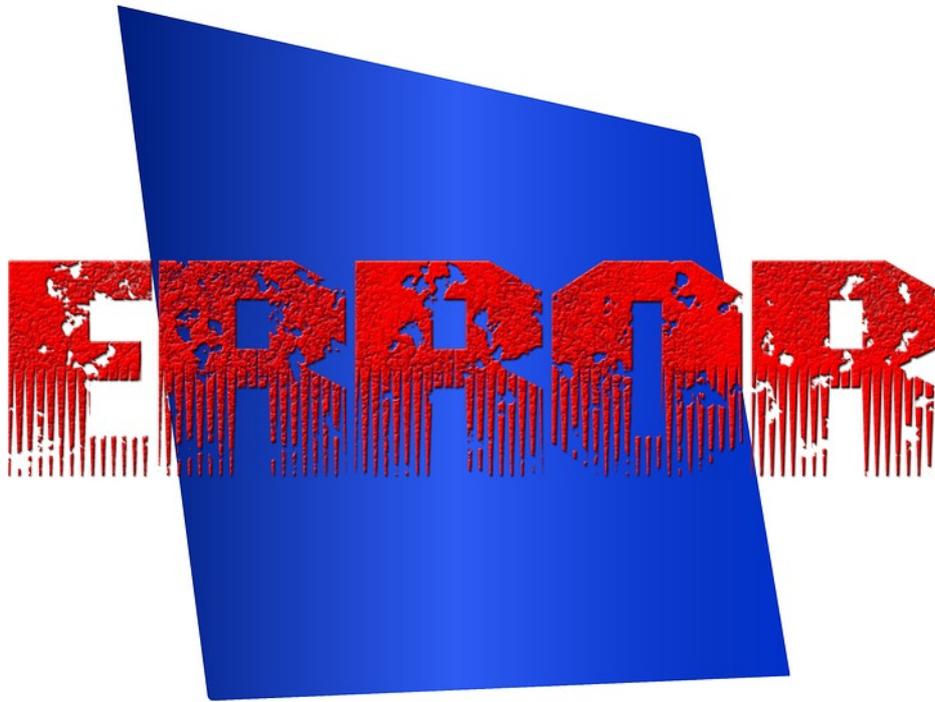


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Common errors English

[NOUN]

Incorrect: Mohans' eyes reflect a hope for a better future in a software company.

Correct: Mohan's eyes reflect a hope for a better future in a software company.

Incorrect: The government is not aware of the poor's problems.

Correct: The government is not aware of the **problems of the poor**.

Incorrect: He put your sign here.

Correct: He put your **signature** here.

Note:- sign is verb and signature is Noun

Incorrect: people say that the police **is** investigating the case

Correct: people **say** that the police **are** investigating the case

Incorrect: I heard **these news** in the morning.

Correct: I heard **this news** in the morning.

Incorrect: I saw many **sheeps** and **deers** in the jungle.

Correct: I saw many sheep and deer in the jungle.

Incorrect: He gave me his **advices** on this project.

Correct: He gave me his **advice** on this project.

Incorrect: The porter demanded fifty rupees to carry my **luggages**.

Correct: The porter demanded fifty rupees to carry my **luggage**.

Incorrect: Our **surrounding** was pleasant.

Correct: Our **surroundings were** pleasant.

(**surroundings is always plural**)

Incorrect: All his **furnitures** have been sold.

Correct: All his **furniture has** been sold.

(**furniture is UCN and UCN is always singular and takes singular verbs**)

Incorrect: I have **many works** to do.

Correct: I have **much work** to do.

Incorrect: Rice **are** the staple food of Indians.

Correct: Rice **is** the staple food of Indians.

(**Rice is a UCN**)

Incorrect: Very few **peoples** are smart.

Correct: Very few **people** are smart.

Incorrect: Parents must pay attention to the bringing of **his** children.

Correct: Parents must pay attention to the bringing of their children

Incorrect: Every **student** should respect **their** teachers

Correct: Every **student** should respect **his** teachers.

Incorrect: I have two **hundreds** rupees only

Correct: I have two hundred rupees only.

Common errors English

[PRONOUN]

Incorrect: I, you and he will go to London.

Correct: You, he and I will go to London.

Explanation:– When all three persons [1st, 2nd, 3rd] pronouns are used altogether, then they are used in the following manner:- [2nd+3rd+1st].

Incorrect: Let her and I do this work.

Correct: Let her and **me** do this work.

Explanation:–object pronouns are used after Let, like, between, but, except and preposition.

Incorrect: This pen is my

Correct: This pen is **mine**.

Explanation:–Possessive adjectives are always followed by a noun whereas possessive pronouns are not followed by any noun.

i.e.- My/our/his/her/your/their +Noun

Possessive pronouns:-mine, ours, yours, his, hers, theirs

Possessive adjectives:-my, our, your, his, her, their

Incorrect: Your problem is bigger than me.

Correct: Your problem is **bigger than mine**.

Correct: Your problem is **bigger than my problem**.

Explanation:– the same things are compared(problem with problem & men with men)

Common errors English

[ADJECTIVES]

Incorrect: She is **more** stronger than his brother.

Correct: She is stronger than his brother.

Incorrect: Ravi is elder than Yusuf.

Correct: Ravi is **older** than Yusuf.

Incorrect: Kashmir is more beautiful than any part of the country.

Correct: Kashmir is more beautiful than any **other** part of the country.

Incorrect: He is the best of all **other** boys.

Correct: He is the best of all **the** boys.

Incorrect: I have **less** worries than you.

Correct: I have **fewer** worries than you.

Incorrect: You are junior **than** I.

Correct: You are junior **to** me.

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[CONDITIONALS]

Incorrect: Had he worked hard he would pass the examination in first class.

Correct: Had he worked hard he **would have passed** the examination in first class.

Incorrect: If I studied well, I will pass.

Correct: If I studied well, I **would** pass.

Incorrect: If I followed the instruction I could have averted the mishap.

Correct: If I **had** followed the instruction I could have averted the mishap.

Incorrect: If I would know what you wanted i would help you.

Correct: If I **knew** what you wanted i would help you.

Incorrect: Unless you worked hard, you will not succeed.

Correct: Unless you **work** hard, you will not succeed.

Common errors English

[CONJUNCTION]

Incorrect: Not only he is intelligent but honest.

Correct: He is not only intelligent but also honest.

Explanation:- There are a number of situations which require you to use parallel structure. They are:-

Both X and Y . . .

Not X but Y

Not only X but also Y . . .

Neither X nor Y . . .

Either X or Y . . .

Note:- X and Y must be in the same grammatical form: both nouns, both pronouns, both infinitive, both gerund or both Clause.

Ex:- My mother likes cooking and to read. (**incorrect**)

My mother likes **cooking** and **reading**. (**correct**)

Incorrect: Hardly the sun had risen when we set out.

Correct: The sun **had hardly risen** when we set out.

Correct: **Hardly had** the sun risen when we set out.

Explanation:-When a negative word goes at the beginning of a sentence, we use an inverted word order. That means the auxiliary verb goes before the subject.

Incorrect: Hardly had he left **than** his friend came.

Correct: Hardly had he left **when** his friend came.

Explanation:- hardly.....when

Incorrect: Not only he abused me but also beat me.

Correct: Not only **did he abuse** me but beat me also.

Explanation:- Not only +H.V. +Sub. + but also + sub. +verb

Common errors English

[VERB]

Incorrect: The terrorist will certainly be hung because the charges brought upon him are very serious.

Correct: The terrorist will certainly be **hanged** because the charges brought upon him are very serious.

Incorrect: She told **to** me an interesting story.

Correct: She told me an interesting story.

The verb tell is followed by an indirect object without to.

Incorrect: My father told me that honesty was the best policy.

Correct: My father told me that honesty **is** the best policy.

Incorrect: I am ill for two weeks.

Correct: I **have been** ill for two weeks.

Incorrect: It is in 1930 that we first flew to the United States.

Correct: It **was** in 1930 that we first flew to the United States.

Incorrect: I discussed **about** my plans.

Correct: I discussed my plans.

The verbs discuss, describe, order and request are transitive verbs. They should be followed by direct objects and not prepositions.

Common errors English

[Subject-verb agreement]

Correct: My aunt and my uncle **are** arriving by train.

Incorrect: Each of these boys play games.

Correct: Each of these boys **plays** games.

Incorrect: Each of the drivers **have** an oxygen tank.

Incorrect: Each of the **driver** has an oxygen tank.

Correct: Each of the **drivers** **has** an oxygen tank.

Explanation:—Each/every/either/neither/none/anyone/any/one+ of +the + N/P (plural) +S.V.

Incorrect: The police has arrested him on the charge of theft.

Correct: The police **have** arrested him on the charge of theft.

Incorrect: There is much demand for fuel as the number of vehicles **are increasing** day by day.

Correct: There is much demand for fuel as the number of **vehicles** **is** increasing day by day.

Explanation:-

A number of + plural noun + P.V.

The number of + Plural noun + S.V.

Incorrect: Many a student have passed the medical exam.

Correct: Many a student **has** passed the medical exam.

(many + a/an +S.N. + S.V.)

Common errors English

[TENSE]

Incorrect: I have come Delhi yesterday.

Correct: I **came** Delhi yesterday.

Incorrect: They **have gone** to America a week ago.

Correct: They went to America a week ago.

Explanation:– we use simple past tense with Yesterday, last +night/week/day/month/year, ago.

Incorrect: I had seen him last week.

Correct: I **saw** him last week.

Incorrect: After she **arrived** home from school, she cooks food for the family.

Correct: After she **arrives** home from school, she **cooks** food for the family. (verb-tense consistency)

Correct: After she **arrived** home from school, she **cooked** food for the family. (verb-tense consistency)

Incorrect: He ate nothing since yesterday.

Correct: He has eaten nothing since yesterday.

Incorrect: **It's time** we **should buy** a new car.

Correct: **It's time** we **bought** a new car.

Incorrect: It is high time you **would get** a job.

Correct: It is high time you **got** a job.

Explanation:– Use simple past tense [sub.+V2] with It is time/it is high time/It is right time.

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