**30 Common mistakes** - Part 1 KEYS 2016-17

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| 1 Modal +…  Can, may, should…+ Infinitive without TO  You must go there. | 2 “*La plupart”*  Most …Most of the…  Ne pas traduire ‘la’  Most students like chocolate. | 3 Passive voice  BE in all forms + Past participle  I was asked to obey. | 4 V-ING  V-ing can be subjects/objects of other verbs  Smoking is bad.  I like smoking. | 5 Every/Everyone  + singular noun/verb BUT + plural pronoun  Every student has a pen in their pockets. |
| 10 Before/without/  After/ in/ on...+  Prepositions + V-ing  After having lunch, he decided to go home.  It consists in exercising their forearms. | 9 Each +…  + singular noun ; focus on the uniqueness  Each patient needs a specific cure. | 8 For/Since +…  For + period of time ; duration  Since + starting point  She has played tennis for 10 years, i.e. since 2006. | 7 *“Arriver”*  *“Prévenir”*  Happen ≠ arrive  Warn ≠ prevent  Something happened here yesterday.  I must warn you about this danger. | 6 Superlative  The + -st  This is the worst weather for a day out. |
| 11 Particularly  Adjective + -ly = adverb  Finally, they gave up their idea. | 12 A few/ a little  A few/few + countable words  A little/little + uncountable words  There were only a few people at the show. | 13  *« D’après moi »*  To my mind / In my opinion  (According to + 3rd person only)  According to what people think, most students have fun. | 14 Present perfect  HAVE in the present simple + past participle of the verb  He has bought a car. | 15 Interesting  ≠ interested  She is interested by this interesting book. |
| 20 Another  One word  Another student entered the room. | 19 This/Those  This →these (plural)  Close in time, space & the heart  That → those (plural)  Far from…  These people are in that building over there. | 18 Adjectives are…  …invariable  He is wearing his nice shoes today. | 17 Much/Many  Much + uncountable words  Many + countable words  Much water fell on many regions. | 16 Past participle  Regular form : -ED  Irregular forms  They have decided to stay. |
| 21 Still ≠ always  Still = the situation is not over  Always = there is no change  He always sits on this chair.  He is still sitting on this chair now, but soon he will be gone. | 22 Questions  Pronoun + Auxiliary + Subject + Verb + Complement ?  Where did he go on holidays? | 23 Who  Refers to people  They are the ones who often make a decision. | *24 “Pour”*  TO + verb  FOR+ noun  We bought a present for you.  We bought it to please you. | 25 Comparative  More + adj + than  -er than  The same ...as  Their cure is more efficient than they thought. |
| 30 Concept // articles  No article before concepts.  Education is essential. | 29 *“Pendant”*  For + a period of time given in figures  During+ usually a longer period of time like ‘holiday’, ‘school year’…  During the school year, I swim for 2 hours every week. | 28 WANT - WOULD LIKE  + TO + base form of the verb  I want/would like to discover many foreign countries. | 27 Knowledge  Research  Uncountable words, with a plural meaning  He carries out research in bioengineering. | 26 Advice Information  Evidence Furniture  Generic plurals ; use ‘a piece of’ to talk about one.  This information is vital. He needs a piece of information to fill in his form. |