

Mnemonics for remembering grammar rules

- “He, she, it: Das S muss mit!”
> third person singular S
- “*If + would = Satz kaputt!*” *If* and *would* is no good.”
> don’t use *if* in a clause containing *would*
- “Bei Frage und Verneinung tritt *any* in Erscheinung.”
- *since*: “Zeitpunkt” (dot on the <i>) vs. *for*: “Zeitraum” (space inside the <o>)
- “*Who* und *where* im Kreuzverkehr.”
> E *who* = D *wer*; E *where* = D *wo*
- “Wenn der Edi kommt, muss der Didi geh’n.”
> don’t use *did* if the verb in a sentence is already in the past tense (**did liked*)
- “Auf der ER-LE sitzt ein Y und schreit: OWeh!”
> bisyllabic words whose comparative is formed with *-er* (e.g. *clever*, *simple*, *happy*, *narrow*)
- “fanboys”: *for*, *and*, *nor*, *but*, *or*, *yet*, *so*
> coordinating conjunctions
- “The subjunctive is WEIRD.”
W wishes
E emotions
I impersonal expressions
R recommendations
D desire, doubt, denial
- „*Yesterday*, *ago* und *last* erfordern stets das *simple past*”.
- “*Ever*, *never*, *yet*, *so far* – *present perfect*, ist doch klar!”