**PREPA: COMMON GRAMMAR ERRORS AND PRACTICE LINKS**

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**1. Articles (*a*, *an,* *the*, zero article)**

Typical errors*: \*In USA, an university in the Europe, on internet, in the Space, the President Trump, during the World War 2, problems with the tranquilisers, the climate change, the freedom, to go to the work\**

Explanations & Practice

[The definite article - the (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/artikel.htm)

[Article - the, a - Grammar Exercises - Learning English (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/artikel.htm)

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/a-an-and-the>

<https://www.usingenglish.com/handouts/218.html>

**2. Uncountable nouns, singulars and plurals**

Typical errors*: \* The news are bad, I don’t have any informations, He gave me a good advice, to gain new knowledges, One good news is .., There are many useful equipments, I have only a few time They need to get a work, Aeronautics are interesting, It was a difficult travel, What a good luck!, The police is very violent \**

Explanations & Practice

[Count and Non-Count Nouns | Continuing Studies at UVic](https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/330/grammar/count)

<https://www.anglaisfacile.com/exercices/exercice-anglais-2/exercice-anglais-105884.php>

[Common Uncountable Nouns: Word List (ieltsliz.com)](https://ieltsliz.com/uncountable-nouns-word-list/)

[A List of English Singulars That Are French Plurals (thoughtco.com)](https://www.thoughtco.com/english-singulars-and-french-plurals-1368945)

**3. Agreement, number & quantity**

Typical errors*: \* There is a number of reasons, I bought a new trouser, It’s a computers network, We can ask ourself if .., They must take control of their life, They had a very little power, There was much time, Not much people attended. Only a little people speak English.\**

Explanations & Practice

General: [Accord singulier ou pluriel-anglais (anglaisfacile.com)](https://www.anglaisfacile.com/exercices/exercice-anglais-2/exercice-anglais-3703.php)

<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/irregular-plural-nouns/>

<https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/nouns-plural-only.php>

<https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/nouns-adjective.php>

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/subject_verb_agreement.html>

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl_exercises/sentence_structure/subject_verb_agreement/subject_verb_agreement_exercise.html>

Number & quantity:

[Quantifiers much, many, some, any - English Grammar Explanations (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar_list/mengen.htm)

[much, many - a little, a few - Quantifiers - English Grammar (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/much_many.htm)

<https://english4real.com/practice/e-much-many-little-few-a-lot-plenty.html>

[Unit 3 - Exercise 1 - some, any, much, many, a lot of, a little, a few | Solutions | Oxford University Press (oup.com)](https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/preint/grammar/grammar_03_012e?cc=fr&selLanguage=en)

<https://onlineteachersuk.com/some-any-much-many-little-few/>

**4. Comparatives & superlatives, degree**

Typical errors*: \* ..the more rich countries in the world, It’s more slower, The better example is.., They need to eat more healthier, They work hardly, It has a so large population that .., They are not enough rich, It’s as difficult that before.\**

Explanations & Practice

[Comparison of adjectives in English (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/adjektive_steig.htm)

[Adjectives, Adverbs Comparison - Grammar Exercises - Learning English (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/adjektiv_adverb.htm)

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/modifying-comparatives>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/intensifiers-so-such>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/using-enough>

<https://www.ef.com/wwen/english-resources/english-grammar/adverbs-degree/>

**5. Relative pronouns (*who, which, that*, etc.), -*ing* & -*ed* participles**

Typical errors*: \* The people which voted, He was the person he led the revolt, the Artemis mission which the goal is to .., The place where we stayed in, It was money giving by a friend, I’m interesting in music, The old are less educating than the younger generation\**

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/a1-a2-grammar/adjectives-ending-ed-ing>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/relative-clauses-defining-relative-clauses>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/relative-clauses-non-defining-relative-clauses>

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/relative-clauses-typical-errors>

<https://writingcenter.tamu.edu/writing-speaking-guides/participles-ing-and-ed>

**6. Verb structures, gerunds & infinitives, causative & reporting verbs**

Typical errors*: \* It discourages them to do that, They risk to lose power, It’s not worth to do, ..the need of control weapons, The decision of freeing the hostages.., They accused her to steal the money, She’s in charge of check the accounts, They recommend to change the law, We shouldn’t let them to disturb the election, It would make prices to increase, It made prices to skyrocket, There are many bad effects that they can buy a gun so easily* \*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/course/lower-intermediate/unit-10/tab/grammar>

[Gerund, Infinitive - English Grammar Explanations (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar_list/gerund_infinitiv.htm)

<https://www.englishpage.com/gerunds/index.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xF0votPJOAE>

<https://www.englishtestsonline.com/causatives-test-exercises-multiple-choice-questions-with-answers-advanced-level-27/>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/c1-grammar/patterns-reporting-verbs>

**7a. Word order: basic**

Typical errors*: \* We see on TV violence, They buy illegally guns, I like very much music, They should help more the population, It’s a situation very bad, We can take also the example of .., It reduces by 20% the risk of .., I prefer definitely maths, I try always to help people\**

<https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/words/word_order.htm>

[Statements, Questions, Word order - Grammar Exercises - Learning English (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/satz.htm)

<https://english.lingolia.com/en/grammar/adverbs/position-of-adverbs>

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/adverbs-and-adverb-phrases-position#google_vignette>

<https://www.ef.com/wwen/english-resources/english-grammar/adverbs-manner/>

**7b. Word order: direct & indirect forms (statements & questions)**

Typical errors*: \*Why he’s criticised by Trump?, To what extent they can agree?, That shows how it is effective, He wonders what will be the result, What the mayor is trying to do?, We can ask how far should we develop AI, How to reduce intolerance in the USA?, It raises the question of how can we reach equality of opportunity, He understands what is moderation, The President didn’t understand what wanted the people. \**

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/reported-speech-statements>

<https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/reported.htm>

[Reported Speech Exercises - Learning English (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/reported.htm)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/lower-intermediate/unit-21/session-2>

[BBC Learning English - Course: lower intermediate / Unit 21](https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/lower-intermediate/unit-21)

**8. Irregular verbs**

Typical errors*: \* They go yesterday, He has stand for election, The money was stealed, When they buyed the house they find .., Prices have rised considerably, He lead the country for five years, He losed the election\**

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/english-grammar-reference/irregular-verbs>

<https://www.englishalivedonostia.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/export.pdf>

Phonemic chart, with sound: <https://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/phonemic-chart-ia.php>

**9a. Tenses: Present Perfect Vs Past Vs Present Simple**

Typical errors*: \* They have gone yesterday, When they bought the house they find .., This is the first time it happens, When did they left?, Prices are rising a lot since the pandemic, He lead the country for five years, Why did he lost the election? \**

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/present-perfect>

[Diagram of the Present Perfect (englisch-hilfen.de)](https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/present_perfect_diagram.htm)

<https://english4real.com/practice/b1_g-ps-s-n-pr-pf-contrast.html>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/present-perfect-just-yet-still-already>

<https://www.letudiant.fr/etudes/tests-examens-langues/cours-d-anglais-6-distinguer-for-since-ago-during.html>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/present-perfect-simple-continuous>

**9b. Tenses: Present Simple Vs Present Continuous**

Typical errors*: \* They are thinking that is not legal, He stands for election again, He goes to vote tomorrow, Violent crime increases a lot, I wait for the results of the exam. \**

<https://www.letudiant.fr/etudes/tests-examens-langues/cours-d-anglais-1-le-present-simple-et-le-present-be-ing.html>

<https://www.ecenglish.com/learnenglish/lessons/non-continuous-verbs>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/c1-grammar/advanced-present-simple-continuous>

<https://www.englishgrammar.org/continuous-and-non-continuous-verbs/>

**10. Active Vs Passive Voice**

Typical errors*: \*The mistake was make by the president, The money was stealed, The new law has pass by Congress, The decision will be taking by the new administration, This drug was selling for chronic pain \**

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/english-grammar-reference/active-passive-voice>

<https://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/activepassive.html>

<https://www.e-grammar.org/passive-voice/>

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/academic_writing/active_and_passive_voice/active_versus_passive_voice.html>

**11. Modals of possibility & probability**

Typical errors: *\* It is possible that it happens soon, He can win the election as a result, One example can be..., Perfectionism can be one of my flaws, It can be a solution to the problem, They want to can speak freely about anything, He had the possibility to do that without risking lives \**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skqj4jOSQU4>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/english-grammar-reference/probability#:~:text=We%20use%20may%2C%20might%20and,They%20might%20be%20at%20home>.

[Modal verbs of deduction – must, may, might, could, can't - Test-English](https://test-english.com/grammar-points/b1/modal-verbs-of-deduction/)

**12. Modals of obligation, criticism & advice**

Typical errors: *\* Education would have to make people more aware, Violence can be removed from schools, We don’t have to allow racism \**

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/modals-permission-obligation>

<https://test-english.com/grammar-points/b1/have-to-must-should/>

<https://test-english.com/grammar-points/a2/have-to-dont-have-to-must-mustnt/>

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