

Common Misuses Quiz

Each of the following 26 sentences contains one common wording error. See if you can fix the errors. Then review the Common Misuses Quiz Answers. Also see pages 565-569 *Acting on Words* for explanations of these and other common misuses. For further examples and explanations, see “50 Small but Generally Irritating Errors” at this website, Handbook.

1. Alot of us believe that the world needs more emphasis on critical thinking and social justice.
2. My teacher said that making three common errors was alright for my first essay but that I should correct them in the next one.
3. There were so many outstanding essay entries that the first-prize money was divided between six writers.
4. A large amount of people demanding change has troubled the reactionary regime.
5. Please bring your books on the camp-over, so that you can continue to read for the test.
6. My instructor warned me not to site Wikipedia or other resources that lack standard ethos.
7. Yesterday, a strange man come by my place and asked about you.
8. *Crimson Axe* is the scariest of the two horror movies that you recommended.
9. Refusing to take no for an answer, he has been besieging her with continuous telephone calls.
10. Improving my grammar is a challenge, but I plan to continue on with my efforts.
11. This website is different than the one we had for the first edition of the book.
12. I try to understand grammar, but my biggest challenge right now is that I’m disinterested in it.
13. My essay was marked down due to several common errors.
14. The affects of carbon emissions and other environmental hazards simply must be acknowledged.
15. I hope to make less grammar errors in my next paper.

16. Writing a good story is important. Its also important to send it out to publishers.
17. These kind of ideas are in too short supply.
18. Hopefully, we will see an increased depth of critical thinking and public-mindedness in the next generation.
19. My teacher said that my essay had some problems in terms of wordiness.
20. My dog finally stopped barking and laid down.
21. Much of these discoveries resulted from persistence.
22. Not many players in this tournament can shoot the puck harder then Hayley Wickenheiser.
23. I have to many good ideas for this essay, so I am finding it difficult to focus on the length assigned.
24. I expect the teacher to say that my essay is very unique.
25. He should of warned her that the bus was leaving half an hour early.
26. A women from the library called you yesterday.