



18 Most Common Grammar Mistakes



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#1

Run-on Sentence or Comma Splice

Incorrect: "Rachel is very smart, she began reading when she was three years old."

Correct: "Rachel is very smart. She began reading when she was three years old."

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#4

Lack of Subject/ Verb Agreement

Incorrect: "These recipes is good for beginning chefs."

Correct: "These recipes are good for beginning chefs."

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Missing Comma in a Compound Sentence

Incorrect: "Jim went to the store and Ella went with him."

Correct: "Jim went to the store, and Ella went with him."

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Pronoun Disagreement

Incorrect: "Every boy must bring their own lunch."

Correct: "Every boy must bring his own lunch."

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Misplaced Modifiers

Incorrect: "At eight years old, my father gave me a pony for Christmas."

Correct: "When I was eight years old, my father gave me a pony for Christmas."

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#8

No Clear Antecedent

Incorrect: "The dad found the boy, and he was happy."

Correct: "The dad was happy when he found the boy."

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#3

Mistakes in Apostrophe Usage

Incorrect: "My mothers cabin is next to his' cabin."

Correct: "My mother's cabin is next to his cabin."

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Sentence Fragments

Incorrect: "Sharon stayed home from school the other day. Because she was sick."

Correct: "Sharon stayed home from school the other day because she was sick."

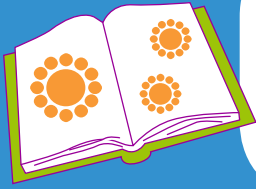
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Ending a Sentence in a Preposition

Incorrect: "What reason did he come here for?"

Correct: "For what reason did he come here?"

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Mixing Up Spellings

Incorrect: "There father went to school there."

Correct: "Their father went to school there."

ERROR #16

Mixing Up Adverbs and Adjectives

Incorrect: "Susan gave me a real nice bouquet of flowers."

Correct: "Susan gave me a really nice bouquet of flowers."

ERROR #13

Mixing Up Possessives and Plurals

Incorrect: "The dogs dish was full of bone's."

Correct: "The dog's dish was full of bones."

ERROR #11

Mixing Up Similar Words

Incorrect: "The rain had a good affect on the farmer's field."

Correct: "The rain had a good effect on the farmer's field."

ERROR #17

Confusion Between Fewer and Less

Incorrect: "The store was almost out of dog food. There were less cans on the shelves than there were yesterday."

Correct: "The store was almost out of dog food. There were fewer cans on the shelves than there were yesterday."

ERROR #14

Mistakes With Well and Good

Incorrect: "I am doing good in math."

Correct: "I am doing well in math."

ERROR #12

Unnecessary Commas

Incorrect: "She had a stomach ache, because she ate too much ice cream."

Correct: "She had a stomach ache because she ate too much ice cream."

ERROR #15

Comparisons That Are Incomplete

Incorrect: "My hair is smoother and softer."

Correct: "My hair is smoother and softer than it was a month ago."

ERROR #18

Title Capitalization Problems

Incorrect: "Around the world in 80 days"

Correct: "Around the World in 80 Days"