

(1) The Dog is barking at us

The verb is in the present tense; however it isn't really the situation that the puppy is really woofing right now of speech. The articulation could be made whenever and tense is the supposed verifiable present. This tense conveys events happening in the past with verbs in the present tense. We see this utilization in English. In the information accounts there is non-past use, yet whether it is a chronicled present. Lyons (1968:304-306) sees tense as a deictic class. It is at the same time a property of the sentence and of the articulation. That is the expression is made at a specific minute and tense "focuses" to this time somehow or another. Kurylowicz (1985:31) additionally sees tense as a deictic class, while viewpoint "semantically portrays the course of circumstance in time as for later, for the most part the snapshot of speech" [11].

Second Language Learners' In Tense

Another territory of SLA that identifies with etymology is that of tense and Aspect: how do students perceive what morphological markers run with what verbs? As we demonstrated the issue of the securing of morphological things has for quite some time been an element of Second Language Research. Tense perspective improvement in L2 obtaining, there have been a few hypothetical ways to deal with the examination. The primary intelligent hypothetical proposition was the one given by Roger Andersen dependent on the spearheading work of Vendler, Weist, and others: the Aspect Hypothesis. A few investigations of L1 and L2 procurement demonstrate that the Learners' understanding of verbal morphology has all the earmarks of being associated to lexical perspective as opposed to tense itself [12].

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In 1980s, a progressively advanced methodology was taken to the L2 securing of tense-angle morphology. The Aspect Hypothesis guarantee that "first and Second Language students will at first be affected by the characteristic semantic part of verbs or predicates in the procurement of tense and perspective markers related with or appended to these verbs [13]. This methodology is semantic in nature and spotlights because of lexical viewpoint in the second language securing of tense-perspective morphology. Andersen (1986) presented an investigation of two local speakers of English, one tyke and one youthful, learning L2 Spanish. This methodology is semantic in nature and spotlights because of lexical viewpoint in the second language securing of tense-perspective morphology. Andersen (1986) presented an investigation of two local speakers of English, one child and one youthful, learning L2 Spanish. This methodology is semantic in nature and spotlights because of lexical viewpoint in the second language securing of tense-perspective morphology. Andersen (1986) presented an investigation of two local speakers of English, one tyke and one youthful, learning L2 Spanish [14]. He saw an interesting qualification in the improvement of tense-viewpoint denoting: the past tense (preterit) markers developed with dependable and accomplishment verbs, though the flawed markers rose with verbs that demonstrates states. In view of his experimental outcomes, Andersen hypothesized a sequence of formative stages. The advancement of the past appeared to spread from accomplishment verbs to achievement verbs to exercises lastly to states. The speech created by students of a second language has pulled in impressive consideration both from language professionals and from those with increasingly hypothetical concerns. Initially, language student speech was fundamentally investigated as far as the standards and classes of the objective language of which it was however to be mutilated reflection. Notwithstanding, it was proposed that second-language students, much like local speakers work from an internally steady language framework - an inter-language [15].

Problem of Tenses among SL Speakers

The misuse of English tenses could be pursued down to different reasons among which is the mother tongue impedance (MT) on the Target language (TL) and in light of this reason, speakers of English Language will when all is said in done have such tremendous quantities of issues, like the issue of overgeneralization, gravitational draw of the language (LI), inward relationship primary and overgeneralization as earlier communicated, oration as shown by spelling, poor learning, prologue to nonstandard grouping of English used outside the classroom, the moods of the system, individuals with huge impact, the methodology of the organization and some extraordinary parts like failure to understand the possibility of the second language, nonattendance of adequate vocabulary and the method for Culture between the two structures. Kaplan (1966) saw that in spite of the fact that the presence of social variety was a factor which has been perceived in ESL educating at the level of the sentence, outside understudies who had aced syntactic structures still battle to deliver sufficiently [16].

Obtaining is normally appeared differently in relation to learning and the manners in which grown-ups get second or consequent languages. Second Language students regularly ponder seriously structure different level of success. The utilization of contrastive examination to language taking in was initially gotten from a series of proposition made by Lado (1957) to anticipate challenges a student may experience when learning a second language. The primary understanding was that a L1 impacts the learning of second or ensuing language (L2) through a procedure called transfer [17]. For Example when an Iraqi speaker learns English a contrastive analysis would recognize local language properties that may represent parts of Arabic that are commonly moved into English. The English tense framework is famously troublesome for an Iraqi speaker to learn in light of the fact that tense essentially does not exist in their earlier semantic experience. Time reference is conceivable in Arabic, yet it is done in adverbs. Along these lines a student's assortment of English may allude to past time and event demonstrated by a verb with an adverb, as opposed to a tense marker. For instance, "I see you yesterday" clearly alludes to past time. In spite of one's English predisposition, tense closure are not required for time reference in the majority of the world's languages. Carl James brings up two essential things in contrastive analysis (CA). Specifically off the bat, in L2 learning, exchange from the nearby language to the objective language happens clearly and is routinely negative. In like manner, learning troubles could be anticipated by phonetic complexities between two languages. The degree is recognized to depend basically on the amount L2 structures look like or not comparable to L1 plan. To entire up, CA theory credits bother to contrasts/empty between the objective language, which can be thick as "capability/distance=difficulty" speculation. Another explanation for errors could be nonappearance of intensity of the English language, which thusly impacts unfavorably the productive utilization of tenses among understudies who stays English as their second language. Connor (2011) extensively characterized IR, once called Contrastic Rhetoric (CR) as "the investigation of composed talk between and among people with various social foundations," taking note of that talk involves "language use past the sentence just as social and ideological suspicion and relationship with Communication [18].

The speculation in its alleged structure, has been invalidated on the grounds that it routine neglects to anticipate absolutely where these zones of trouble and straightforwardness might be. Where languages differ incredibly, SL students may discover couple of troubles. Truth be told, explicit contrasts between language might be prominent to the point that students turn out to be intensely mindful of them and abstain from committing errors. In that equivalent vein, when SL students accept that TL is like their local language, unpretentious contrasts may go undetected and, in this manner unnoticed. As such, the CAH anticipated issues that don't happen; it over predicted. Also, it doesn't foresee regions where troubles do happen; it unpredicted [19].

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2. Conclusion

At last, the examination suggests that language educators and language teaching materials need to concentrate on the zones in which L2 students are probably going to confront challenges in acing tense and perspective. Present day academic language structure books should likewise address the lexical viewpoint in detail with a ton of activities on the four kinds of verbs. Instructors can help the L2 students address their inadequacies 'with a comprehension of how lexical angle factors in the learning of tense'.

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