

I don't pretend to be perfect with grammar.

Well, sometimes I do.

But grammar is important to me. It's what enables any language to *work*, and when people don't bother with it, I get frustrated.

First, I want to do the fun bit. I'll write out some grammatical problems that I see often, and attempt to categorize them. I'll probably get messy pretty quickly.

who/whom

status: error

It's not that hard to do. We *know* how to identify subjects and objects, and we do it *all the time* when we use the words I, me, he, him, she, her, and so on.

In French, the subjective form of "you" is "tu", and the objective form is "toi". The subjective AND objective forms of "who" are "qui". Yet you don't see people confusing "tu" and "toi" in French. Feel free to argue that "you" is used more often than "who", and feel free to be pretty much wrong, while you're at it.

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"Whom" was dead in English long before the magical "you" burst of 1980.

The data for French is *very* skewed, because the work "qui" is used very often, like in this sentence fragment:

cette chose qui a resté

this thing which has rested

The French data is therefore not worth presenting.

My point is, if that dumbass who decided we reject "whom" had just kept to himself, the world would have been a better place.

"to be"'s funky behavior

status: error

We've discussed it in class, but some people just don't care.

"To be" will *never* have objects associated with it.

valid

invalid

who am I

it is me

it is I/I am it

I become her

She becomes we

She became me

I will become he

It's simple, but ugly.

improper use of "all" or "every"

status: annoyance

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WHAT IS THIS?!?

What the sentence was *trying* to portray (because I can't blame you for not understanding it at *all*) was something along the lines of "Not all grammatical problems are errors, but they all still annoy me."