

Grammar point: 文法

- 1 That would be around September on our calendars.

Sometimes students tend to confuse the usage of “would,” “should,” and the “be” verb in situations such as this. Here are a few examples to differentiate them.

“That would be around September.”

“That should be around September.”

“That is around September.”

In the first sentence, there is flexibility in the margin of error. Something that “would” be around September might in fact not be in September.

The second sentence indicates a sense of obligation or expectation, in which “that”—whatever the event may be—*should* be around September. If what in fact occurs is contrary to the speaker’s expectations, he or she would be in some way justifiably surprised.

The final sentence is clear: for a fact, the event is around September. There is no margin for error, and it does not express expectation. It is a statement of fact.

