

Re: How would you type this?

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Okay, grammar nut that I am I hit the books! I would assume that BOS would have taken the source from AMA, but I wondered what the grammar books say.

I could not find specifics applying to the medical terms, but I did find some word analogies that indicate "was" could be used. They gave as examples:

"The majority IS in charge. Still, a majority of voters ARE unhappy. The total WAS in the millions. A total of six WERE missing.

Clearly that's the same kind of situation with milliliters/blood.

Those were NOT the rules when I was in school, but they make sense. I stand corrected, but I tend to balk at changes in grammar rules. There is a section in "Woe is I" on the word ALL which is really confusing!

My husband, who had the same grammar school English teacher who drummed all this into us, agreed with my original version.

Now I'll have to go hunting through my books on the proper use of proved/proven. I already discovered that the use of "like" has been modified somewhat in usage, though still not technically correct as it is often used.

Barb C.

"Barbara Carlson" <bbcarlson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:Nt-dnTvYys-BnZPeRVn-gO@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Well, when BOS thinks they can change basic rules of grammar they BOS goes
> out the window in my opinion. I'll stick with basic grammar—I don't
> think BOS has the right to make their own rules.

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> But, apparently you can take your choice. No wonder grammar is so
> confusing when there are different rules for different situations. I
> learned the basics, and I will stick with them. I can't believe BOS
> writes their own!!!!

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> Barb C.

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> "RaeMorrill" <RaeMorrill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>> Kathy
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>> Per the BOS under verb–subject agreement it says this:
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>> Units of measure are collective nouns and take singular verbs. Example
>> given is "Twenty milliequivalents of KCl WAS (emphasis mine) given.
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>> Kathy Carpenter wrote:
>>> OK. I printed off the explanation and will read it every time until I
>>> learn it.
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