

Common Errors

Incorrect	Correct	Reason
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He is a foolish. Everybody knows that he is an honest. He went to the mosque for prayer. The iron is a useful metal. Your brother is a brilliant. We go to the market for shopping. He can speak the Arabic fluently. We struggled for the Bangla. Do you think that the English is very tough? The water is essential for us.	He is foolish. Everybody knows that he is honest. He went to mosque for prayer. Iron is a useful metal. Your brother is brilliant. We go to market for shopping. He can speak Arabic fluently. We struggled for Bangla. Do you think that English is very tough? Water is essential for us.	Article is not used before an adjective without noun, before a place when one goes there for that activity which is usually done there, before a material noun when it is not connected with any place and before language.
I want some <u>blotting</u> He is my <u>elder</u> . I know your <u>younger</u> . I bought paper, ink and <u>others</u> . I have a <u>business</u>	I want some blotting paper . He is my elder brother . I know your younger brother . I bought paper, ink and other things . I have a piece of business	The underlined words should be used with nouns.
Our principal is a <u>man of letter</u> . I am fond of <u>vegetable</u> . He has obtained <u>full mark</u> in the examination. His <u>circumstance is</u> bad. I feel <u>out of sort</u> today. What is his <u>wage</u> ? Do not go <u>out of door</u> . His joy knew no <u>bound</u> .	Our principal is a man of letters. I am fond of vegetables. He has obtained full marks in the examination. His circumstances are bad. I feel out of sorts today. What is his wages? Do not go out of doors. His joy knew no bounds.	The underlined words should be used in plural forms.
He bough three <u>sheeps</u> . He bought some <u>furnitures</u> . He gave me wrong <u>informations</u> . The hunter shot two <u>deers</u> .	He bough three sheep. He bought some furniture. He gave me wrong information. The hunter shot two deer.	The underlined words are not used in plural forms.
I, you and he are invited. You, he and I are guilty. Rahim and you should accompany me. I and he have helped the man. You and I are responsible.	You, he and I are invited. I, You, and he are guilty. You and Rahim should accompany me. He and I have helped the man. I and you are responsible.	Usually pronouns are used as second, third and first (231) persons, but when any guilt is confessed the setting should be first, second and third (123)

Everybody likes his <u>childish</u> simplicity. His <u>economical</u> condition is not good. Our teacher is an <u>honorary</u> man. He succeeded because he worked <u>hardly</u> . Only graduates are <u>illegible</u> for the post.	Everybody likes his childlike simplicity. His economic condition is not good. Our teacher is an honorable man. He succeeded because he worked hard. Only graduates are eligible for the post.	The underlined words don not have the meanings intended in the incorrect sentences.
The boy <u>absented</u> from the college. I shall <u>avail</u> the opportunity. You should not <u>pride</u> on you health.	The boy absented himself from the college. I shall avail myself the opportunity. You should not pride yourself on you health.	The underlined verbs should be used with reflexive pronoun.
I must take your leave. I want your reply. They helped each other.	I must take leave of you. I want a reply from you. They helped one another.	<u>Each other</u> is used between two persons. For more than two <u>one another</u> should be used.
Every boy is at their work. Let you and I go out for a walk. As for I, I shall never support it. This is mine pen, where's your? Theirs house is near my. Yours shirt is very beautiful. My is a costly car. You are invited to mine house.	Every boy is at his work. Let you and me go out for a walk. As for me, I shall never support it. This is my pen, where's yours? Their house is near mine. Your shirt is very beautiful. Mine is costly car. You are invited to my house.	* After every the pronoun should be singular. * <u>me</u> is objective form of pronoun and is used after preposition, verb/conjunction if the preceding word is an object. * After mine, yours, hers, theirs no noun should be used.

Miscellaneous correction

Incorrect	Correct
The climate of Cox'sbazaar is better than Dhaka.	The climate of Cox'sbazaar is better than that of Dhaka. (Comparison must be between two common things)
Your pen is better than that of mine.	Your pen is better than that of me.
He tried his heart and soul to win the first prize.	He tried heart and soul to win the first prize. (Idioms should not be added with any other word)
This is a truthful report.	This is a true report. (True- for thing, truthful- for person)
I have received your letter yesterday.	I received your letter yesterday. (Present perfect is not used when time is mentioned.)
Can you tell me what is a camel?	Can you tell me what a camel is? (WH question embedded with another sentence must be changed into assertive structure.)
I prefer to read than to write.	I prefer reading to writing. (Prefer-noun/gerund+to+noun/gerund)
He denied to help me.	He refused to help me. (deny-things done, refuse- things to be done)
Wait here until I don't come.	Wait here until I come. (until/unless- followed by affirmative clause)
No less than fifty men died.	No fewer than fifty men died. (Fewer- countable, less- uncountable)
No sooner did the criminal saw the police, he ran away.	No sooner had the criminal seen the police than he ran away. (No sooner+had+pp+than+past indefinite)
He insisted me to do this.	He insisted on my doing this. (insist+on+possessive adj.+gerund)
Wanted a nurse of two years old for a baby.	Wanted a nurse for a baby of two years old.

	(Arrangement of words is very important)
You should work hardly for success.	You should work hard for success. (hardly- means rarely)
I am comparatively better today.	I am better today. (double comparative should not be used)
The people of Japan are more industrious than Bangladesh.	The people of Japan are more industrious than those of Bangladesh.
No less than fifty men died.	No fewer than fifty men died.
Manika excels to speak.	Manika excels in speaking.
Latifa is imaginary by nature.	Latifa is imaginative by nature. (imaginary-thing, imaginative- person)
Get the picture hanged in your office.	Get the picture hung in your office. (Hanged- means given death sentence by hanging)
He refused that he had done it.	He denied that he had done it.
I wish I was at home.	I wish I were at home.
Shakespeare is greater than all poets.	Shakespeare is greater than all other poets. (Without mentioning 'all other' it will be understood that Shakespeare is greater than himself.)
Good night, how are you?	Good night, see you again. (Good night- departing greeting, how are you- receiving greeting)
I ran lest I miss the train.	I ran lest I should miss the train. (‘Lest’ should be followed with ‘should’)
I saw a bad dream yesterday.	I dreamt a bad dream yesterday. (Dream a dream Look up at the dictionary Feel the pulse)
He availed of the offer.	He availed himself of the offer. (Avail+reflexive pronoun+of)