

COMMON MISTAKES & GRAMMAR POINTS(ref. OALD 10)

staple wires ❌

staples ✅

roasted meat ❌

roast meat//nyama choma ✅

ashame ❌

shame ✅

📌 His behaviour has shamed our school.

indisciplined ❌

undisciplined ✅

I'll of course do it. ❌

I'll certainly do it. ✅

Time has gone. ❌

Time goes.//Time flies. ✅

"Time has gone" *implies that time has disappeared or no longer exists.*

gumboots ❌

rubber boots//wellingtons ✅

serving ladle ❌

ladle ✅

How do you make it? ❌

What time is it?//What is the time?//What time do you make it? ✅

This is the first time for me to go to P.7 class. ❌

This is the first time that I've been to P.7 class. ✅

Fire has broken out. ❌

A fire has broken out.//The fires have broken out. ✅

make research ❌

do research ✅

fold your sleeves ❌

roll up your sleeves ✅

tie your buttons//button your buttons ❌

do up your buttons ✅

untie/remove/unbutton your buttons ❌

undo your buttons ✅

zip your zip ❌

close/do up your zip ✅

unzip your zip ❌

open/undo your zip ✅

graduation hat ❌

mortar board ✅

punching machine ❌

hole punch ✅

stapling machine ❌

stapler ✅

silverfish ❌

mukene//omena ✅

charcoal stove ❌

jiko ✅

pupil (*old fashioned*)

learner ✅

yellow banana ❌

banana ✅

You're welcome to out class,home etc.

❌

Welcome to our class,home etc. ✅

I request for a scheme of work. ✗

I request a scheme of work. ✓

Mathematics as a subject ✗

Maths as a subject ✓

You're lost nowadays! ✗

You're not seen nowadays! ✓

oculist(old fashioned)

ophthalmologist ✓

wire//hang line ✗

line//clothes line ✓

tooth decay ✗

cavity ✓

sick ✗

ill ✓

tomato sauce ✗

ketchup//tomato ketchup ✓

flat iron//iron box ❌

an iron ✅

It is me who is wrong. ❌

It is I who am wrong. ✅

clap for sb ❌

clap sb ✅

inquire from sb ❌

inquire of sb ✅

NOT COMMON BUT TRUE

📌 The skin of a baked potato is called a **jacket**.

📌 The word **clothes** can't be taken to singular form. If you need to use it in singular you borrow other words and use a **piece of clothes**// **an item of clothes**//**an article of clothes** to talk about one thing that you wear e.g. a dress or shirt. **Cloth** means totally something different.

put on clothes is used during the action of dressing (*He's putting on a sweater*)

wear clothes used when the action is complete (after putting on: *He's wearing a sweater*)

on time :at the exactly arranged/correct time.

in time :before the arranged/correct time.

every day(2 words;adverb)

We eat posho every day.

everyday(1 word;adjective)

Posho is our everyday meal.