Grammatical Errors: 170+ Common Grammar Mistakes in English

Grammatical Errors! Learn useful list of common grammar mistakes you might be making - and how to avoid and correct them with example sentences and ESL printable worksheets.

Common Grammar Mistakes

Examples of 170+ common grammatical errors in English and how to correct them.

Incorrect: I have **a good news** for you. **Correct**: I have **good news** for you

Incorrect: Worry kills more the men than work.

Correct: Worry kills more men than work.

Incorrect: We learn not at the school, but in life. **Correct**: We learn not at school, but in life.

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Correct: He sent word that he would come soon.

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Correct: I have read Shakespeare's King Lear.

Incorrect: You cannot set **a foot** in this house. **Correct**: You cannot set **foot** in this house.

Incorrect: It's not good to go to the bed late.

Correct: It's not good to go to bed late.

Incorrect: He is **Daniel** in judgment. Correct: He is a **Daniel** in judgment.

Incorrect: It was **tough decision** to make. **Correct**: It was **a tough decision** to make.

Incorrect: A little spark kindles great fire.

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Incorrect: The clock has struck seven hours.

Correct: The clock has struck seven.

Incorrect: There is no place in the hall.

Correct: There is no room in the hall.

Incorrect: We came by the 4:30 o'clock train.

Correct: We came by the 4:30 train.

Incorrect: He left with his **belonging luggage**.

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Incorrect: I gladly **avail of** your offer.

Correct: I gladly avail myself of your offer.

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Incorrect: Women commit less crimes than men.

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Incorrect: I want a little quantity of milk.

Correct: I want a small quantity of milk.

Incorrect: Give a literally translation of the passage.

Correct: Give a literal translation of the passage.

Incorrect: Life is long if you know how use it.

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Incorrect: Don't go in the sun.

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I want a little quantity of milk.

I, you and he will do it together.

I am in favor to stop work now.

She did a request for some water.

The girl wants to get herself married.

This option is preferable than any other.

Give literally a translation of the passage.

Open the last but one page of the book.

My sister's all the books have been stolen.

Those who are absent, I shall punish them.

I know him well.

Don't go out in the sun.

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Tell me why you did that.

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Incorrect: I feel myself feverish.

Correct: I feel feverish.

Incorrect: He made an excuse to be late.

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Incorrect: He rose equal to the occasion.

Correct: He was equal to the occasion.

Incorrect: Are your work busy?
Correct: Do you have a busy job?

Incorrect: She left a bit in a hurry.
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Incorrect: I'll date her out this Friday.

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Incorrect: If someday we meet, would we **again start**? **Correct**: If someday we meet, would we **start again**?

Incorrect: I am difficult to learn Chinese.

Correct: **It is difficult** for me to learn Chinese.

Incorrect: Thailand is **coming into rainy weather**. Correct: Thailand is **in the rainy season now**.

Incorrect: What time of a day now in your country? What is the time now in your country?

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You can try it more ...

You can try a few times ...

Today, I'll cut my hair.

I'll have my hair cut today.

Are your work busy?

Do you have a busy job?

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Did China come into rain season?

Is it the rainy season in China?

Thailand is coming into rainy weather.

Thailand is in the rainy season now.

He went to abroad to further his studies.

He went abroad to further his studies.

What time of a day now in your country?

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Incorrect: How was your sleeping yesterday?
Correct: Did you have a good sleep yesterday?

Incorrect: Why don't stay more time here?
Correct: Why don't you stay a little longer?

Incorrect: You like ice cream, isn't it?
Correct: You like ice cream, don't you?

Incorrect: It is a **high pay job**. Correct: It is a **high-paying** job.

Incorrect: I can't get over how you look well.
Correct: I can't get over how well you look.

Incorrect: How much is the temperature? What is the temperature?

Incorrect: Don't feel anger with me !!! I'm just kidding. Correct: Don't be mad at me !!! I'm just kidding.

Incorrect: I have been abroad 10 years.
Correct: I have been abroad for 10 years.

Incorrect: **How** does he like?

Correct: What does he **look like**?

Incorrect: Lilian is living far away with China.
Correct: Lilian is living far away from China.

Incorrect: Are you a saler, Jame?

Correct: Are you a salesman, Jame?

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I'll go out after the dinner.

How are you this week?

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Which kind of that car?

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I can't get over how you look well.

We make the bread with the flour.

There's an exceptional to every rule.

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Correct: We make **bread** with flour.

Incorrect: The experience is the mother of wisdom.

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Incorrect: He has decided to step down as the captain of the team. He has decided to step down as captain of the team.

Incorrect: Never tell tales out of the school.

Correct: Never tell tales out of school.

Incorrect: They study in the England. They study in England.

Incorrect: More people today die of the cancer.
Correct: More people today die of cancer.

Incorrect: I like to play **the football**. Correct: I like to play **football**.

Incorrect: The pink is my favorite color.

Correct: **Pink** is my favorite color.

Incorrect: Although it's raining, but she still go out.

Correct: Although it's raining, she still goes out.

Incorrect: You may not realize that how important time is.

You may not realize how important time is.

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The lights his room's are on.

The lights of his room are on.

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She looks cheerfully today.

She looks cheerful today.

Your advice is great significance.

Your advice is of great significance.

Why do you need hundred dollars?

Why do you need a hundred dollars?

Please persuade him don't do that.

Please persuade him not to do that.

Don't pretend to not recognize me.

Don't pretend not to recognize me.

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I often go to theater on the weekend.

I often go to the theater on the weekend.

Linda's work is more perfect than Jamie's.

Linda's work is better than Jamie's.

Either of the plans are equally dangerous.

Either of the plans is equally dangerous.





Incorrect: Linda's work is **more perfect** than Jamie's. Correct: Lind's work is **better than/superior to** Jamie's.

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Incorrect: Only I and my friend were at the concert.

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Don't step in the grass.

Keep off the grass.

Who cooked this salad?

Who made this salad?

Would you like to drink?

Would you like something to drink?

It was still bright outside.

It was still light outside.

He cannot read and write.

He cannot read or write.

I forget my hat in the house.

I left my hat in the house.

This is the way how I made it.

This is how I made it.

He goes better every day.

He gets better every day.

I introduce Mr. Smith to you!

May I introduce Mr. Smith to you?

I get my salary twice a month.

I get paid twice a month..

She is wearing blue jeans pants.

She is wearing blue jeans.

Be careful or you'll have a cold.

Be careful or you'll catch a cold.

Do you have any pencil? Yes I have it .

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I am in a good mood today.

He made a world record.

He set a world record.

He is our common friend.

He is our mutual friend.

The class's students are 55.

There are 55 students in the class.

My watch doesn't move at all.

My watch isn't running.

It is not of only your business.

It is none of your business.

Where is the capital of Japan.

What is the capital of Japan?

It was my first time to go abroad.

It was the first time I had gone abroad.

I do anything I can for you.

I will do anything I can for you.

It happened a few minutes before.

It happened a few minutes ago.

I am sorry to have kept you waited.

I am sorry to have kept you waiting.

There is a stranger knock at the door.

There is a stranger knocking at the door.

We moved house to Johor last month.

We moved to Johor last month.

I've got many homeworks for this week.

I've got a lot of homework for this week.





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I like orange.

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I am married next month

I will get married next month.

You can sit my next seat.

You can sit next to me.

His life could dangerous.

His life could be in danger.

Veronica is a hard student.

Veronica is a hard-working student

Where are you come from?

Where do you come from?

My cousin dead in that accident.

My cousin died in that accident.

Neither I nor you clean the board.

Neither I nor you cleans the board.

Would you mind to give me a hand?

Would you mind giving me a hand?

Lorna likes the kitten. I like it either.

Lorna likes the kitten. I like it too.

Thanks for giving me useful advices.

Thanks for giving me useful advice.

I have never tried on so a nice dress.

I have never tried on such a nice dress.

Bill's no afraid to express his opinions.

Bill's not afraid to express his opinions.

The manager and the secretary was out.

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He has three son-in-laws.

He has three sons-in-law.

I looked at me in the mirror.

I looked at myself in the mirror.

She is taller compared to me.

She is taller than me.

The shop is opened every day.

The shop is open every day.

She bought two photos albums.

She bought two photo albums.

Let me know what is the matter.

Let me know what the matter is.

James is a matured man of forty.

James is a mature man of forty.

Do you like to play the volleyball?

Do you like to play volleyball?

I do not know why did this happen.

I do not know why this happened.

We'll get down at the next bus stop.

We'll get off at the next bus stop.

Your writing needs to be improving.

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I love drawing very much.

I'll give to you soon.

I'll give it to you soon.

I gladly avail of your offer.

I gladly avail myself of your offer.

I have been abroad 10 years.

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Incorrect: What of season do you like best?

Correct: Which season do you like best?

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INCORRECT	CORRECT
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X Only I and my friend were at the concert.	Only my friend and I were at the concert.
X I felt good mood today.	✓ I am in a good mood today.
X He made a world record.	✓ He set a world record.
X He is our common friend.	✓ He is our mutual friend.
* The class's students are 55.	✓ There are 55 students in the class.
X My watch doesn't move at all.	✓ My watch isn't running TESL.COM

COMMON MIST	TAKES IN ENGLISH
INCORRECT	CORRECT
X Would you like to drink?	✓ Would you like something to drink?
★ It was still bright outside.	It was still light outside.
★ He cannot read-and-write.	He cannot read or write.
X I forget my hat in the house.	✓ I left my hat in the house.
X This is the way how I made it.	✓ This is how I made it.
🗙 He goes better every day.	He gets better every day.
X I introduce Mr. Smith to you!	✓ May I introduce Mr. Smith to you?
🗶 I get my salary twice a month.	✓ I get paid twice a month.
X She is wearing blue jeans pants.	She is wearing blue jeans.

INCORRECT	CORRECT
★ Where is the capital of Japan.	✓ What is the capital of Japan?
X It was my first time to go abroad.	✓ It was the first time I had gone abroad.
X I-do-anything I can for you.	✓ I will do anything I can for you.
X It happened a few minutes before.	✓ It happened a few minutes ago.
X I am sorry to have kept you waited:	I am sorry to have kept you waiting.
X There is a stranger knock at the door.	✓ There is a stranger knocking at the door.
★ We moved house to Johor last month.	✓ We moved to Johor last month.
X I've got many homeworks for this week.	✓ I've got a lot of homework for this week.
🗶 I like orange.	✓ I like oranges.

	INCORRECT	CORRECT
×	I am married next month.	✓ I will get married next month.
×	You can sit my next seat .	✓ You can sit next to me.
×	His life could dangerous.	His life could be in danger.
×	Veronica is a hard student.	✓ Veronica is a hard-working student.
×	Where are you come from ?	✓ Where do you come from ?
×	My cousin dead in that accident.	✓ My cousin died in that accident.
×	Neither I nor you clean the board.	✓ Neither I nor you deans the board.
×	Would you mind to give me a hand?	✓ Would you mind giving me a hand?
×	Lorna likes the kitten. I like it either .	✓ Lorna likes the kitten. I like it toos L. COM

INCORRECT	CORRECT
X Let me know what is the matter.	Let me know what the matter is.
➤ James is a matured man of forty.	✓ James is a mature man of forty.
➤ Do you like to play the volleyball?	✓ Do you like to play volleyball?
X I do not know why did this happen.	I do not know why this happened.
➤ Well get down at the next bus stop.	✓ We'll get off at the next bus stop.
X Your writing needs to be improving.	Your writing needs to be improved.
X The gold is a kind of precious metal.	✓ Gold is a kind of precious metal.
★ Why the postman did not come today?	✓ Why didn't the postman come today?
X I think I will never find someone as you.	✓ I think I will never find someone ke you

INCORRECT	CORRECT
X If someday we meet, would we again start?	If someday we meet, would we start again?
➤ He neither has talent nor the desire to learn.	He has neither talent nor the desire to learn.
🗶 He has good knowledge of English grammar.	✓ He has a good knowledge of English grammar.
X I would have made a big fault only you advised.	✓I would have made a big mistake without your advice.
X I don't have enough money to buy new bicycle.	✓ I don't have enough money to buy a new bicycle.
X I've passed the hearing test with a high score.	✓ I've passed the listening test with a high score.
X You may not realize that how important time is.	You may not realize how important time is.
➤ Different from me, she is proficient in Chinese.	✓ Unlike me, she is proficient in Chinese.
X Exercise is good both for work as well as health.	Exercise is good for work as well as health.

INCORRECT	CORRECT
X I very love drawing.	I love drawing very much.
★ III give to you soon.	✓ I'll give it to you soon.
✗ I gladly avail of your offer.	I gladly avail myself of your offer.
★ I have been abroad 40 years.	✓ I have been abroad for 10 years.
★ What season do you like best?	✓ Which season do you like best?
× Never tell tales out of the school.	✓ Never tell tales out of school.
X Life is long if you know how use it.	Life is long if you know how to use it.
X Get up early is good for one's health.	✓ Getting up early is good for one's health.
➤ Why don't you take a driving license?	✓ Why don't you get a driving license? ☐ M

INCORRECT	CORRECT
➤ Women commit less crimes than men.	✓ Women commit fewer crimes than men.
X How can I explain if you keep to but in?	✓ How can I explain if you keep butting in?
X The experience is the mother of wisdom.	Experience is the mother of wisdom.
X My father will be home today afternoon.	✓ My father will be home this afternoon.
X Although it's raining, but she still go out.	✓ Although it's raining, she still goes out.
X Lizzie approached me, say, "Hello!"	Lizzie approached me and said, "Hello!"
🗙 Last night I didn't keep my diary.	✓ Last night I didn't write anything in my diary
X I don't even understand my mind.	✓I don't even understand what I was thinking
≭ What do you expect in a pig but a grunt?	✓ What do you expect from a pig but a grunt?

INCORRECT	CORRECT
igstar I found difficult to sustain the children's interest.	\checkmark I found it difficult to sustain the children's interest.
★ He asked me that why I had not gone to the part	y. ✓ He asked me why I had not gone to the party.
X They had no sooner arrived then they were arguin	ng ✓ They had no sooner arrived than they were arguing.
X This was bound to happening sooner or later.	✓ This was bound to happen sooner or later.
➤ Since that day, I followed my friend's advice.	Since that day, I have followed my friend's advice.
X Many people prefer to buy Malaysia products.	✓ Many people prefer to buy Malaysian products.
Little children are difficult to understand that.	It is difficult for children to understand that.
X Which of these two shirts do you prefer more.	✓ Which of these two shirts do you prefer?
➤ One hour are much too long for me to wait!	One hour is much too long for me to wait!

INCORRECT	CORRECT
X Thanks for giving me useful advices.	Thanks for giving me useful advice.
★ I have never tried on so-a nice dress.	✓ I have never tried on such a nice dress.
★ Bill's ne afraid to express his opinions.	✓ Bill's not afraid to express his opinions.
X The manager and the secretary was out.	✓ The manager and the secretary were out.
🗙 He has three son in laws .	✓ He has three sons-in-law.
🗶 I looked at me in the mirror.	✓ I looked at myself in the mirror.
X She is taller compared to me.	She is taller than me.
★ The shop is opened every day.	The shop is open every day.
X She bought two photos albums.	✓ She bought two photo abums LCOM

INCORRECT	CORRECT
X How are you this week?	✓ How have you been this week?
🗙 Are you a saler , Jame ?	✓ Are you a salesman, Jame?
★ Which kind of that car?	✓ Which type of car is that?
➤ You like ice cream, isn't it?	✓ You like ice cream, don't you?
★ How much is the temperature?	✓ What is the temperature?
★ Why don't stay more time here?	✓ Why don't you stay a little longer?
X Lilian is living far away with China.	Lilian is living far away from China.
X I can't get over how you look well. I can't get over how you look well.	✓ I can't get over how well you look
➤ We make the bread with the flour.	✓ We make bread with flour. TESL.COM

INCORRECT	CORRECT
X Why do you need hundred dollars?	✓ Why do you need a hundred dollars?
➤ Please persuade him don't do that.	✓ Please persuade him not to do that.
X Don't pretend to not recognize me.	Don't pretend not to recognize me.
X More people today die of the cancer.	✓ More people today die of cancer.
X I often go to theater on the weekend.	✓ I often go to the theater on the weekend.
X Linda's work is more perfect than Jamie's.	Linda's work is better than Jamie's.
X Either of the plans are equally dangerous.	Either of the plans is equally dangerous.
➤ Don't step in the grass.	✓ Keep off the grass.
X Who -cooked this salad ?	✓ Who made this salad ? ¬ESL.COM