

- ✓ She failed the examination because of her laziness.
- ✓ The train was delayed because of

beside ,besides

beside - means ' next to '.

- ✓ May I sit beside you ?
- ✓ Our school was built Right : beside a river.

besides - means ' in addition to '.

- ✓ Besides tennis, he is good at football.
- ✓ Do you play any other sports besides football and basketball?

bored ,boring

bored - is used to describe how we feel

- ✓ Staying at home all day makes me feel so bored.
- ✓ He was getting bored with the same thing every day.

boring - is used to describe the person or thing that makes us feel bored.

- ✓ The film was really boring.
- ✓ She finds opera boring.

compliment ,complement

compliment - is to praise.

- ✓ He complimented me for helping the poor family.
- ✓ I must compliment you on your handling of a very difficult situation.

complement - is to go well with another thing.

- ✓ The necklace complements the suit.
- ✓ The music complements her voice perfectly

elder ,older

elder - is used to compare the ages of people within a family.

- ✓ Let me introduce you to my elder sister.
- ✓ You should listen to the advice of your elders.

older - is used to show the difference in years.

- ✓ Carlos is a year older than Shabby
- ✓ He's a couple of years older than me

enquiry, inquiry

enquiry - a question.

The librarian will handle all enquiries about membership procedures.

✓ I've been making inquiries about the cost of a round the-world ticket

inquiry - an investigation.

- ✓ The government will conduct an inquiry into the plane crash.
- ✓ Citizens have demanded a full inquiry into the government's handling of the Ebola epidemic

few, a few

few - means 'not many'

- ✓ Few people live to a hundred years old.
- ✓ Few things in this world give me more pleasure than a long bath

a few - means 'some'.

- ✓ You will have to wait a few minutes.
- ✓ There are a few cakes left over from the party

little, a little

little - means 'not much'

- ✓ He cannot help you because he has little knowledge of the subject.
- ✓ There's so little choice

a little - means 'some'.

- ✓ If you add a little salt to the soup it will taste better.
- ✓ He gave a little smile.

rise, raise

rise - to rise means to 'move upward'. The verb rise does not have an object.

- ✓ The sun rises in the east.
- ✓ New buildings are rising (= being built) throughout the city.

raise - to raise means to 'cause to move upward'. The verb raise has an object.

on time, in time

On time - punctual, not late

- ✓ The 11.45 train left on time. (= it left at 11.45)
- ✓ 'I'll meet you at 7.30.' 'OK, but please be on time.' (=

don't be late, he there at 7.30)

In time - soon enough

* Will you be home in time for dinner ? (= soon enough for dinner)

I must hurry. I want to get home in time to see the

football match on television. (= soon enough for her birthday)

at the end, in the end

At the end - at the time when something ends.

- ✓ I'm going away at the end of January.
- ✓ At the end of the concert, there was great applause.

In the end - finally

- ✓ He got more and more angry. In the end he just walked out of the room.
- ✓ Jim couldn't decide where to go for his holidays. He didn't go anywhere in the end.

adapt, adopt

adapt - change to suit new needs or conditions

- ✓ I found it very easy to adapt to life in England.
- ✓ Younger people find it easier to adapt to a different environment than older people do.

adopt - take a child into one's family; take and use as one's own; accept

- ✓ Russia is adopting a new economic system after decades of Communism.
- ✓ The British didn't adopt the decimal system for currency until the early 70s.

alternate ,alternative

alternate - first one then the other; every second one

- ✓ She goes shopping on alternate days.
- ✓ To reduce traffic congestion in that city, people can use their cars on alternate days of the week.

alternative - that can be used instead of another; a different course of action

- ✓ If I had an alternative, I would not work on the night shift.
- ✓ She had no alternative but to confess to the murder of the man.

- ✓ There was a hold-up on the main road so they took the alternative way home.

award, reward

award - a prize; a grant given to a student; something given after an official decision

He was given the award of Best Student.

Ronnie and Kenny received awards of \$100,000 for their studies in the United States.

reward - something given in return for work or service

- ✓ He was given some reward for finding the Siamese kitten.
- ✓ There is a large reward for anyone giving information which leads to the murderer's arrest.
- ✓ After all the work he has done for you, he will certainly expect some sort of reward.

born, borne

born - brought into the world

- ✓ He was born in 1976.
- ✓ Before she was born her parents lived in a flat in Idaho.

borne - given birth to; to produce a crop or a fruit; to suffer, to bear pain

- ✓ She has borne four healthy children.
- ✓ He has borne many hardships in his younger days.
- ✓ His brilliant mind has borne many ingenious inventions over the years.

bring, take

bring - used for a movement from a further to a nearer place.

- ✓ Bring your book to me.
- ✓ If you come to my house tomorrow, bring your friends with you.

take - used for a movement from a nearer to a further place

- ✓ He often takes his children to the beach.
- ✓ You can take my calculator with you, but you must bring it back when you have finished with it.

censor, censure

censor - to remove offensive matter from books, films, etc., one who does this

- ✓ Most parents today censor their children's reading material.
- ✓ The censor cut out only a few short passages from the book.

The decision to censor a film has to be taken after careful deliberation.

censure - to disapprove, to find fault with; disapproval, blame

✓ When John heard of his parents' censure of his violent behavior, he decided to apologize for his misconduct even before they questioned him.

✓ The government of that country received international censure for its invasion of the island.

certainly ,surely

certainly - really, without doubt

- ✓ He is certainly a very good friend of mine.
- ✓ He is certainly a very hard-working student.

They will certainly arrive by six. They set off at 4.30 p.m.

surely - expressing some doubt, relief, surprise

- ✓ Surely you're not going to bring all those books with you !
- ✓ Surely you're not going to town dressed like that !
- ✓ He's not got lost in a small town like this surely ?

site, sight

site - a *location, a place*

- ✓ The site of the new school has yet to be decided.

sight - *ability to see; something that is seen*

✓ When we reached the top of Kaburishokye Hill, there was a beautiful sight to behold.

- ✓ Tourists come to Entebbe to see the sights of the old city.

cloth ,clothes

cloth - material used for making clothes; a piece of garment

- ✓ He wiped up the mess with an old cloth.
- ✓ Get a cloth and wipe the table, please.

clothes - garments worn on the body

- ✓ His clothes are always beautifully ironed and so he looks very smart.
- ✓ It's time you bought some new clothes. You look very untidy these days.

character ,characteristic

character - moral nature; combination of qualities which distinguishes a person, place or thing

- ✓ London has a character of its own.
- ✓ In searching for a life partner, we must look for someone of good character.

characteristic - a quality, a trait

- ✓ His kindness is one of his most pleasing characteristics.
- ✓ One of the most important characteristics of a good student is diligence.
- ✓ His one negative characteristic was his very hot temper.

conscience ,conscious

conscience - an inner sense of Right : and wrong

- ✓ She has a guilty conscience about the accident.
- ✓ My conscience tells me it is Wrong : to take other people's things.
- ✓ He has no conscience at all. He steals, lies and cheats.

conscious - aware

- ✓ He is not totally conscious of his shortcoming.
- ✓ The injured man was still conscious on arrival at the hospital.

continual ,continuous

continual - often repeated, regular

- ✓ The lecture was ruined by continual interruptions from outside.
- ✓ His sleep was interrupted by continual telephone calls throughout the night.
- ✓ Our peace was spoilt by the continual noise of traffic outside.

continuous - non-stop, unbroken

- ✓ The continuous rain showed no sign of ceasing.
- ✓ After three hours of continuous practice, we stopped for a thirty-minute break.

council ,counsel

council - a local government body

- ✓ The town council meets every week to discuss local matters.
- ✓ I complained to my local council about the litter in the streets.

counsel - a lawyer; advise; to advise

- ✓ He is often asked to counsel young people with problems.
- ✓ The defending counsel made an impassioned speech to secure the release of the defendant.
- ✓ He must seek counseling if he has problems with his studies.

discrete ,discreet

discrete - separate and distinct

- ✓ There were several discrete instances of his brutality.
- ✓ The whole can be divided into three quite discrete parts.

discreet - tactful, showing good sense and judgment

- ✓ She maintained a discreet silence during the meeting.
- ✓ Though he knew many of their secrets he was always very discreet.
- ✓ Thank you for not mentioning the matter in public. It was very discreet of you.

dissatisfied ,unsatisfied

dissatisfied - not satisfied with the quality of something

- ✓ I am dissatisfied with the quality of your work.
- ✓ We were very dissatisfied with the hotel so we complained to the manager.
- ✓ I feel very dissatisfied with my new car. It isn't really going well at all.

unsatisfied - not satisfied with the quantity of something

- ✓ The demand for Volvo in the U.K. is still unsatisfied.
- ✓ After two plates of rice and curry, his appetite was still unsatisfied.

disinterested ,uninterested

disinterested - unbiased, impartial

- ✓ Judges at all times must be disinterested in cases they are involved in.
- ✓ After their argument, they looked for a disinterested party to solve their dispute.
- ✓ Certain countries participated in wars for their own reasons. They were not totally disinterested.

uninterested - not interested, bored

- ✓ He was uninterested in the entire proceedings and just sat there reading a book.
- ✓ Very few people went to see the procession. The rest were totally uninterested.

economic ,economical

economic - concerning economics; relating to trade, industry and wealth

- ✓ All of the Ministers were present at the Economic Summit.
- ✓ Rwanda is all set to become one of the big economic

powers of East Africa.

economical - thrifty, not wasteful

✓ Their new car is much smaller and more economical than their big old one.

✓ The economical use of the world's resources is becoming increasingly important day by day.

✓ My wife and I found that running two cars was not really economical so we sold the bigger one.

elicit ,illicit

elicit - to draw out facts or information from someone

✓ the police finally managed to elicit the truth from the suspect.

✓ A good teacher is able to elicit information from his pupils.

illicit - illegal

✓ The sale of illicit drugs is a serious problem.

✓ He was involved in the illicit transportation of goods over the Kenya-Uganda border.

✓ The prosecuting lawyer was able to elicit a confession from the defendant regarding his illicit involvement in gambling.

eligible ,illegible

eligible - suitable, worthy

✓ She is looking for an eligible bachelor for her daughter.

✓ All Ugandan citizens of eighteen years and above are eligible to vote.

illegible - too unclear to be read

✓ He had to type his work since his writing was illegible.

✓ The signature on the medical certificate was illegible.

eminent ,imminent

eminent - prominent, distinguished, famous

- ✓ His operation was carried out by an eminent surgeon.
- ✓ An eminent scientist has made a breakthrough in the field of nuclear physics.

imminent - about to take place

- ✓ As the sky grew darker, a storm seemed imminent.
- ✓ The imminent arrival of the guest made everyone a little nervous.
- ✓ There was little hope of his living and his imminent death made everyone feel sad.

ensure , assure

ensure - to make sure; to make sure something will happen

- ✓ The medicine will ensure you a good night's rest.
- ✓ You must always ensure that all doors and grilles are locked before going to bed.

assure - to inform confidently, to promise, to persuade

- ✓ I assure you the medicine will work.
- ✓ He hastened to assure the hotel guests that the water shortage would not affect them.

formally , formerly

formally - ceremonially, according to custom

- ✓ She was formally crowned Miss World last night.
- ✓ The exhibition was formally opened by the Minister of Education.

formerly - previously, in earlier times

- ✓ Amama Mbabazi was formerly the Prime Minister of Uganda.
- ✓ East Timor was formerly part of Indonesia.
- ✓ Muhammad Ali was formerly known as Cassius Clay.

hanged , hung

hanged - executed by hanging

The prisoner was hanged at dawn today.

In the days of the Wild West, men were hanged from the nearest tree by the lynch mob.

hung - suspended

- ✓ The picture was hung above the sideboard
- ✓ They hung the bags from the pegs on the wall of the changing room.

- ✓ The wet clothes were hung out to dry in the sun.

historic ,historical

historic - important in history

- ✓ Welcome to historic Melaka.
- ✓ Independence Day is a historic day for any nation.
- ✓ When man first landed on the moon it was considered a feat of historic importance.

historical - concerning history as a subject

- ✓ He is a member of the National Historical Society.
- ✓ She really loves reading historical novels about 18th century Europe.

homework ,housework

homework - studies carried out at home in preparation for school

- ✓ He forgot to do his Maths homework.
- ✓ In addition to a full day's lessons. pupils have quite a lot of homework to do at night.
- ✓ She looks forward to the school holidays and a rest from lessons, teachers and homework.

housework - domestic work, household chores

- ✓ She doesn't mind doing all housework but ironing.
- ✓ It is not fair to let Mother do all the housework, so we try to help her when we can.

human , humane

human - pertaining to man

- ✓ There is no finer musical instrument than the human voice.
- ✓ He decided to major in the Human Sciences.

humane - merciful, showing human kindness

- ✓ Society today tries to be more humane than in the past.
- ✓ Some argue that capital punishment is more humane than life imprisonment.

lie , lay

lie - to rest; to recline

- ✓ If I lie down in the afternoon, I soon fall asleep.
- ✓ There were many other people who were lying in the park.
- ✓ When I came in she was lying on the sofa fast asleep.

lay - to place; to put in a certain position

- ✓ If you lay the table, I shall make the tea.
- ✓ She laid her book on the bedside table and went to sleep.

lose , loose

lose - to fail to keep or find; to be deprived of

- ✓ If you lose your book you must get a new one.
- ✓ If we lose another match we will not qualify for the finals.

loose - free; untied; not fastened; not controlled

- ✓ They dared not go in because the dog was loose.
- ✓ When the birds were let loose they flew immediately to the nearest tree.
- ✓ She has a very loose tongue. She told everyone my secret.

mature , matured

mature - fully grown and developed; ripe

- ✓ At sixteen he is not mature enough to live alone.
- ✓ University students are usually mature enough to manage their own lives.
- ✓ They picked the mature fruit from the tree and took it home.

matured - of wine, vinegar, etc; undergone the maturing process.

- ✓ The wine was matured in casks for six years.
- ✓ Before it is ready to drink the wine is matured in large barrels for several years.

misused , disused

misused - treated badly or in an incorrect manner

- ✓ The calculator broke because it had been misused.
- ✓ The photocopying machine had been misused for so long that it finally broke down.

disused - no longer used

- ✓ After a search of two hours, they came across the disused tin-mine.
- ✓ The lost child was finally found in a disused warehouse near the river.
- ✓ Many learner drivers had their first lessons at a disused airport five minutes out of town.

moral , morale

moral - concerning what is Right : and wrong, ethical, virtuous

- ✓ The moral lessons taught at school, guide our pupils in their life.
- ✓ From a moral point of view it is difficult to defend his actions.
- ✓ Our moral education begins from the day we are born.

morale - state of mind, spirit, attitude

- ✓ The victory over Manchester United boosted the morale of Chelsea team.
- ✓ The morale of the invading army was very high after a number of successful battles.

persecuted ,prosecuted

persecuted - treated cruelly especially because of religious, political beliefs

- ✓ The Jews were persecuted by Hitler.
- ✓ Throughout history, religious minorities have been persecuted and bullied.

prosecuted - have legal proceedings against one, be taken to court

- ✓ He was prosecuted for speeding.
- ✓ What a week ! After the shock of the accident and the cost of repairs he was then prosecuted for dangerous driving.

Though the police were aware of the gang leader's activities, it was a long time before he was prosecuted for drug smuggling.

personal ,personnel

personal - private, individual

- ✓ Apart from problems at work she has many personal difficulties too.
- ✓ He does not like people asking about his personal affairs.

personnel - staff, persons in a company or the armed forces

- ✓ If you want the job, apply direct to the personnel officer.
- ✓ All company personnel are asked to assemble in the conference room at five in the evening.

precede ,proceed

precede - to come or go before in time or order

- ✓ There is often a period of calm which precedes a storm.
- ✓ On Monday mornings English always precedes Psychology.

proceed - to go forward, to go on

- ✓ When they reached the jungle, they had to proceed on foot.
- ✓ They are not willing to proceed with the purchase of the house until they have seen the documents.
- ✓ I will proceed with my work only if you are willing to help me.

price ,prize

price - cost, amount needed to buy something; loss or suffering to attain something

- ✓ The price of quality goods is high.
- ✓ What is the price of the pair of shoes in the window ?

- ✓ There is a price to pay when one is a famous film star.

prize - an award given for winning a competition, lottery, etc.

- ✓ She won the third prize in the essay competition.
- ✓ He spent all the prize money he won in the lottery on a new car.

principal ,principle

principal - chief, main; a head of college or organization; a sum of money

- ✓ My principal aim is to become a lawyer.
- ✓ After teaching for twenty years he became the principal of a private college.

If you leave a principal of \$50,000 on fixed deposit you will earn a good interest every month.

principle - a basic truth, a law of nature; a rule of behavior

- ✓ He based his life on a few simple principles.
- ✓ The underlying principle of his management style is compassion.
- ✓ This machine works on the same principle as the motor car engine.

rational ,rationale

rational - sensible, logical, able to reason

- ✓ We must work this problem out in a rational manner.
- ✓ His behavior has no rational explanation. He must have been temporarily insane.
- ✓ He is a normal, rational man.

rationale - a logical basis, a justification, an underlying reason

- ✓ The rationale for his decision was that it was in everyone's interest.
- ✓ Their rationale for building the new motorway is that it will reduce traffic congestion.

respectably ,respectively

respectably - deserving respect, presentably

- ✓ He always dresses respectably.
- ✓ Although their performance wasn't a brilliant one they managed to play respectably.

respectively - in turn, in the order presented

- ✓ He got an A and B in English and French respectively.
- ✓ He gave a doll and a ball to the girl and the boy respectively.

stationary ,stationery

stationary - not moving

He hit a motor-cyclist then collided with a stationary bus.

When learning to shoot we begin with a stationary target before we try to hit a moving target.

stationery - writing materials

- ✓ I buy all my stationery from the bookstore next door.
- ✓ The manager was angry because his staff took office stationery for their personal use.
- ✓ If you need pens and pencils, you will find them in the stationery department.

weather ,whether

weather - climatic conditions

- ✓ If the weather is good we can go for a brisk walk.
- ✓ The weather in England at this time of the year is usually very cold.

whether - if

- ✓ I am not sure whether I will be able to come tomorrow.
- ✓ received Contact me about whether you can come or not.

Correct English

A

1. He takes **trouble** (or, pains) over his work. (**Not**, takes **troubles** to do his work)
2. Our house is built of **stone**. (**Not**, **stones**)
3. She gave me some **advice**. (**Not**, **advices**)
4. Have you received any **information** ? (**Not**, **informations**)
5. I do not like **this poetry** (or, these poems). (**Not**, **these poetries**)
6. Have you learnt the new **poem** ? (**Not**, the new **poetry**)
7. I like the mountain **scenery**. (**Not**, **sceneries**)
8. **This news** is good. (**Not**, **These news are** good)
9. **Those cattle are** ours. (**Not**, **that cattle is** ours)
10. I know **those** people. (**Not**, **that** people)

B

1. Mr. Kamukama came with his *family*. (*or, members of his family*) (**Not, family members**)
2. There is no *room* for him here. (**Not, place**)
3. We had a good *game* of badminton. (**Not, play**)
4. He is always making *trouble* for his friends. (**Not, troubles**)
5. I do not like *this kind* of apples. (*or apples of this kind*) (**Not, these kind**)
6. *That* sort of people is nice to talk with. (**Not, Those**)
7. *These* kinds of apples *are* sweet. (**Not, These is**)
8. He is the *better* of the two brothers. (**Not, the best**)
9. This house is *newer* than that. (**Not, more newer**)
10. John is *the best* boy in his class. (**Not, a best**)

C

1. He is *the strongest man* (*or, He is a very strong man*) (**Not, He is strongest man**)
2. There is *some* water in the jug. (**Not, any**)
3. We did not eat *any* food. (**Not, some**)
4. He is junior *to* me. (**Not, than**)
5. He is senior in service *to* me. (**Not, than**)
6. This watch is inferior *to* that. (**Not, than**)
7. Your essay is superior *to* that one. (**Not, than**)
8. He is cleverer than *any other boy* (**Not, any boy**)
9. You are *older* than Tom. (**Not, elder**)
10. Tom is my *elder* brother. (**Not, older**)

D

1. *Neither* girl *has* come. (**Not, Both girls have not come**)
2. He gets a *smaller* salary than you. (**Not, less**)
3. There are *fewer* than ten books here. (**Not, less**)
4. Of the two, I like this *the better*. (**Not, the best**)
5. Which is *the better* of the two ? (**Not, the best**)
6. What *kind of flower* is this ? (**Not, kind of a flower**)
7. She is not that *sort of woman*. (**Not, sort of a woman**)
8. I don't like that *type of car*. (**Not, type of a car**)

9. *The one before the last car* is big. (**Not, The second last car**)
 10. I spoke to *the one before the last boy*. (**Not, the second last boy**)

E

1. *Has* anyone seen my comb ? (**Not, Have**)
 2. *He and I* are not on very good terms. (**Not, He and me**)
 3. He is older than *I*. (**Not, me**)
 4. I am not as rich as *he*. (**Not, him**)
 5. You are taller than *she*. (**Not, her**)
 6. They asked Paul and *me* to tea. (**Not, I**)
 7. They were all there but *me*. (**Not, I**)
 8. Let you and *me* play the game. (**Not, I**)
 9. " Who is at the door ? " "*I*". (**Not, me**)
 10. " Who broke the glass ? " Not *I*". (**Not, me**)

F

1. Who is more beautiful than *she* ? (**Not, her**)
 2. If I were *he* I wouldn't do it. (**Not, him**)
 3. He invited Henry and *me* to his house. (**Not, I**)
 4. You have lived here longer than *I*. (**Not, me**)
 5. He is not as poor as *I*. (**Not, me**)
 6. *Neither* of us went. (**Not, Both of us did not go**)
 7. We *did not all go* (**Or, None of us went**) (**Not, We all did not go**)
 8. Have you a pen ? No, I have not got *one*. (**Not, I have not got**)
 9. *He and I* are great friends. (**Not, I and he**)
 10. " Who did this " "*I*". (**Not, me or myself**)

G

1. *He and I* did it. (**Not, He and myself; or, He and me**)
 2. One must do *one's* duty. (**Not, his**)
 3. One must blame *oneself for one's mistakes*. (**Not, himself for his mistakes**)
 4. *Let go* my arm. (**Not, Leave**)
 5. I must *say good-bye*. (**Not, take your leave**)
 6. She *knows how to swim* (**Not, knows to swim**)

7. I **told him** to go. (**Not, said to him**)
8. I **asked him** to excuse me. (**Not, told him**)
9. My tooth is **aching**. (**Not, paining**)
10. He **has** a fever. (**Not, is having**)

H

1. I have **a pain in my foot**. (**Not, my foot is paining**)
2. We have **ordered** a new car. (**Not, ordered for**)
3. The ship **sank**; or, The ship **was sunk**. (**Not, was drowned**)
4. He offered **to let** his house for two years. (**Not, hire**)
5. This house is **to be let**. (**Not, to be hired**)
6. He would not **listen to me**. (**Not, hear me ; or listen me**)
7. No one likes **to be laughed at**. (**Not, to be laughed**)
8. One of them **has** not done **his** work. (**Not, have their**)
9. One of you **has** lost **his** shoes. (**Not, have your**)
10. He **hung** his coat on a nail. (**Not, hanged**)

I

1. All the prisoners were **hanged**. (**Not, hung**)
2. Her voice slowly **sank** to a whisper. (**Not, sunk**)
3. He has **begun** to work. (**Not, began**)
4. I **have lived** here since 1970. (**Not, lived**)
5. She **has been** ill since last week. (**Not, was**)
6. Napoleon **won** many battles. (**Not, has won**)
7. These books are for **you and me**. (**Not, you and I**)
8. We **finished** our work a few days ago. (**Not, have finished**)
9. One of my books **is** missing. (**Not, are**)
10. One of you **has** to do it. (**Not, have**)

J

1. The king, with his ministers, **has** arrived. (**Not, have**)
2. Henry as well as his friends, **is** here. (**Not, are**)
3. We **had eaten** our food before he arrived. (**Not, ate**)
4. She **had died** before the doctor arrived. (**Not, died**)
5. Every one was ready but **him**. (**Not, he**)
6. I am sure it was not **he**. (**Not, him**)
7. She **had finished** her dinner when I saw her. (**Not, finished**)

8. He *died* in 1970. (**Not, had died**)
9. We sat in darkness for the light *had gone out*. (**Not, went out**)
10. Let me *do* it. (**Not, to do**)

K

1. I saw him *steal* the money. (**Not, to steal**)
2. I saw him *go*. (**Not, to go**)
3. We watched him *climb* the tree. (**Not, to climb**)
4. What is the use of *your* talking like that. (**Not, you**)
5. He *lay* in bed all day with a cold. (**Not, laid**)
6. Did you hear *of his being killed* ? (**Not, of him being killed**)
7. He dare not *do* it. (**Not, to do**)
8. He *went not only* to Europe but also to Latin America. (**Not, not only went**)
9. Every boy in the school should do *his* utmost. (**Not, their**)
10. What sort of *man* is he ? (**Not, a man**)

L

1. We let him *stay*. (**Not, to stay**)
2. I made him *confess* that he stole the book. (**Not, to confess**)
3. We made him *admit* that he was wrong. (**Not, to admit**)
4. You had better *go* now. (**Not, to go**)
5. You had better *mind* your own business. (**Not, to mind**)
6. You had better *take* his advice. (**Not, to take**)
7. I had rather *sleep* than *read*. (**Not, to sleep, to read**)
8. We had rather *play* than *work*. (**Not, to play, to work**)
9. I had as soon *walk as ride*. (**Not, to walk, to ride**)
10. I have no friends *to play with*. (**Not, to play**)

M

1. I have no one to *talk to*. (**Not, talk**)
2. We have no chairs to *sit on*. (**Not, sit**)
3. The boy has no one to *live with*. (**Not, live**)
4. I want that box to *keep my books in*. (**Not, keep my books**)
5. We have no one to *depend on*. (**Not, depend**)
6. I have some business to *attend to*. (**Not, attend**)
7. He has his family to *work for*. (**Not, work**)

8. The boy has no bed to *sleep on*. (Not, sleep)
9. Her father prevented her *from getting married*. (Not, to get married)
10. I prevented him *from fighting*. (Not, to fight)

N

1. You must abstain *from smoking*. (Not, to smoke)
2. I warned him *against drinking*. (Not, to drink)
3. I can depend *on his keeping* his promise. (Not, on him to keep)
4. You may depend *upon (on) his coming*. (Not, upon him to come)
5. I insisted *on his coming* with us. (Not, on him to come)
6. They insisted *on his accompanying* them. (Not, on him to accompany)
7. Please excuse *my coming* so late. (Not, me to come)
8. Would you mind *my staying* a little longer ? (Not, me staying)
9. Would you mind *my talking* to your daughter ? (Not, me talking)
10. I do not mind *your reading* my books. (Not, you reading)

O

1. I was surprised at *his* failing so badly. (Not, him)
2. We were surprised at *her* eating so much. (Not, she)
3. I am sorry to hear of *your* being ill. (Not, you)
4. He was annoyed (angry) at *his* missing his bus. (Not, he)
5. I object to *their* coming home so late. (Not, they)
6. He stopped me *from going*. (Not, to go)
7. We saw him *jump* into the water. (Not, to jump)
8. The police have a case to *inquire into*. (Not, inquire)
9. We rejoiced at *their* coming. (Not, they)
10. He has some accounts *to look into*. (Not, to look)

P

1. Make him *behave* himself. (Not, to behave)
2. This tastes *good*. (Not, well)
3. The flowers smell *sweet*. (Not, sweetly)
4. Her voice sounded *weak*. (Not, weakly)

5. I was *very* sorry. (**Not, much**)
6. Her singing was *very* beautiful. (**Not, too**)
7. He is *too* tired to walk. (**Not, very**)
8. I want to know *why* he went away. (**Not, as to why**)
9. He must be punished *until he tries*. (**Not, until he does not try**)
10. Although I told him to stay in bed *yet* he got up. (**Not, but**)

Q

1. What *sort of man* is he ? (**Not, sort of a man**)
2. *Supposing he is caught*, what will he do ? (**Not, Supposing if he is caught, ...**)
3. Whom does this book *belong to* ? (**Not, belong**)
4. I am one of those who cannot describe what *they* feel. (**Not, I**)
5. He is one of those who *do* not like fish. (**Not, does**)
6. The *first two pages* are lost. (**Not, two first pages**)
7. Who do you think is the *cleverer* of the two ? (**Not, cleverest**)
8. I insist upon *your* going at once. (**Not, you**)
9. Neither of the two *suits* me. (**Not, suit**)
10. I hope you don't mind *my* coming in. (**Not, me**)

Common Mistakes

Wrong : It's seven *twenty o'clock*.

Right : It's seven *twenty*.

Wrong : Your coat is *broken*.

Right : Your coat is *torn*.

Wrong : Susan didn't make a *fault* anyway.

Right : Susan didn't make a *mistake* anyway.

Wrong : Would you mind posting this letter for me ? *Yes, certainly*.

Right : Would you mind mailing this letter for me ? *Of course not*. OR (*Not at all*)

Wrong : He *becomes* better.

Right : He *got* better.

Wrong : We'll have a *hearing* test tomorrow.

Right : We'll have a *listening* test tomorrow.

Wrong : I recommend you *to* take a long vacation.

Right : I recommend *that* you take a long vacation.

Wrong : The last bus leaves at eleven o'clock. It's *about* eleven now, Hurry up!

Right : The last bus leaves at eleven o'clock. It's *nearly (almost)* eleven now, Hurry up!

Wrong : Come *to here*.

Right : Come *here*.

Wrong : *Common* students in US don't wear a uniform.

Right : The *average* students in US don't wear a uniform.

Wrong : Who *cooked* this salad ?

Right : Who *made* this salad ?

Wrong : *Different from* me, she is proficient in English.

Right : *Unlike* me, she is proficient in English.

Wrong : *Little children are difficult* to understand that.

Right : *It is difficult for children* to understand that.

Wrong : *Don't step on* the grass.

Right : *Keep off* the grass.

Wrong : I *get* my *salary* twice a month.

Right : I *get paid* twice a month..

Wrong : Would you like *a drink* ?

Right : Would you like *something to drink* ?

Wrong : Let me *examine* your pulse.

Right : Let me *feel* your pulse.

Wrong : I have *no exercise talent*.

Right : I am *not athletic*.

Wrong : Don't *expect me too much*.

Right : Don't *expect too much from* (of) me.

Wrong : I *forget* my hat in the house.

Right : I *left* my hat in the house.

Wrong : Lend me some money, *for instance* 500 dollars, Lin

Right : Lend me some money, *say* 500 dollars, Lin

Wrong : I *have a free time*.

Right : I am *free*.

Wrong : The sun rises *from* the East.

Right : The sun rises *in* the East.

Wrong : The thief got in *from* the window.

Right : The thief got in *through* the window.

Wrong : Let's begin *from* page 10.

Right : Let's begin *at (on)* page 10.

Wrong : I wanted to go to Europe last summer, but it was too expensive so I *gave up to go*.

Right : I wanted to go to Europe last summer, but it was too expensive so I *gave up the idea*.

Wrong : I am going *back my home*.

Right : I am going *home*.

Wrong : His temperature *went* down.

Right : His temperature *came* down.

Wrong : I like *green color*.

Right : I like *green*.

Wrong : Today's newspapers *has* his articles on Taiwan.

Right : Today's newspapers *carries* his articles on Taiwan.

Wrong : Give me money, if you *have*.

Right : Give me money, if you *have any*.

Wrong : You'll *have* a cold if you sleep with your window open.

Right : You'll *catch* a cold if you sleep with your window open.

Wrong : Somebody's knocking on the door. Go and see who *he is*.

Right : Somebody's knocking on the door. Go and see who *it is*.

Wrong : He cannot read *and* write.

Right : He cannot read *or* write.

Wrong : Where *is* *here*.

Right : Where *are we*.

Wrong : *How heavy* are you ?

Right : How much *do you weigh* ?

Wrong : He was talking *in a high voice*.

Right : He was talking *loud*.

Wrong : Most Westerners have *high* noses.

Right : Most Westerners have *long* noses.

Wrong : Are you *home* tomorrow.

Right : Are you *at home* tomorrow.

Wrong : *How* does she look like ?

Right : *What* does she look like ?

Wrong : This is *the way how* I did it.

Right : This is *how* I did it. or This is *the way* I did it.

Wrong : *How* do you think about Taiwan.

Right : *What* do you think about Taiwan.

Wrong : *How* can I do ?

Right : *What* can I do ?

Wrong : I visited her *ill* mother in the hospital.

Right : I visited her *sick* mother in the hospital.

Wrong : There is a limit *in* my patience.

Right : There is a limit *to* my patience.

Wrong : Please wait *inside* the white line.

Right : Please wait *behind* the white line.

Wrong : Is your house insured *for* fire ?

Right : Is your house insured *against* fire ?

Wrong : *I introduce* Mr. Smith to you !

Right : *May I introduce* Mr. Smith to you !

Wrong : She *was* first prize.

Right : She *took* first prize.

Wrong : Do you have any automatic camera ? Yes I have *it* .

Right : Do you have any automatic camera ? Yes, I have *one*.

Wrong : That was a traffic accident on my way here. *It is* why I was late.

Right : That was a traffic accident on my way here. *That is* why I was late.

Wrong : She is wearing blue *jeans pants*.

Right : She is wearing blue *jeans*.

Wrong : *Keep* the Right : .

Right : *Keep to* the Right : .

Wrong : Last night I didn't *keep my diary*.

Right : Last night I didn't *write anything in my diary*.

Wrong : The train was *late about an hour*.

Right : The train was *about an hour late*.

Wrong : *Leave your hand from* the end of the wire.

Right : *Let go of* the end of the wire.

Wrong : I was ten minutes late for the English *lesson*.

Right : I was ten minutes late for the English *class*.

Wrong : How many Chinese *letters* do you know ?

Right : How many Chinese *characters* do you know ?

Wrong : He is fighting for his *life*.

Right : He is fighting for his *bread*.

Wrong : Why do you say *like that*.

Right : Why do you say *that*.

Wrong : I have no house to *live*.

Right : I have no house to *live in*.

Wrong : What a dirty face ! Look *at* the mirror.

Right : What a dirty face ! Look *in* the mirror.

Wrong : He *lost consciousness* for a long time.

Right : He *was unconscious* for a long time.

Wrong : He *made* a world record.

Right : He *set* a world record.

Wrong : Her *marriage* was happy.

Right : Her *married life* was happy.

Wrong : *Maybe* I think so.

Right : *I think so*.

Wrong : The *club's members* are 55.

Right : There are 55 *members in the club*.

Wrong : They didn't understand *my mind*.

Right : They didn't understand *what I was thinking*.

Wrong : This is where you *mistake*.

Right : This is where you *are mistaken*.

Wrong : I *felt good mood*.

Right : I am *in a good mood*.

Wrong : Please allow me *more two hours*.

Right : Please allow me *two more hours*.

Wrong : My watch *doesn't move* at all. I must get it checked up.

Right : My watch *isn't running*, I must get it checked up.

Wrong : We *moved house* to Johor last month.

Right : We *moved* to Johor last month.

Wrong : He is our *common* friend.

Right : He is our *mutual* friend.

Wrong : It was *my first time* to go abroad.

Right : It was *the first time* I had gone abroad.

Wrong : While walking along the street, I met *my friend*.

Right : While walking along the street, I met *a friend of mine*.

Wrong : *My this book* cost me nearly 300 dollars.

Right : *This book of mine* cost me nearly 300 dollars.

Wrong : My room is *narrow*.

Right : My room is *small*.

Wrong : I'll visit my *native* place for the first time in ten years this summer.

Right : I'll visit my *birth* place for the first time in ten years this summer.

Wrong : Here is a *pair of nice shoes*.

Right : Here is a *nice pair of shoes*.

Wrong : Is this seat *empty*.

Right : Is this seat *taken*.

Wrong : *Don't be noisy.*

Right : *Be quiet.*

Wrong : It is *not of only* your business.

Right : It is *none of* your business.

Wrong : I will do anything I *can do* for you.

Right : I will do anything I *can* for you.

Wrong : This is the key *of* my room.

Right : This is the key *to* my room.

Wrong : I am going to take a two-year course *of* English.

Right : I am going to take a two-year course *in* English.

Wrong : He treated me *very friendly*.

Right : He treated me *in a friendly way*.

Wrong : This is the largest department store *of* the world.

Right : This is the largest department store *in* the world.

Wrong : It's a novel *of* three volumes.

Right : It's a novel *in* three volumes.

Wrong : He is a student *of* Makerere University.

Right : He is a student *at* Makerere University.

Wrong : Do you know the meaning of the word *of bumpy* ?

Right : Do you know the meaning of the word *bumpy* ?

Wrong : He had a child *of* his former wife.

Right : He had a child *by* his former wife.

Wrong : She married *old*.

Right : She married *late in life*.

Wrong : I saw it *on* the newspapers.

Right : I read (saw) it *in* the newspapers.

Wrong : He is a liar, and you are *one too*.

Right : He is a liar, and you are *too*.

Wrong : Open *page 20 of your books*.

Right : Open *your books to page 20*.

Wrong : *Our* Chinese students are diligent.

Right : *We* Chinese students are diligent.

Wrong : Don't *make* the office *out of order*.

Right : Don't *leave* the office *in a mess*.

Wrong : I like to paint this door *to black*.

Right : I'd like to paint this door *black*.

Wrong : I have a Rwandese pen *friend*.

Right : I have a Rwandese pen *pal*.

Wrong : Give me a *phone*.

Right : Give me a *phone call*.

Wrong : Is there any *place* for me in the car.

Right : Is there any *room* for me in the car.

Wrong : *Let's play together*.

Right : *Why don't you come over ?*

Wrong : I *was very pleasant* today.

Right : I *had a very good time* today.

Wrong : He *got 87 points* in chemistry.

Right : He *got an 87* in chemistry.

Wrong : Chang is a *popular* name in Taiwan.

Right : Chang is a *common* name in Taiwan.

Wrong : *I'm a public servant*.

Right : *I work for the government*.

Wrong : She is *pure*.

Right : She is *naive*.

Wrong : I have a question *to you*.

Right : I have a question *to ask you*.

Wrong : This book deserves *to read* several times.

Right : This book deserves *to be read* several times.

Wrong : I like *red* tea.

Right : I like *black* tea.

Wrong : History *repeats*.

Right : History *repeats itself*.

Wrong : I make a rule of *going to bed early* and get up early.

Right : I make a rule to *keep early hours*.

Wrong : I went to the *sea*.

Right : I went to the *beach*.

Wrong : The door was *shut* when I returned home.

Right : The door was *closed* when I returned home.

Wrong : Shall we sit *in* that sofa ?

Right : Shall we sit *on* that sofa ?

Wrong : This steak is *soft*.

Right : This steak is *tender*.

Wrong : His new book *will be sold* well.

Right : His new book *will sell* well.

Wrong : There're a lot of sparrows *stopping* on the telephone lines.

Right : There're a lot of sparrows *sitting* on the telephone lines.

Wrong : He hit me *strongly*.

Right : He hit me *hard*.

Wrong : My pay *cannot support my living*.

Right : My pay *is not enough to live on*.

Wrong : He wants to establish a *sweet* home.

Right : He wants to establish a *happy* home.

Wrong : Why don't you *take* a driving license.

Right : Why don't you *get* a driving license.

Wrong : Last year I went to Seattle. I liked *there* very much.

Right : Last year I went to Seattle. I liked *it* very much.

Wrong : My mother likes to drink *thick* tea.

Right : My mother likes her tea *strong*.

Wrong : *I think it will not rain tomorrow*.

Right : *I don't think it will rain tomorrow*.

Wrong : Is your camera *this kind* ?

Right : Is your camera *like this* ?

Wrong : His house was struck by *thunder* last night.

Right : His house was struck by *lightning* last night.

Wrong : My grandmother lived *to* eighty-five.

Right : My grandmother lived *to be* eighty-five.

Wrong : I have a lot of work *to be done*.

Right : I have a lot of work *to do*.

Wrong : *To drink* too much is bad for one's health.

Right : *Drinking* too much is bad for one's health.

Wrong : *Today is hot*.

Right : *It's hot today*.

Wrong : My father will be home *today* afternoon.

Right : My father will be home *this* afternoon.

Wrong : *What is the total sum ?*

Right : *How much does it come to ?*

Wrong : We changed *our train* at Woodland.

Right : We changed *trains* at Woodland.

Wrong : I *traveled* to Europe.

Right : I *made a trip* to Europe.

Wrong : I *very like* swimming.

Right : I like swimming *very much*.

Wrong : *Wait for* your turn, please.

Right : *Wait* your turn, please.

Wrong : What time *is your watch* .

Right : What time *is it by your watch*.

Wrong : I don't know what *did he say*.

Right : I don't know what he *said*.

Wrong : *What* do you feel now ?

Right : *How* do you feel now ?

Wrong : *What* season do you like best ?

Right : *Which* season do you like best ?

Wrong : *Welcome you* to Taiwan.

Right : *Welcome* to Taiwan.

Wrong : *Where* is the capital of Australia.

Right : *What* is the capital of Australia.

Wrong : He has a *wide* shoulders.

Right : He has a *broad* shoulders.

Wrong : We enjoyed the cool *wind*.

Right : We enjoyed the cool *breeze*.

Wrong : I bought this book *with* 50 dollars.

Right : I bought this book *for* 50 dollars.

Wrong : He played all yesterday *without working*.

Right : He played all yesterday *instead of working*.

Wrong : Don't work too hard. *Yes*, I won't

Right : Don't work too hard. *All Right* : , I won't

Wrong : What *will* you do over the weekend ? I *will* play tennis with Tom on Sunday.

Right : What *are you going* to do over the weekend ? I *am going to* play tennis with Tom on Sunday.

Wrong : My father bought me a *black small* leather wallet yesterday.

Right : My father bought me a *small black* leather wallet yesterday.

Wrong : Most of the time, it is difficult for Sam *in finishing* his work on time.

Right : Most of the time, it is difficult for Sam *to finish* his work on time.

Wrong : These thugs are quite capable *to do* really hasty things.

Right : These thugs are quite capable *of doing* really hasty things.

Wrong : I *very* enjoyed it.

Right : I *really* enjoyed it.

Wrong : If you *determine* to make the grade in the entrance examination, you must work extra hard.

Right : If you *are determined* to make the grade in the entrance examination, you must work extra hard.

Wrong : Please handle this gold watch carefully. It *worths* more than five thousand dollars.

Right : Please handle this gold watch carefully. It *is worth* more than five thousand dollars.

Wrong : I ran into Maria yesterday morning. She looked *healthily*.

Right : I ran into Maria yesterday morning. She looked *healthy*.

Wrong : I am the only son in the family. I have *not* brothers.

Right : I am the only son in the family. I have *no* brothers.

Wrong : My brother has been busy *in preparing* for his final examination.

Right : My brother has been busy *preparing* for his final examination.

Wrong : As the citizens of Hong Kong, *we are necessary* to help the police in their fight against crime.

Right : As the citizens of Hong Kong, *it is necessary for us* to help the police in their fight against crime.

Wrong : The children *were very dangerous* as the knife wielding madman was running amok in the kindergarten.

Right : The children *were in great danger* as the knife wielding madman was running amok in the kindergarten.

Wrong : Mr. Mugisha arrived at the office *lately* this morning.

Right : Mr. Mugisha arrived at the office *late* this morning.

Wrong : Joseph did not go to the concert last week, I did not go *too*.

Right : Joseph did not go to the concert last week, I did not go *either*.

Wrong : We have been waiting for half an hour. She has *still Not* come.

Right : We have been waiting for half an hour. She has *not* come *yet*.

Wrong : The hinges of the door had rusted. We had to push *hardly* to open it.

Right : The hinges of the door had rusted. We had to push *hard* to open it.

Wrong : The sea was *very* rough that the ferry service had to be suspended.

Right : The sea was *so* rough *that* the ferry service had to be suspended.

Wrong : It is unkind of him to ask a little child to do *such* many things in a day.

Right : It is unkind of him to ask a little child to do *so* many things in a day.

Wrong : The three women *quarreled* for more than an hour *angrily* outside the boutique.

Right : The three women *quarreled angrily* for more than an hour outside the boutique.

Wrong : You should describe what has happened *detailly*.

Right : You should describe what has happened *in detail*.

Wrong : I received a letter from my sister two days *before*.

Right : I received a letter from my sister two days *ago*.

Wrong : The driver, as well as four passengers, *were* injured in the head-on collision.

Right : The driver, as well as four passengers, *was* injured in the head-on collision.

Wrong : More than one convict *were* sentenced to death.

Right : More than one convict *was* sentenced to death.

Wrong : One of my students *have* sent me a birthday card.

Right : One of my students *has* sent me a birthday card.

Wrong : Sophie is one of the most intelligent students that *has* ever existed in our school.

Right : Sophie is one of the most intelligent students that *have* ever existed in our school.

Wrong : Reading detective stories *are* my favorite pastime.

Right : Reading detective stories *is* my favorite pastime.

Wrong : " Snow White and the seven Dwarfs " *are* a very popular fairy tale.

Right : " Snow White and the seven Dwarfs " *is* a very popular fairy tale.

Wrong : Five hundred miles *are* a long distance.

Right : Five hundred miles *is* a long distance.

Wrong : Either you or he *are* the one who stole the watch.

Right : Either you or he *is* the one who stole the watch.

Wrong : The quality of these products is *more superior than* that of the others.

Right : The quality of these products is *superior to* that of the others.

Wrong : The living standard in Japan is higher *than* Korea.

Right : The living standard in Japan is higher *than that* in Korea.

Wrong : My younger brother is taller than *me*.

Right : My younger brother is taller than *I*.

Wrong : Which of the two girls is *the most* intelligent.

Right : Which of the two girls is *more* intelligent.

Wrong : The patient felt much better in the morning than *afternoon*.

Right : The patient felt much better in the morning than *in the afternoon*.

Wrong : What we need is *the* most perfect plan.

Right : What we need is *a* most perfect plan.

Wrong : Which of these two shirts do you *prefer more*.

Right : Which of these two shirts do you *prefer*.

Wrong : No sooner had I arrived home *when* it began to rain.

Right : No sooner had I arrived home *than* it began to rain.

Wrong : Mike found it *more easier* to work out a mathematical problem than to write a poem.

Right : Mike found it *easier* to work out a mathematical problem than to write a poem.

Wrong : Charles loves Angel more than Simpson.

Right : Charles loves Angel more than Simpson *does*.

Wrong : I saw where my mistakes lay and *how to* make up for them.

Right : I saw where my mistakes lay and *how I could* make up for them.

Wrong : My archrival, Frankie, *he* scored very high marks in the last test..

Right : Frankie, my archrival, *scored* very high marks in the last test.

Wrong : I *felt very difficult* to deal with this physics problem.

Right : I *found it very difficult* to deal with this physics problem.

Wrong : The general meeting is scheduled to be held *this afternoon at three*.

Right : The general meeting is scheduled to be held *at three this afternoon*.

Wrong : She ran into her boyfriend *yesterday morning in Fair Avenue..*

Right : She ran into her boyfriend *in Fair Avenue yesterday morning*.

Wrong : *Having not* finished her housework, Mrs. Smith could not go window-shopping with her friends.

Right : *Not having* finished her housework, Mrs. Smith could not go window-shopping with her friends.

Wrong : *All the students are* in interested in joining the club.

Right : *No student is* interested in joining the club.

Wrong : I do not understand what *is he* talking about.

Right : I do not understand what *he is* talking about.

Wrong : There were three *thousands of spectators* watching the final match.

Right : There were three *thousand spectators* watching the final match.

Wrong : I've got *many homeworks* to do.

Right : I've got *a lot of homework* to do.

Wrong : I went shopping at Nakumatt yesterday and bought *a trousers*.

Right : I went shopping at Nakumatt yesterday and bought *a pair of trousers*.

Wrong : There are more than four million *peoples* in Singapore..

Right : There are more than four million *people* in Singapore.

Wrong : I feel *boring*.

Right : I feel *bored*.

Wrong : Would you give me some *advices* before I go to the interview.

Right : Would you give me some *advice* before I go to the interview.

Wrong : We went fishing last Saturday and John got five *fishes*.

Right : We went fishing last Saturday and John got five *fish*.

Wrong : Typhoon Andrew has caused widespread *damages* to the crops.

Right : Typhoon Andrew has caused widespread *damage* to the crops.

Wrong : *Congratulation* ! You have passed the driving test at long last.

Right : *Congratulations* ! You have passed the driving test At long last.

Wrong : I am afraid that this is the dirty *mean* to gain success.

Right : I am afraid that this is the dirty *means* to gain success.

Wrong : *Kenyans* are more conservative than Ugandans.

Right : *The Kenyans* are more conservative than the Ugandans.

Wrong : *Cow* is a useful animal.

Right : *The cow* is a useful animal.

Wrong : I have got *headache*.

Right : I have got *a headache*.

Wrong : *Comparing* with that in Singapore, the living standard in Hong Kong is very high.

Right : *Compared* with that in Singapore, the living standard in Hong Kong is very high.

Wrong : *Finishing* his homework, Walters went to the football pitch with his friends.

Right : *After finishing* his homework, Walters went to the football pitch with his friends.

Wrong : Sophia felt *embarrassing* when I asked her how old she was.

Right : Sophia felt *embarrassed* when I asked her how old she was.

Wrong : It is more hygienic to drink *boiling* water.

Right : It is more hygienic to drink *boiled* water.

Wrong : I have *cut my hair* at the barber's once a month.

Right : I have *my hair cut* at he barber's once a month.

Wrong : I am sorry to have kept you *waited*.

Right : I am sorry to have kept you *waiting*.

Wrong : There is a stranger *stand* at the door.

Right : There is a stranger *standing* at the door.

Wrong : The robbers run into goldsmith's shop, *shouted*, "
This is a robbery ".

Right : The robbers run into goldsmith's shop, *shouting*, "
This is a robbery ".

Wrong : Anybody is found picking the flowers will be prosecuted.

Right : Anybody *who* is found picking the flowers will be prosecuted.

Wrong : Being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Right : *There* being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Wrong : Laura has spent half a day *to revise* his lessons.

Right : Laura has spent half a day *revising* his lessons.

Wrong : Finally, Ricky succeeded *to enter* the University.

Right : Finally, Ricky succeeded *in entering* the University.

Wrong : I am used to *watch* television with the light on.

Right : I am used to *watching* television with the light on.

Wrong : After dinner, my mother suggested *to go* for a walk.

Right : After dinner, my mother suggested *going* for a walk.

Wrong : The government is considering the possibility *to build* a new airport on Buvuma island.

Right : The government is considering the possibility *of building* a new airport on Buvuma island.

Wrong : Would you mind *to pass* me the salt, please ?

Right : Would you mind *to passing* me the salt, please ?

Wrong : I am going to *watch the cinema* tonight.

Right : I am going to *a movie* tonight.

Wrong : My son will marry next month.

Right : My son will *get married* next month.

Wrong : My sister is going to *marry with* a doctor.

Right : My sister is going to *marry* a doctor.

Wrong : You can sit my next seat.

Right : You can sit *next to* me.

Wrong : I think you cheat me !

Right : I think you are *lying to* me !

Wrong : My head is sick.

Right : I have *a headache*.

Wrong : Which team you support hah.

Right : Which team do you *root for*.

Wrong : This is my *older* brother.

Right : This is my *elder* brother.

Wrong : Thanks *to see me*.

Right : Thanks *for dropping by*. (coming).

Wrong : Where *are* you come from ?

Right : Where *do* you come from ?

Wrong : I want to *reduce* my weight.

Right : I want to *lose* weight.

Wrong : Bobby is a *black beautiful* dog.

Right : Bobby is a *beautiful black* dog.

Wrong : We had a lot of difficulty *to find* the place

Right : We had a lot of *difficulty (in) finding* the place.

Wrong : Killing the robbers *are* something the detective would not do.

Right : Killing the robbers *is* something the detective would not do.

Wrong : *I was difficult* to get a good job.

Right : *It was difficult* to get a good job.

Wrong : *It is capable* of getting his work done without help.

Right : *He is capable* of getting his work done without help.

Wrong : Rose is *capable* to cook Indian food

Right : Rose is *able* to cook Indian food.

Wrong : My father is busy *in* his business.

Right : My father is busy *with* his business.

Wrong : Sorry, Jane is *busy with* cleaning up her room.

Right : Sorry, Jane is *busy* cleaning up her room.

Wrong : Some people argue that fate *is determining* everything.

Right : Some people argue that fate *determines* everything.

Wrong : Every one of us *determines* to win this match.

Right : Every one of us is *determined* to win this match.

Wrong : This film is worth *being watched*.

Right : This film is worth *watching*.

Wrong : These stamps *worth* nothing now.

Right : These stamps *are worth* nothing now.

Wrong : He looked *fearfully* because he had seen a ghost.

Right : He looked *frightened* because he had seen a ghost.

Wrong : Tom looked *angry* at me because I had broken his valuable vase.

Right : Tom looked *angrily* at me because I had broken his