**Top Grammar Errors of Non-native Speakers**

1. articles a, an, the, nothing (no article)

count, non-count, specific, general, abstract

2. prepositions

location, direction, association, idiomatic

3. “s” on third-person singular simple present tense

He do not = He does not

He make = he makes

\*4. verb form (aspect)

I am always talking to him on Saturdays.

I always talk to him on Saturdays.

5. word choice

usage, part of speech, wrong word, plural vs. singular

I have too many (a lot of) friends.

6. transitive vs. intransitive verbs

When he was a kid, he needed all the time.

He laughed a big laugh.

**Top Grammar Errors of All College Writers**

1. fragments

2. run-ons (& commas splices)

3. punctuation—dashes, colons, semicolons, quotes, commas

\*4. parallelism

5. word choice (word form or wrong word)

further vs. farther, less vs. fewer

\*6. mixed construction

\*These three often explain awkward sentence structure.

Students: If you can master correcting all of these in your writing, you will be well on your way to becoming master grammarians. Ninety-nine percent of student grammar errors will be in one of these categories.