

Answers to the Assignment

The Correction Term is Highlighted and Word to be replaced is written besides "Answer:"

1. I wish to read your best seller, **could** you send me the same?

Answer: would

2. **Open** your shoes.

Answer: Take Off/Remove

3. **Close** the fan.

Answer: Switch Off

4. If he is **hard working means** he will succeed.

Answer: hard worker then

5. My brother in laws are **coming for** the wedding.

Answer: attending

6. It is **different** time.

Answer:

7. We did it like that **only**.

Answer: Don't Use Only

Many of us have a habit of ending sentences with the word "only," for example, "I took it from there only."

This is actually a grammatical error- it is a direct translation from the sentence structure of the same phrase in Indian languages, such as:

Hindi: "Maine wahi se le liya tha."

Malayalam: "Njan avadenn thanne eduthu."

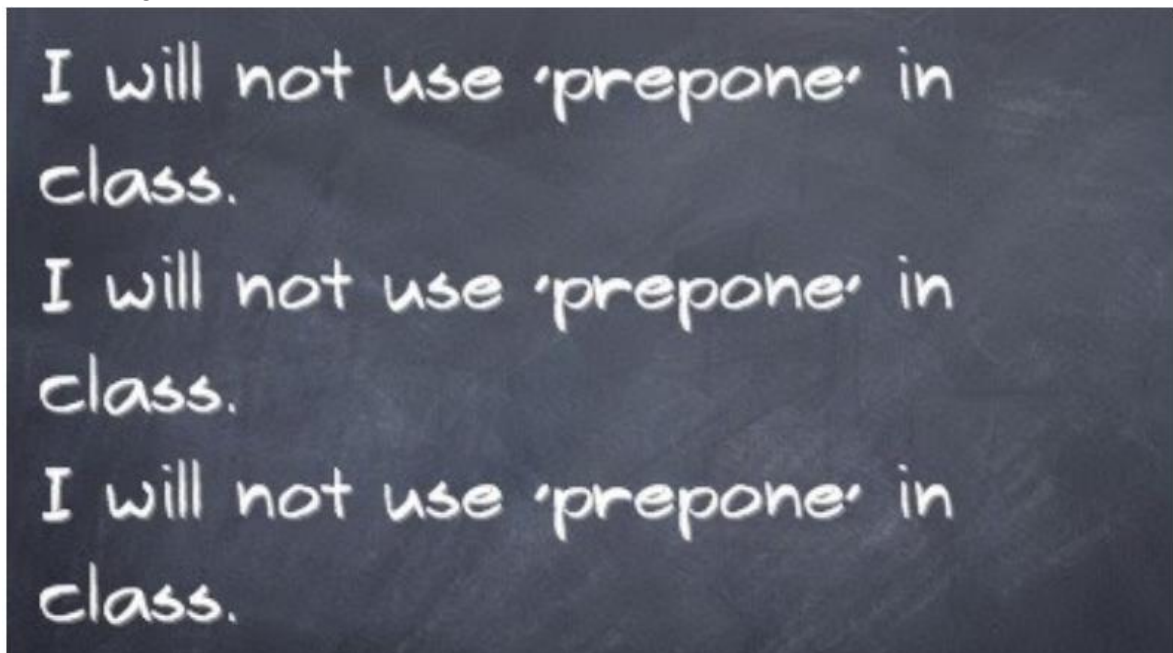
Tamil: "Naan angendu thaana eduthen."

8. Let us **prepone** the meeting.

Answer: advance

I bet you're surprised to see this on the list. Prepone is a perfectly legit word, you think. Prepone is the opposite of postpone, you think. In reality though, prepone is an Indianism. It was conjoined by English speakers in India and had never existed in the English language before we started saying it. The correct phrase is to "advance." So, instead of "can we prepone the meeting to 2 PM?" you should say, "can we advance

the meeting to 2 PM?”



9. The boss is **phoning**.

Answer: attending a phone call

10. Please **do the needful**. (Desi Email Signoff)

Answer: do what is necessary / *Thank you for your time*

If you've said that in your email, do not, we repeat DO NOT write this. If you're stuck, just write '*Thank you for your time*' instead or repeat the action you want completed like '*Please send the details by 10.30 am.*'

"Do the needful" is meant to refer to doing what is necessary, but it is -- again -- only used in Indian English. The rest of the world says "do what is necessary."



11. My **cousin brother** arrived from Texas.

Answer: cousin

In English, we distinguish between a brother - a man who has the same parents, or at least one of the same parents, as you do - and a cousin - someone who is the child or

grandchild of a brother or sister of one of your parents or grandparents.* We never lump the two types of relationship together into a single term.

12. I **passed out of** college last year.

Answer: graduated

13. **Where are you put up?**

Answer: *Someone who wants to know where do you stay (in which area of a city).*

14. You asked her, **no?**

Answer: Do not Add "No?" Unnecessarily

A tendency to add "no" before the end of every question.

15. You could have literally **not** me down with a feather.

Answer: knocked

Idiom: knocked me down with a feather: Means you were extremely surprised or shocked by something

16. He does this always I received the parcel **today morning.**

Answer: today in the morning

17. He will **come by walk.**

Answer: reach walking.

Hindi speakers tend to say "I'll come just now," which is a direct translation of "Main abhi aata/aati hoon," which is how the same sentiment is expressed in Hindi.

18. **What is your good name?** (Desi Conversation Starter)

Answer: *What's your name? – transliteration from Hindi()*

Have you heard a bad name before? I'm guessing the answer is never. The next time you are tempted to say that, say this instead: "What's your name?"

19. Do **this or i** will give you a tight slap.

Answer: I will give you a Tight Slap if you didn't do this Task.

20. His marriage **is on** 3 September.

Answer: scheduled on

21. Time is over, please submit your answer **books.**

Answer: book

22. The lesson **is** delivered today.

Answer: will be

23. The principle hoisted the flag.

Answer: No Error

24. There was **pin drop** silence in the room.

Answer: No Error/pin drop not required

25. He returned home **yesterday evening**.

Answer: yesterday

26. Please walk on **the** ~~footpath~~.

Answer: the not required

27. My uncle **expired** last week.

Answer: is no more and died

People don't have Expiry Date.

28. We mourn the sad demise of our leader.

Answer:

29. She is **carrying**.

Answer: caring

30. Meet my **better half**.

Answer: Wife/Husband

31. This is my **mrs.**

Answer: Wife/Spouse

32. I have to **see somebody** at 5:15.

Answer: attend someone

33. **How** do you do?

Answer: What

34. **Between 1947 to 1967** many academic institutions were opened in India. Answer: From 1947 to 1967

35. I welcome the august audience.

Answer: audience for the august gathering.

36. The colony in which I live is nearby.

Answer: I live in nearby Colony.

37. We decided to have lunch in the new hotel.

Answer: No Error as Such

38. They are my co- brother and co-sister.

Answer: co- brother-in-law and co-sister-in-law

39. You can meet the patient when he comes to his senses.

Answer: is conscious.

40. The puppy climbed the stairs itself only.

Answer: Don't Use Only

Have you ever asked yourself what is the purpose of adding *ONLY* to a sentence? Is it for additional stress?

As tempted as you may be, put a ban on using the word “only” liberally in your sentences. “Only” must be used only in the right places like “I’ve got only these receipts” meaning those are the ones you have and not any other, or “I’ve only spoken to her” meaning I’ve spoken only to that girl and not any other.

41. The movie was too good.

Answer: extremely

42. Did you give the exam?

Answer: take the exam

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
<p>give an exam</p> <p>(when writing an exam)</p>	<p>take an exam</p>

43. Kindly **revert back**.

Answer: revert

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
<p>revert back/ reply back</p>	<p>revert/ reply</p>

44. It is very cold, **switch** on the heater.

Answer: turn

45. She won't be able to **cope up with** strangers.

Answer: cope with

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
cope up	cope with

46. **Myself**, Mr. P. Kumar. (Desi Introduction)

Answer: If you are introducing yourself, the best way to do it would be to say, "*I am Mr. P. Kumar.*"

This is because *Myself* is only used if you've already said I and you are referring to yourself again. For instance, *I hurt myself accidentally*. So, that way of introducing yourself is completely wrong.

47. **Anyways**, let's get back to work.

Answer: Anyway

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
anyways	anyway

48. **Many a times**, I wish I hadn't written that mail.

Answer: Many times/many a time

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
many a times	many times/ many a time

49. He won a prize in **debate competition**.

Answer: debate

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
debate competition/ quiz competition	debate/ quiz

50. He is like that **only**.

Answer: Don't use only

51. I am **working in** SVNIT.

Answer: at

52. When did you **pass out**?

Answer: graduate from

A visiting aunt just asked me, "What year did you pass out from college?" I'll admit that I had a wild time in college and literally passed out several times too many, but using "pass out" to mean "graduate from" is not correct English.



53. I saw a dream?

Answer: had a dream/Did I Saw a Dream?

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
I saw a dream	I had a dream

54. My cousin sister is coming this weekend.

Answer: cousin (Don't Mix two Relation)

55. I will see you **today afternoon**.

Answer: afternoon

56. Have you **seen this** film?

Answer: watched that

57. What is this **called as**?

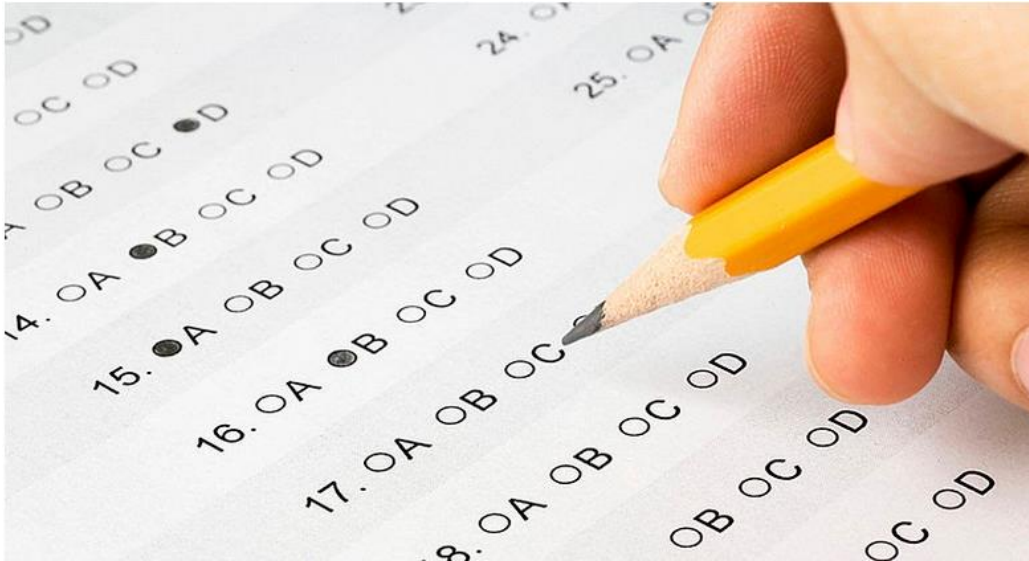
Answer: called

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
called as	called

58. I am **giving** the exam.

Answer: taking

“When are you giving the board exams?” “Are you going to give the SATs?” The correct word is “take.” You take the board exams. You take the SATs. You can also say sit the exams.



59. Today is their **marriage anniversary**.

Answer: wedding anniversary

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
marriage anniversary	wedding anniversary

60. I **went to** her marriage.

Answer: attended

61. Please **return** my paper **back**.

Answer: back is redundant/not required

62. Could you **repeat** that last point **again**?

Answer: Could you repeat that last point?

63. I will **revert back** to you shortly.

Answer: revert

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
revert back/ reply back	revert/ reply

64. Get **down** from the bus.

Answer: off/deboard

65. **Off the light** before you moves out.

Answer: Turn the Light Off

66. She had a strong Biodata and **jack**.

Answer: recommandation

67. I will **purchase** a house **soon**.

Answer: in one month.

68. **I dare you to** say it **on** somebody's face.

Answer: If you dare, then

69. She came home **years back**.

Answer: years ago

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
years back	years ago

70. Her **dress**ing sense is inappropriate.

Answer: dress sense

Incorrect ✗	Correct ✓
dress ing sense	dress sense

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I may have done Some Error in the above sentences (will correct them after Discussion).

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