

One of **next five** of the **top ten** errors you must not make

Stood and standing

Get it right!



Grammatical rules

- The grammatical rules which tell you when to use *stood* and when to use *standing* are complicated.
- So we're not going to bother with them now. Instead we've got a much simpler method of getting *stood* and *standing* right.

The short-cut method

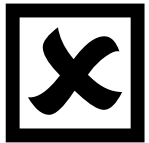
Replace the *stood/standing* word you are not sure about with a regular verb, e.g. *walked/walking*.

If *walked* fits, use *stood*

If *walking* fits, use *standing*

Example 1

He was just _____ there, minding his own business.



If **walked** fits, use **stood**

He was just walked there minding his own business.



If **walking** fits, use **standing**

He was just walking there minding his own business.

He was just **standing** there, minding his own business.

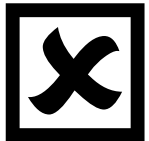
Example 2

The man had _____ in an enormous puddle.



If **walked** fits, use **stood**

The man had walked in an enormous puddle.



If **walking** fits, use **standing**

The man had walking in an enormous puddle.

The man had **stood** in an enormous puddle.