

Feedback on language

Audio transcript

Let's take a look at her first mistake. 'Most of primary school are begin to teach English.' This should be 'most primary schools are beginning to teach English'. We don't need the 'of' with 'most'. And 'primary school' should be plural, as she's referring to primary schools in general. Also, she's tried to use the present continuous, but you need I-N-G at the end: 'are beginning'.

Let's look at the next point. Chaohua wrote, 'some children start to learn English'. But again, she's talking about a temporary situation or a changing situation, so she should have used the present continuous here. 'Some children are starting to learn English'. In the next sentence, she wrote, 'it also have many language schools'. But she should have put, 'there are also many language schools', as she's introducing a new idea.

In the next paragraph, 'the majority of country' should be 'the majority of countries', as she's referring to more than one country. Below, she wrote, 'if you do well in English, you can get a good job'. But as we saw before, it's better to use an impersonal style. For example, 'if people do well in English, they can get a good job'.

In her next paragraph, she wrote that 'young children are studying language better than adults'. But here she should use the present simple, as she's referring to a permanent situation or a situation that is always true. Next, she wrote, 'if a young child live in many different countries'. But the subject-verb agreement means that she should have written, 'a young child lives in many different countries', as she's just talking about one child.

Later, she wrote, 'more and more young children start to learn English'. But she's talking here about a changing situation, so she should use the present continuous. 'More and more young children are starting to learn English.'

In her conclusion, she wrote, 'more and more young children learning English far early'. She needs the verb 'to be' here to form the present continuous correctly. 'More and more young children are learning English'.

Finally, she says, 'I think there will be more people to study English in future'. As we saw, it's better to use an impersonal and objective style in academic writing. So she could omit 'I think' to make it more impersonal.