

SR	MISTAKES
1	<p>Sit and Seat.</p> <p>(a) Sit.</p> <p>Don't say: We seat at a desk to write a letter.</p> <p>Say: We sit at a desk to write a letter.</p> <p>(b) Seat.</p> <p>Don't say: He sat the passengers one by one.</p> <p>Say: He seated the passengers one by one.</p>
2	<p>Rise and Raise.</p> <p>(a) Rise.</p> <p>Don't say: Val raises very early in the morning.</p> <p>Say: Val rises very early in the morning.</p> <p>(b) Raise.</p> <p>Don't say: She rose their salaries too often.</p> <p>Say: She raised their salaries too often.</p>
3	<p>Like and Love.</p> <p>Don't say: I like you! Will you marry me?</p> <p>Say: I love P you! Will you marry me?</p>
4	<p>Stay and Remain.</p> <p>(a) Stay.</p> <p>Don't say: We remained in a very good hotel.</p> <p>Say: We stayed in a very good hotel.</p> <p>(b) Remain.</p> <p>Don't say: Not many figs have stayed on the tree.</p> <p>Say: Not many figs have remained on the tree.</p>
5	<p>Hanged and Hung.</p> <p>(a) Hanged.</p> <p>Don't say: No-one has been hung in Britain since 1964.</p> <p>Say: No-one has been hanged in Britain since 1964.</p> <p>(b) Hung.</p> <p>Don't say: We hanged the picture on the wall.</p> <p>Say: We hung the picture on the wall.</p>
6	<p>Wear and Put On.</p> <p>(a) Wear.</p> <p>Don't say: Kathy always puts on black shoes.</p> <p>Say: Kathy always wears black shoes.</p> <p>(b) Put on.</p> <p>Don't say: H wear my clothes in the morning.</p> <p>Say: m</p> <p>put on my clothes in the morning.</p>

	<p>"Tear and Tear up. (a) Tear. Don't say: John tore up his coat on a nail. Say: John tore his coat on a nail. (b) Tear up. Don't say: Philip was angry and tore the letter." 7 Say: Philip was angry and tore up the letter.</p>
	<p>Grow and Grow up. (o1) Grow. Don't say: These flowers grow up very quickly. Say: These flowers grow very quickly. (b) Grow up. Don't say: When I grow I'll be a doctor. 8 Say: When I grow up I'll be a doctor.</p>
	<p>Pick and Pick up. (a) Pick. Don't say: We picked up flowers in the garden. Say: We picked flowers in the garden. (b) Pick up. Don't say: The naughty boy picked a stone. 9 Say: The naughty boy picked up a stone.</p>
	<p>Deal with and Deal in. (a) Deal with. Don't say: This book deals in common errors. Say: This book deals with common errors. (b) Deal in. Don't say: A bookseller deals with books. 10 Say: A bookseller deals in books.</p>
	<p>Interfere in and Interfere with. (a) Interfere in. Don't say: Don't interfere with my private business! Say: Don't interfere in my private business! (b) Interfere with. Don't say: Paul is always interfering in the equipment. 11 Say: Paul is always interfering with the equipment.</p>
	<p>Borrow and Lend. (a) Borrow. Don't say: I want to lend a book from you. Say: I want to borrow a book from you. (b) Lend. Don't say: Will you please borrow me a book? 12 Say: Will you please lend me a book?</p>

13	<p>"Steal and Rob.</p> <p>(a) Steal.</p> <p>Don't say: Someone has robbed all her money.</p> <p>Say: Someone has stolen all her money."</p> <p>"(b) Rob.</p> <p>Don't say: Some men stole a bank last night.</p> <p>Say: Some men robbed a bank last night."</p>
14	<p>Take revenge and Avenge.</p> <p>Don't say: I must avenge myself for what he did to me!</p> <p>Say: I must take revenge for what he did to me!</p>
15	<p>Convince and Persuade.</p> <p>Don't say: I am persuaded of Robin's innocence.</p> <p>Say: I am convinced of Robin's innocence.</p>
16	<p>Refuse and Deny.</p> <p>(a) Refuse.</p> <p>Don't say: Sarah denied to take the money.</p> <p>Say: Sarah refused to take the money.</p> <p>(b) Deny.</p> <p>Don't say: John refused that he'd done it.</p> <p>Say: John denied that he'd done it.</p>
17	<p>Discover and Invent.</p> <p>(a) Discover.</p> <p>Don't say: America was invented by Columbus.</p> <p>Say: America was discovered by Columbus.</p> <p>(b) Invent.</p> <p>Don't say: Edison discovered the gramophone.</p> <p>Say: Edison invented the gramophone.</p>
18	<p>Take place and Take part.</p> <p>(a) Take place.</p> <p>Don't say: The meeting will take part soon.</p> <p>Say: The meeting will take place soon.</p> <p>(b) Take part.</p> <p>Don't say: I'll take place in the meeting.</p> <p>Say: I'll take part in the meeting.</p>
19	<p>Made from and Made of.</p> <p>(a) Made from.</p> <p>Don't say: The bowl is made of glass.</p> <p>Say: The bowl is made from glass.</p> <p>(b) Made of.</p> <p>Don't say: The statue is made from marble.</p> <p>Say: The statue is made of marble.</p>

	<p>"Let for Rent and Hired out for Hire.</p> <p>(a) Rent.</p> <p>Don't say: let the house from Mr Jones.</p> <p>Say: I rent the house from Mr Jones."</p> <p>"(b) Hire.</p> <p>Don't say: I hired out a surf board when I was in America.</p> <p>20 Say: I hired a surt board when I was in America."</p>
	<p>Win for Earn.</p> <p>Don't say: She wins her living by hard work.</p> <p>21 Say: She earns her living by hard work.</p>
	<p>Substitute for Replace with.</p> <p>Don't say: They substituted gold with paper money.</p> <p>22 Say: They replaced gold with paper money.</p>
	<p>Correct for Repair or Mend.</p> <p>Don't say: Some men are correcting the road.</p> <p>23 Say: Some men are repairing the road.</p>
	<p>Dust for Cover with dust.</p> <p>Don't say: A sandstorm dusted our clothes.</p> <p>24 Say: A sandstorm covered our clothes with dust.</p>
	<p>Please for Ask or Thank.</p> <p>Don't say: I pleased him to do me a favour; or: I pleased him for his lovely present.</p> <p>Say: I asked him to do me a favour, 25 and: I thanked him for his lovely present.</p>
	<p>Could for Was able to.</p> <p>Don't say: Because Laura worked hard she could finish the job in time.</p> <p>Say: Because Laura worked hard she was able to 26 finish the job in time.</p>
	<p>Learn for Teach.</p> <p>Don't say: Graham learned us how to play hockey.</p> <p>27 Say: Graham taught us how to play hockey.</p>
	<p>"Win or Beat.</p> <p>Don't say: We've always won your team."</p> <p>28 Say: We've always beaten your team.</p>
	<p>Accept for Agree.</p> <p>Don't say: The teacher accepted to go with us.</p> <p>29 Say: The teacher agreed to go with us.</p>
	<p>Leave for Let.</p> <p>Don't say: Penny didn't leave me to get my book.</p> <p>30 Say: Penny didn't let me get my book.</p>
	<p>Bring for Take.</p> <p>Don't say: The astronauts are bringing plants to the moon.</p> <p>31 Say: The astronauts are taking plants to the moon.</p>
	<p>Drown for Sink.</p> <p>Don't say': The ship drowned in the ocean.</p> <p>32 Say: The sbip sank in the ocean.</p>

	See for Look. Don't say: Neil was seeing out of the window. 33 Say: Neil was looking out of the window.
	Hear for Listen. Don't say: I was hearing her CDs. 34 Say: - was listening to her CDs.
	Remember for Remind. Don't say: Please remember me to give it back. 35 Say: Please remind me to give it back.
	Leave for Let go. Don't say; Leave the other end of the string. 36 Say: Let go of the other end of the string.
	Sleep for Go to Bed. Don't say: I'll sleep early tonight. 37 Say: I'll go to bed early tonight.
	Be found for Be. Don't say: The man was found in his office. 38 Say: The man was in his office.
	Be with for Have. Don't say: My English book is with my brother. 39 Say: My brother has my English book.
	Take for Get. Don't say: Clare took a good mark in chemistry. 40 Say: Clare got a good mark in chemistry.
	Like for Want, etc. Don't Say: Do you like to see my collection? 41 Say: Do you want to see my collection?
	Know for Learn, etc. Don't say: Dan went to school to know English. 42 Say: Dan went to school to learn English.
	Read for Study. Don't say: Lucy is reading algebra in her room. 43 Say: Lucy is studying algebra in her room.
	Learn for Study. Don't say: Kevin is learning at Gordon College. 44 Say: Kevin is studying at Gordon College.
	Take for Buy. Don't say: I went to the baker's to take bread. 45 Say: I went to the baker's to buy bread.
	Take out for Take off. Don't say: Chris took out his hat and coat. 46 Say: Chris took off his hat and coat.
	Leave for Give up, etc Don't say: I've now left football. Say: I've now given up football. 47 Or: I've now stopped playing football.

48	<p>Sympathise for Like.</p> <p>Don't say: I don't sympathise him very much.</p> <p>Say: I don't like him very much.</p>
49	<p>Put for Keep.</p> <p>Don't say: Do you put your money in the bank?</p> <p>Say: Do you keep your money in the bank?</p>
50	<p>Care about, Care for for Take care of.</p> <p>Don't say: Oliver cares about (cares for) his brother's investments.</p> <p>Say: Oliver takes care of his brother's investments.</p>
51	<p>Let for Make (= to force).</p> <p>Don't say: The examiner let me sit quietly until everyone had finished.</p> <p>Say: The examiner made me sit quietly until everyone had finished.</p>
52	<p>Flown for Flowed.</p> <p>Don't say: The river has flown over its banks.</p> <p>Say: The river has flowed over its banks.</p>
53	<p>Fall for Fell.</p> <p>Don't say: John fall down and broke his leg.</p> <p>Say: John fell down and broke his leg.</p>
54	<p>Found for Find.</p> <p>Don't say: Rosie tried to found her lost book.</p> <p>Say: Rosie tried to find her lost book.</p>
55	<p>Very and Too.</p> <p>(a) Very.</p> <p>Don't say: It's too hot in Rome in the summer.</p> <p>Say: It's very hot in Rome in the summer.</p> <p>(b) Too.</p> <p>Don't say: It's now very hot to play football.</p> <p>Say: It's now too hot to play football.</p>
56	<p>Very and Much.</p> <p>(a) Very.</p> <p>Don't say: He's a much strong man.</p> <p>It's a much interesting book.</p> <p>Say: He's a very strong man.</p> <p>It's a very interesting book.</p> <p>(b) Much.</p> <p>Don't say: He's very stronger than I am.</p> <p>Say: He's much stronger than I am.</p>
57	<p>Too much for Very much.</p> <p>Don't say: She likes the cinema too much.</p> <p>He's too much stronger than I am.</p> <p>Say: She likes the cinema very much.</p> <p>He's very much stronger than I am.</p>

58	<p>Before for Ago.</p> <p>Don't say: I saw your friend before two weeks.</p> <p>Say: I saw your friend two weeks ago.</p>
59	<p>Hardly for Hard.</p> <p>Don't say: She rubbed her eyes hardly.</p> <p>Say: She rubbed her eyes hard.</p>
60	<p>No SO for Not very.</p> <p>Don't say: I hear that he's not so rich.</p> <p>Say: I hear that he's not very rich.</p>
61	<p>just now for Presently, etc.</p> <p>Don't say: The messenger will arrive just now.</p> <p>Say: The messenger will arrive presently.</p>
62	<p>Presently for At present.</p> <p>Don't say: His uncle is in London presently.</p> <p>Say: His uncle is in London at present.</p>
63	<p>Scarcely for Rarely.</p> <p>Don't say: Zoe scarcely comes to see me now.</p> <p>Say: Zoe rarely comes to see me now.</p>
64	<p>Lately for Late.</p> <p>Don't say: Last night - went to bed lately.</p> <p>Say: Last night I went to bed late.</p>
65	<p>Many and Much.</p> <p>(a) Many.</p> <p>Don't say: My brother hasn't much books.</p> <p>Say: My brother hasn't many books.</p> <p>(b) Much.</p> <p>Don't say: Is there many dust in the room?</p> <p>Say: Is there much dust in the room?</p>
66	<p>Few and A Few.</p> <p>(a) Few.</p> <p>Don't say: Although the question was easy, a few boys were able to answer it.</p> <p>Say: Although the question was easy, few boys were able to answer it.</p> <p>(b) A few.</p> <p>Don't say: Although the question was difficult, few boys were able to answer it.</p> <p>Say: Although the question was difficult, a few boys were able to answer it.</p>

	<p>Little and A little.</p> <p>(a) Little.</p> <p>Don't say: He took a little exercise and wasn't very fit.</p> <p>Say: He took little exercise and wasn't very fit.</p> <p>(b) A little.</p> <p>Don't say: She took little exercise and felt much better.</p> <p>67 Say: She took a littl? exercise and felt much better.</p>
	<p>Each and Every.</p> <p>(a) Each.</p> <p>Don't say: She gave an apple to every of the children.</p> <p>Say: She gave an apple to each of the children.</p> <p>(b) Every.</p> <p>Don't say: Each child had an apple.</p> <p>68 Say: Every child had an apple.</p>
	<p>His and Her.</p> <p>(a) His.</p> <p>Don't say: John visits her aunt every Sunday.</p> <p>Say: John visits his aunt every Sunday.</p> <p>(b) Her.</p> <p>Don't say: Ann visits his uncle every Sunday.</p> <p>69 Say: Ann visits her uncle every Sunday.</p>
	<p>Older (oidest) and Elder (eldest).</p> <p>(a) Older, Oldest.</p> <p>Don't say: This girl is elder than that one.</p> <p>This girl is the eldest of all</p> <p>Say: This girl is older than that one.</p> <p>This girl is the oldest of all.</p> <p>(b) Elder, Eldest.</p> <p>Don't say: My older brother is called John.</p> <p>My oldest brother is not here.</p> <p>Say: My elder brother is called John.</p> <p>70 My eldest brother is not here.</p>
	<p>Interesting and Interested.</p> <p>(a) Interesting.</p> <p>Don't say: I've read an interested story.</p> <p>Say: I've read an interesting story.</p> <p>(b) Interested.</p> <p>Don't say: Are you interesting in your work?</p> <p>71 Say: Are you interested in your work?</p>
	<p>Wounded and Injured or Hurt.</p> <p>Don't say: Jack was wounded in a car accident.</p> <p>72 Say: Jack was injured in a car accident.</p>
	<p>Farther and Further.</p> <p>Don't say: Turn the page for farther instructions.</p> <p>73 Say: Turn the page for further instructions.</p>

74	<p>A for An. Don't say: A animal, a orange, a hour. Say: An animal, an orange, an hour.</p>
75	<p>One for A (n) Don't say: Adam found one ring In the street. Say: Adam found a ring in the street</p>
76	<p>Some for Any. (a) Some. Don't say: Louis has got any milk. Say: Louis has got some milk. (b) Any. Don't say: There aren't some books on the shelf. Say: There aren't any books on the shelf.</p>
77	<p>Less for Fewer. Don't say: They have less books than I have. Say: They have fewer books than I have.</p>
78	<p>This for That. Don't say: Look at this dog across the street! Say: Look at that dog across the street!</p>
79	<p>Latter for Later. Don't say: She got to school latter than I did. Say: She got to school later than did.</p>
80	<p>Last for Latter. Don't say: Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens are both excellent writers, but I prefer the last. Say: Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens are both excellent writers, but I prefer the latter.</p>
81	<p>Last for Latest. Don't say: What's the last news from the Palace? Say: What's the latest news from the Palacc?</p>
82	<p>Small, Big for Young, Old. Don't say: I'm two years smaller than you. She's three years bigger than me. Say: I'm two years younger than you. She's three years older than me.</p>
83	<p>High for Tall. Don't say: My elder brother is six feet high. Say: My elder brother is six feet tall.</p>
84	<p>Beautiful for Handsome or Good-looking. Don't say: He's grown into a beautiful young man. Say: He's grown into a handsome young man.</p>
85	<p>Sick or Il. Don't say: He's been sick for over a year. Say: He's been ill for over a year.</p>
86	<p>Clear for Clean. Don't say: You should keep your hands clear. Say: You should keep your hands clean.</p>

87	<p>Angry for Sorry.</p> <p>Don't say: Ld was angry to hear of her death.</p> <p>Say: I was sorry to hear of her death.</p>
88	<p>Nervous for Angry.</p> <p>Don't say: Our teacher is very nervous today.</p> <p>Say: Our teacher is very angry today.</p>
89	<p>House and Home.</p> <p>Don't say: You should go to your house now.</p> <p>Say: You should go home now.</p>
90	<p>Story and History.</p> <p>(a) Story.</p> <p>Don't say: She told me an interesting history.</p> <p>Say: She told me an interesting story.</p> <p>(b) History.</p> <p>Don't say: We study the story of the Romans.</p> <p>Say: We study the history of the Romans.</p>
91	<p>"Habit and Custom.</p> <p>(a) Habit.</p> <p>Don't say: Telling lies is a very bad custom.</p> <p>Say: Telling lies IS a very bad habit."</p> <p>"(b) Custom.</p> <p>Don't say: The Chinese have strange habits.</p> <p>Say: The Chinese have strange customs."</p>
92	<p>Cause of and Reason for.</p> <p>(a) Cause of.</p> <p>Don't say: What's the reason for a sandstorm?</p> <p>Say: What's the cause of a sandstorm?</p> <p>(b) Reason for.</p> <p>Don't say: You have a good cause of coming.</p> <p>Say: You have a good reason for coming.</p>
93	<p>Scene and Scenery,</p> <p>(a) Scene.</p> <p>Don't Say: The TV crew arrived at the scenery.</p> <p>Say: The TV CTeW arrived at the scene.</p> <p>(b) Scenery.</p> <p>Don't say: The scene in Cyprus is beautiful</p> <p>Say: The scenery in Cyprus is beautiful.</p>
94	<p>"Centre and Middle.</p> <p>(a) Centre.</p> <p>Don't say: Stand in the middle of the circle.</p> <p>Say: Stand in the centre of the circle."</p> <p>"(b) Middle.</p> <p>Don't say: He was in the centre of the street.</p> <p>Say: He was in the middle of the street."</p>

	<p>Shade or Shadow.</p> <p>(a) Shade.</p> <p>Don't say: I like to sit in the shadow.</p> <p>Say: I like to sit in the shade.</p> <p>(b) Shadow.</p> <p>Don't say: The dog saw his shade in the water.</p> <p>95 Say: The dog saw his shadow in the water.</p>
	<p>Customer and Client.</p> <p>(a) Customer.</p> <p>Don't say: That grocer has plenty of clients.</p> <p>Say: That grocer has plenty of customers.</p> <p>(b) Client.</p> <p>Don't say: That lawyer has plenty of customers.</p> <p>96 Say: That lawyer has plenty of clients.</p>
	<p>Stranger for Guest.</p> <p>Don't say: They had some strangers last night.</p> <p>97 Say: They had some guests last night.</p>
	<p>Travel for Journey.</p> <p>Don't say: Our travel to Wales was lovely.</p> <p>98 Say: Our journey to Wales was lovely.</p>
	<p>Foot for Leg.</p> <p>Don't say: I hurt my foot if the injury is anywhere above the ankle.</p> <p>99 Say: I hurt my leg.</p>
	<p>Finger for Toe.</p> <p>Don't say: I hurt a finger of my right foot.</p> <p>100 Say: I hurt a toe of my right foot.</p>