

EXERCISE W3-3 Be verbs Before working this exercise, read section W3-b in *A Writer's Reference*, Fifth Edition.

Some *be* verbs are appropriate. *Be* verbs are inappropriate only when they result in needlessly wordy or dull sentences. In the following sentences, the *be* verbs have been italicized, along with any of their helping verbs. Put "OK" in the blank if you feel that the verb is acceptable; improve the other sentences. Answers may vary. Examples:

OK In Keynes's view, the Adam Smith approach to economics *was* inadequate.

_____ Keynes ^{opposed} ~~was in opposition to~~ any view that left out factors influencing the economy.

1. _____ According to Keynes, most economists *were* blind to important factors in the nation's economy.
2. _____ For him, these economists' observations *were* in contradiction to what was actually taking place.
3. _____ In his analyses, Keynes *was* insistent on including factors often ignored by other analysts.
4. _____ For Keynes, the distribution of income and wealth throughout a nation *was* a necessary component of any economic study.
5. _____ Social and political issues *would* always *be* integral parts of a Keynesian analysis.
6. _____ Keynes believed that prosperity *is* dependent on investment but that investment alone won't always lead to prosperity.
7. _____ Investments, he argued, *will* always *be* dependent on savings.
8. _____ However, savings *are* a luxury that people cannot afford in hard times.
9. _____ Unemployed people cannot save at all, so their influence on the market *is* negligible.
10. _____ And businesspeople *are* resistant to investing unless they can expect a profit.