

SR	MISTAKES
1	Say one's prayers, not make or do one's prayer. Don't say: I make my prayer before I go to bed. Say: I say my prayers before - go to bed.
2	Pretend, not make oneself that. Don't say: She makes herself that she knows. Say: She pretends to know.
3	Have a dream, not see a dream. Don't say: I saw a strange dream last night. Say: I had a strange dream last night. Or: dreamt a strange dream last night.
4	Smoke a cigarette, etc., not drink a cigarette, etc. Don't say: He drinks too many cigarettes. Say: He smokes too many cigarettes.
5	Make a mistake, not do a mistake. Don't say: I did one mistake in dictation. Say: I made one mistake in dictation.
6	Tell or speak the truth, not say the truth. Don't say: Fiona always says the truth. Say: Fiona always tells the truth. Or: Fiona always speaks the truth.
7	See or watch a game, not to follow a game. Don't say: Did you follow the game? Say: Did you see (or watch) the game?
8	Turn (switch) the light on or off, not open or shut the light. Don't say: Please open (or shut) the light. Say: Please turn on (or off) the light. Or: Please switch on (or off) the light.
9	Give an example, not bring an example. Don't say: Can you bring a better example? Say: Can you give a better example?
10	Give a mark, not put a mark. Don't say: The teacher put me a good mark. Say: The teacher gave me a good mark.
11	Set a watch by, not put a watch with. Don't say: I put my watch with the radio news. Say: I set my watch by the radio news.
12	A watch is slow or fast, not goes behind or in front. Don't say: My watch goes two minutes behind. Say: My watch is two minutes slow.
13	Show a film, not play a film. Don't say: This film will be played shortly. Say: This film will be shown shortly.

14	Have one's hair cut, not cut one's hair. Don't say: I'm going to cut my hair. Say: I'm going to have my hair cut.
15	Learn by heart, not learn from out. Don't say: We have a poem to learn from out. Say: We have a poem to learn by heart.
16	Put on weight, not put weight. Don't say: I've put at least three kilos. Say: I've put on at least three kilos.
17	It works miracles, not it makes miracles. Don't say: That medicine makes miracles. Say: That medicine works miracles.
18	Getting on with, not going with. Don't say: How is Susan going with her work? Say: How is Susan getting on with her work?
19	This morning, etc., not today morning, etc. Don't say: I haven't seen him today morning. Say: I haven't seen him this morning.
20	Quietly, not slowly, slowly. Don't say: The boy came in slowly, slowly Say: The boy came in quietly.
21	What's the matter not What have you? Don't say: What have you today? Say: What's the matter with you today?
22	What do you call ...? not How do you call ? Don't say: How do you call this in English? Say: What do you call this in English?
23	Ask for a thing, not ask a thing. Don't say: She came and asked my book. Say: She came and asked for my book.
24	Dispose/get rid of a thing, not dispose/get rid a thing. Don't say: He'll dispose/get rid all his property. Say: He'll dispose/get rid of all his property.
25	Dream of a thing, not dream a thing. Don't say: Young men dream glory and riches. Say: Young men dream of glory and riches.
26	Explain to a person, not explain a person. Don't say: She explained me the matter. Say: She explained the matter to me.
27	Knock at the door, not knock the door. Don't say: Who is knocking the door? Say: Who is knocking at the door?
28	Listen to a person or thing, not listen a person or thing. Don't say: They were listening the music. Say: They were listening to the music.

29	<p>Pay for a thing, not pay a thing.</p> <p>Don't say: How much did you pay the book?</p> <p>Say: How much did you pay for the book?</p>
30	<p>Point to or at a person or thing, not point a person or thing.</p> <p>Don't say: He pointed the map on the wall.</p> <p>Say: He pointed to the map on the wall.</p> <p>Or: He pointed at the map on the wall.</p>
31	<p>Remind a person of something, not remind a person something.</p> <p>Don't say: Please remind me that later.</p> <p>Say: Please remind me of that later.</p>
32	<p>Reply to a person, not reply a person.</p> <p>Don't say: She's not replied me yet.</p> <p>Say: She's not replied to me yet.</p>
33	<p>Say to a person, not say a person.</p> <p>Don't say: Kevin said me, 'Come tomorrow.'</p> <p>Say: Kevin said to me, 'Come tomorrow.'</p>
34	<p>Search for a lost thing, not search a lost thing.</p> <p>Don't say: They're searching the ball.</p> <p>Say: They're searching for the ball.</p>
35	<p>Share with a person, not share a person.</p> <p>Don't say: My friend shared me his book.</p> <p>Say: My friend shared his book with me.</p>
36	<p>Speak to a person, not speak a person.</p> <p>Don't say: I'll speak him about that.</p> <p>Say: I'll speak to him about that.</p>
37	<p>Supply a person with something, not supply a person something.</p> <p>Don't say: Can you supply me all I need?</p> <p>Say: Can you supply me with all I need?</p>
38	<p>Think of a person or thing, not think a person or thing.</p> <p>Don't say: Think a number and then double it.</p> <p>Say: Think of a number and then double it.</p>
39	<p>Wait for a person or thing, not wait a person or thing.</p> <p>Don't say: I'll wait you at the cinema.</p> <p>Say: I'll wait for you at the cinema.</p>
40	<p>Wish for a thing, not wish a thing.</p> <p>Don't say: He doesn't wish any reward.</p> <p>Say: He doesn't wish for any reward.</p>
41	<p>Write to a person, not write a person.</p> <p>Don't say: I'll write her tomorrow.</p> <p>Say: I'll write to her tomorrow.</p>
42	<p>The -S or -es of the third person singular omitted.</p> <p>Don't say: He speak English very well.</p> <p>Say: He speaks English very well.</p>

43	Using don't instead of doesn't. Don't say: He don't care what he says. Say: He doesn't care what he says.
44	The -d or -ed of the past tense omitted. Don't say: I receive a letter yesterday. Say: I received a letter yesterday.
45	The -S, -es or ies of the plural form omitted. Don't say: I paid six pound for the book. H Say: I paid six pounds for the book.
46	The possessive ending omitted. Don't say: A hen's egg is different from a pigeon. Say: A hen's egg is different from a pigeon's.
47	Omission of the article before a countable noun in the singular. Don't say: I've no money to buy car. Say: I've no money to buy a car.
48	Omission of a or an after the verb to be. Don't say: I'm not teacher, I'm student. Say: I'm not a teacher, I'm a student.
49	Omission of a or an after the word half. Don't say: He drank half glass of milk. Say: He drank half a glass of milk.
50	"Omission of a or one before hundred, etc. Don't say: Hundred years make a century." Say: A hundred years make a century. Or: One hundred years make a century.
51	Omission of a or an from make a noise, etc. Don't say: I told them not to make noise. Say: I told them not to make a noise.
52	Omission of the before names of nationalities. Don't say: English are fond of sports. Say: The English are fond of sports.
53	Omission of the before names of musical instruments. Don't say: I play violin, but not piano. I Say: I play the violin, but not the piano.
54	Omission of the before the word cinema, etc. Don't say: On Saturday I go to cinema. Say: On Saturday I go to the cinema.
55	Omission of the verb to be from the passive. Don't say: Charles Dickens born in 1812. Say: Charles Dickens was born in 1812.

	<p>Omission of the auxiliary do from questions.</p> <p>Don't say: You understand the problem?</p> <p>He understands the problem?</p> <p>She understood the problem?</p> <p>Say: Do you understand the problem?</p> <p>Does he understand the problem?</p> <p>56 Did she understand the problem?</p>
	<p>Omission of auxiliary do when do is a principal verb.</p> <p>Don't say: Do pupils their work carefully?</p> <p>57 Say: Do pupils do their work carefully?</p>
	<p>Omission of the preposition indicating time.</p> <p>Don't say: I was born the third of December.</p> <p>58 Say: I was born on the third of December.</p>
	<p>Omission of the preposition after the infinitive.</p> <p>Don't say: They've no houses to live.</p> <p>59 Say: They've no houses to live in.</p>
	<p>Omission of there as an introductory word,</p> <p>Don't say:</p> <p>Once lived a great king.</p> <p>60 Say: Once there/There once lived a great king.</p>
	<p>Omission of how after the verb to know.</p> <p>Don't say:</p> <p>She knows to play the piano.</p> <p>61 Say: She knows how to play the piano.</p>
	<p>Omission of other after a comparative.</p> <p>Don't say: Homer was greater than all the Greek poets.</p> <p>Say: Homer was greater than all the other Greek poets.</p> <p>62</p>
	<p>Omission of before in comparisons.</p> <p>Don't say:</p> <p>I'd never seen such a thing.</p> <p>63 Say: I'd never seen such a thing before.</p>
	<p>Omission of else after everybody, etc.</p> <p>Don't say: She is stronger than everybody.</p> <p>64 Say: She is stronger than everybody else.</p>
	<p>Omission of the demonstrative pronoun one.</p> <p>Don't say: This is the only that I like.</p> <p>65 Say: This is the only one that I like.</p>
	<p>Omission of the personal pronoun before the infinitive.</p> <p>Don't say: I want to tell me the truth.</p> <p>66 Say: I want you to tell me the truth.</p>
	<p>Omission of it as subject of an impersonal verb.</p> <p>Don't say: Is very hot in the Sudan.</p> <p>67 Say: It's very hot in the Sudan.</p>

	<p>Omission of the pronoun subject from the principal clause.</p> <p>Don't say: When he saw the teacher, stood up.</p> <p>68 Say: When he saw the teacher, he stood up.</p>
	<p>Omission of the personal pronoun after a quotation.</p> <p>Don't say:</p> <p>"Im learning English," said.</p> <p>69 Say: 'I'm learning English,' he said.</p>
	<p>The object of the transitive verb omitted.</p> <p>Don't say:</p> <p>I asked her for some paper, but she had not.</p> <p>70 Say: I asked her for some paper, but she had none/didn't have any.</p>
	<p>Omission of the direct object when there are two objects.</p> <p>Don't say: I asked him for some ink, and he gave me.</p> <p>71 Say: - asked him for some ink, and he gave me some.</p>
	<p>The object of the verb enjoy omitted.</p> <p>Don't say: I enjoyed during the holidays.</p> <p>Say: I enjoyed myself during the holidays.</p> <p>72 Or: I enjoyed my holidays.</p>
	<p>Omission of the noun after an adjective.</p> <p>Don't say: The unfortunate was shot dead.</p> <p>73 Say: The unfortunate man was shot dead.</p>
	<p>Omission of the word and between numbers.</p> <p>Don't say: Eight thousand thirty-seven.</p> <p>74 Say: Eight thousand and thirty-seven.</p>
	<p>Omission of the word or between numbers.</p> <p>Don't say: I've only two, three friends.</p> <p>75 Say: I've only two or three friends.</p>
	<p>Omission of the word old from age.</p> <p>Don't say: My sister is fifteen years.</p> <p>76 Say: My sister is fifteen years old.</p>
	<p>For this used instead of for this reason.</p> <p>Don't say: For this he wants to leave.</p> <p>77 Say: For this reason he wants to leave.</p>
	<p>Better used instead of had better.</p> <p>Don't say: Better go home at once.</p> <p>78 Say: You'd better go home at once.</p>
	<p>Up and down used instead of upstairs and downstairs.</p> <p>Don't say: He's up, he's down.</p> <p>79 Say: He's upstairs, he's downstairs.</p>
	<p>Throw it used instead of throw it away.</p> <p>Don't say: It's dirty, throw it.</p> <p>80 Say: It's dirty, throw it away.</p>

81	<p>I don't think used instead of I don't think so. Don't say: I don't think. Say: I don't think so.</p>
82	<p>Before yesterday, etc., used instead of the day before yesterday, etc. Don't say: Lynne arrived before yesterday. Say: Lynne arrived the day before yesterday.</p>
83	<p>Thank you used instead of No, thank you. Don't say: Thank you (if you want to refuse an offer). Say: No, thank you.</p>
84	<p>Answer (= reply to). Don't say: Please answer to my question. Say: Please answer my question.</p>
85	<p>Approach (= come near to). Don't say: Don't approach to that house. Say: Don't approach that house.</p>
86	<p>Ask (= put a question to). Don't say: I asked to the teacher about it. Say: I asked the teacher about it.</p>
87	<p>Attack (= go and fight against). Don't say: They attacked against the enemy. Say: They attacked the enemy.</p>
88	<p>Comprise (= consist of). Don't say: The book comprises of five chapters. Say: The book comprises five chapters. Or: The book is comprised of five chapters.</p>
89	<p>Enter (= go into). Don't say: We entered into the classroom. Say: We entered the classroom.</p>
90	<p>Finish (= come to the end of). Don't say: I've finished from my work. Say: I've finished my work.</p>
91	<p>Leave (= depart from). Don't say: Brian left from England last week. Say: Brian left England last week.</p>
92	<p>Obey (= act according to). Don't say: We should obey to our teachers. Say: We should obey our teachers.</p>
93	<p>Allow (to) or let (= give permission to). Don't say: The driver allowed/let to John (to) sit in the front seat. Say: The driver allowed/let John (to) sit in the front seat.</p>
94	<p>Reach (= arrive at). Don't say: We reached at the school early. Say: We reached the school early.</p>

95	<p>Resemble (= be similar to), Don't say: Does she resemble to her father? Say: Does she resemble her father?</p>
96	<p>Tell (= say to). Don't say: I told to him to come at once. Say: I told him to come at once.</p>
97	<p>Behind (= at the back of). Don't say: Edward hid behind of a large tree. Say: Edward hid behind a large tree.</p>
98	<p>Inside (= in the interior of). Don't say: The boys went inside of the room. Say: The boys went inside the room.</p>
99	<p>Outside (= on the exterior of). Don't say: They stood outside of the door. Say: They stood outside the door.</p>
100	<p>Round (= on all sides of). Don't say: The earth goes round of the sun. Say: The earth goes round the sun.</p>