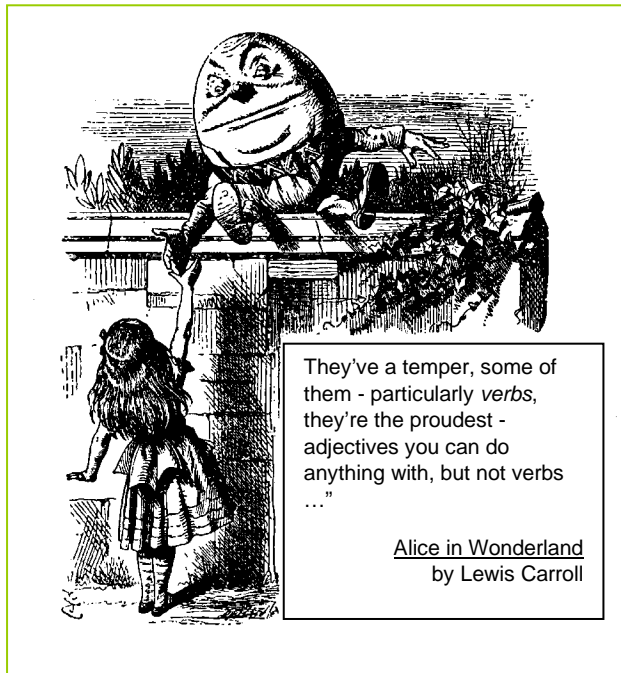


## Grammar Workshop: The English Verb (6 hours)

*Local users of English have often found the English Verb to be problematic because of the intricacies of its use. This short workshop for the most part looks at the nature of the English Verb and tries to simplify for participants the host of rules relating to this aspect of the Language.*

### Day 1 (3 hours)



#### 1. Verb Tense and Aspect

*This is an exposition of how verbs in their various tense and aspect are used:*

- Simple Present Tense
- Present Progressive
- Present Perfect
- Simple Past Tense
- Past Progressive
- Past Perfect

#### 2. Conditionals

*This part of the workshop deals with the complexity of meanings of the four different types of conditionals.*

- Zero  
Use of *present simple + present simple* to indicate *present facts*
- First  
Use of *present simple + will/won't* to indicate a *possible* position in the future
- Second  
Use of *past simple + would + verb* to indicate *hypothetical or improbable* situations now and in the future

- Third  
Use of *past perfect + would have + past participle* to indicate an *imaginary* situation which did *not* happen

## **Day 2 (3 hours)**

### **3. Modality**

*Instruction focuses on the tense and meanings of verb modality, something which is essential in communicating in the Language.*

- The Tense of Modals
- Meanings of Modality

### **4. Singapore English**

*This section provides a brief look at some aspects of Singapore English which foreigners will find most puzzling. Awareness is key to greater understanding between locals and users of Standard English worldwide.*

### **5. English Language Bloopers**

*Last but not least, an amusing look at how the English Language is used and abused in Singapore and the world as a whole. This is again an exercise in raising participants' awareness in how communication in the Language can go seriously wrong.*

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