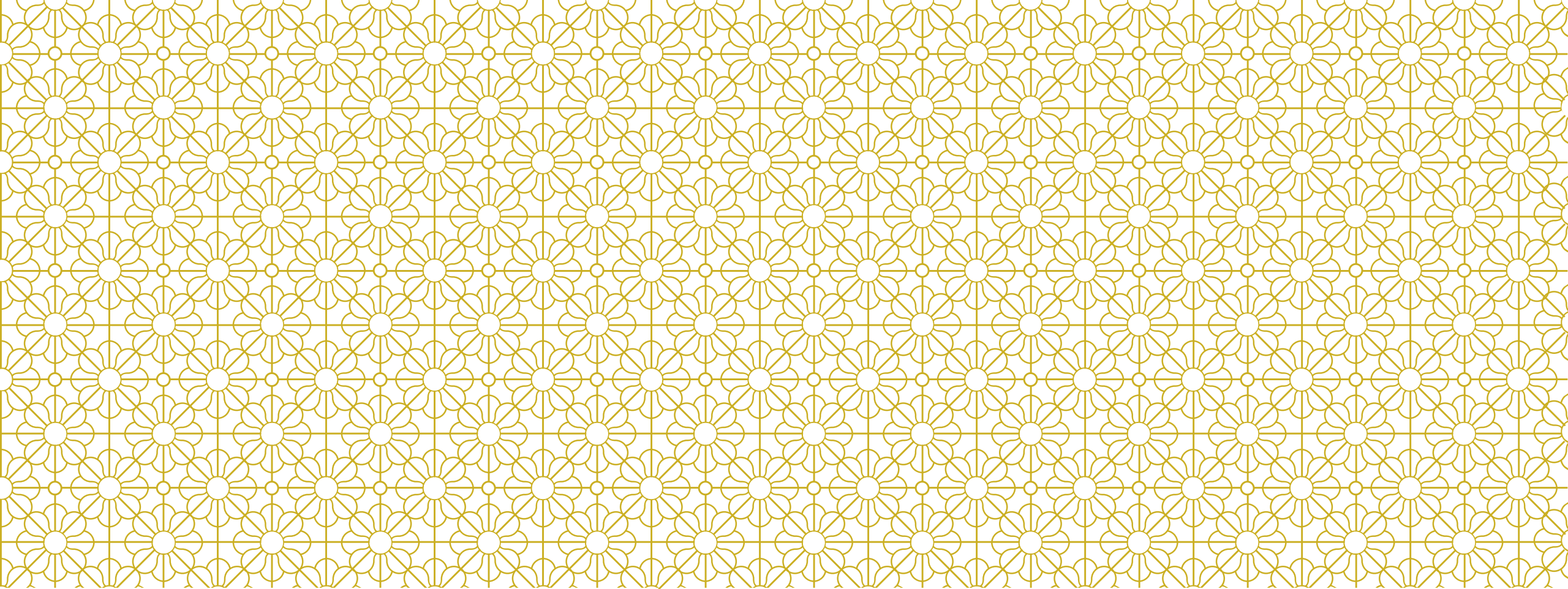




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GRAMMATICAL STEPS TOWARDS IMPRESSIVE ENGLISH

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ADJECTIVES

1. Common Adjective Mistake #1: I'm not interesting in the movie.

Correction: I'm not interested in the movie.

2. Common Adjective Mistake #2: That is a French white old house.

Correction: That is a old white French house.

(Determiner, opinion, size, age, shape, color, origin, material and purpose)

3. Common Adjective Mistakes #3: He's more stronger than his opponent.

Correction: He's stronger than his opponent.

ADJECTIVES

4. Common Adjective Mistakes #4: You're the most perfect person I've ever seen.

Correction: You're the perfect person I've seen.

Here are some examples of absolute adjectives:

Supreme, Wonderful, Horrible, Brilliant, Final, Obvious, Unique, Absolute, Complete, Ideal, Preferable, Dead etc.

5. Common Adjective Mistakes #5: Which is the shortest of these two routes?

Correction: Which is the shorter of these two routes?

PRACTISE EXERCISE

Can you fix the following adjective errors?

1. The pizza today tastes more better than it did yesterday.
2. That's the most impossible challenge yet.
3. Your voice is very unique.
4. I want a simplistic life away from the busy city.
5. He walked into a pole because he was distracted by a(n) _____ dog. Choose the right option.

adorable, tiny, brown

tiny, adorable, brown

tiny, brown, adorable

ANSWERS

1. The pizza today tastes better than it did yesterday.
2. That's an impossible challenge.
3. Your voice is unique.
4. I want a simple life away from the busy city.
5. Adorably, tiny, brown

PREPOSITIONS

1. Common Preposition Mistake #1 : My birthday is on July!

Correction: My birthday is in July!

2. Common Preposition Mistake #2 : Ram often goes out in the night.

Correction: Ram often goes out at night.

3. Common Preposition Mistake #3 : I've been working for this company since three years.

Correction: I've been working for this company for three years.

PREPOSITIONS

4. Common Preposition Mistake #4 : Ram is married with Sita.

Correction: Ram is married to Sita.

5. Common Preposition Mistake # 5 : Where is my phone at?

Correction: Where is my phone?

6. Common Preposition Mistake # 6 : She looked like she was tired.

Correction: She looked as though she was tired.

PREPOSITIONS

6. Common Preposition Mistake # 6 : *They arrived to the school.*

Correction: *They arrived at the school.*

7. Common Preposition Mistake # 7 : *We went at the mall.*

Correction: *We went to the mall.*

8. Common Preposition Mistake # 8 : Incorrect: *I am afraid sharks.*

Correction: *I am afraid of sharks.*

PREPOSITIONS

9. Common Preposition Mistake # 9 : I made sure to study my exam.

Correction: I made sure to study for my exam

10. Common Preposition Mistake # 10: I slept before run.

Correction: I slept before running.

PRACTISE EXERCISE

Can you fix the following prepositional errors?

1. For her daughter's birthday, she made a(n) _____ doll house.

cute, wooden, yellow

wooden, yellow, cute

cute, yellow, wooden

2. His car is superior **than** mine.

3. John was just **on** time to catch the taxi.

4. Meet the board members **in** the office.

5. The player died **from** leukemia.

ANSWERS

1. Cute, yellow, wooden
2. His car is superior **to** mine.
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ARTICLES

1. Common Article Mistake # 1: I am doctor specialised in neurology.

Correction: I am a doctor specialised in neurology.

Rule: Always put a/an before a singular, common noun.

2. Common Article Mistake # 2: Ravi studies at an university.

Correction: Ravi studies at a university.

Rule: Use *a* before consonant sounds, *an* before vowel sounds

3. Common Article Mistake # 3: Savithri has best voice I have ever heard.

Correction: Savithri has the best voice I have ever heard.

Rule: Always put *the* before superlative degrees.

ARTICLES

4. **Common Article Mistake # 4:** I need a advice from you about joining yoga class.

Correction: I need advice from you about joining yoga class.

Rule : Do not put a or an before uncountable nouns. (Idea- countable; advice- uncountable)

5. **Common Article Mistake # 5:** The teachers should not punish their students.

Correction: Teachers should not punish their students.

Rule : Use no article when generalizing with plurals.

ARTICLES

6. Common Article Mistake # 6: Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

Correction: The Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

Rule: Use *the* with oceans, rivers, valleys, deserts, mountain ranges, points on globe

Note : Do not use *the* with the following places:

1. I'm going **home**.
2. She's at **work**.
3. He's in **jail**.
4. My kids went to **bed**.
5. My brother is in **high school**.
6. My sister is in **college**.

ARTICLES

Note: Use *the* with the following places:

I went to **the bank**.

Let's go to **the movies**.

He gets home from **the office** around 7.

My grandfather is in **the hospital**.

I'll stop by **the post office** after lunch.

I got a taxi to **the airport**.

I'll pick you up at **the train station**.

We're waiting at **the bus stop**.

We took my son to **the doctor**.

I'm going to **the dentist** this afternoon.

PRACTISE EXERCISE

Can you fix the following errors?

1. The spiders have eight legs.
2. We live in village.
3. She is fastest runner.
4. The Paris is a big city.
5. The iron is a useful metal.

ANSWERS

1. Spiders have eight legs.
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