

# Error Correction Challenge □ - ANSWER KEY

English in Context 7 | SOLUTIONS

1. ~~Despite of~~ → **Despite** the bad weather, we decided to go hiking.

"Despite" is never followed by "of". Use "in spite of" OR "despite" alone.

2. The teacher suggested ~~us to study~~ → **that we (should) study / studying** harder.

"Suggest" is followed by gerund (-ing) or "that + subject + verb", NOT "object + infinitive".

3. She has been living in Vienna ~~since~~ → **for** five years.

"For" + duration (5 years); "Since" + starting point (2020).

4. Neither the students nor the teacher ~~were~~ → **was** aware.

With "neither...nor", the verb agrees with the NEAREST subject ("teacher" = singular).

5. If I ~~would have known~~ → **had known**, I would have come earlier.

Third conditional: If + past perfect (NOT "would have" in the if-clause).

6. The information you gave me ~~were~~ → **was** very helpful.

"Information" is uncountable (singular verb).

7. He denied ~~to have taken~~ → **having taken** the money.

"Deny" is followed by gerund (-ing), NOT infinitive.

8. ~~Hardly I had arrived~~ → **Hardly had I arrived** home when the phone rang.

Inversion after negative adverbs (hardly, scarcely, no sooner): auxiliary before subject.

9. My mother made me ~~to clean~~ → **clean** my room.

"Make" + object + bare infinitive (without "to").

10. I could hardly keep my eyes ~~opened~~ → **open**.

"Keep + object + adjective" (open, NOT past participle "opened").

11. ~~According with~~ → **According to** the news report.

Fixed expression: "according TO" (NOT "with").

12. She is one of the most talented musicians who ~~has~~ → **have** ever performed here.

"One of + plural noun + who + plural verb" (the relative clause refers to "musicians").

**13.** By the time you ~~will arrive~~ → **arrive**, we will have already finished.

*No future tense in time clauses (when, by the time, as soon as) – use present simple.*

**14.** I wish I ~~would be~~ → **were / was** taller.

*"I wish" about present: past simple (NOT "would"). "I wish I were" is more formal.*

**15.** The police ~~is~~ → **are** investigating.

*"Police" is plural in British English (takes "are").*