

## Error correction

The following 6 types of grammatical mistakes are often made at advanced level – the chances are you'll be making some of these errors yourself:

- Prepositions
- Articles
- Verb patterns (ing/to/infinitive)
- Tenses
- Pronouns
- Countable and uncountable nouns

### Task 1

Let's see how good you are at spotting mistakes of this kind. How many errors of this kind can you spot in these sentences?

1. I have to say that the staff was very polite in our hotel. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I strongly recommend you to pay a visit to my home city. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I wanted to work abroad and this played a big part on my decision to study English.  
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4. I try to do exercise in a daily basis. \_\_\_\_\_
5. My new job offers possibility of working from home. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I know how to use different Office softwares like Word and Powerpoint.  
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7. Nowadays the email and mobile phones enable communication to be instantaneous.  
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8. I've sometimes thought about to do a different job. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Maria is my best friend who I met her at college. \_\_\_\_\_
10. My friend knew the restaurant and suggested me to go there. \_\_\_\_\_
11. I think learning a language increases tolerance at society and among people.  
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12. My local market where I shop it quite often has some good bargains. \_\_\_\_\_
13. I lived there since I got married. \_\_\_\_\_

14. I don't have enough time to take a part in sport. \_\_\_\_\_
15. When I was at school I didn't realise how important learning English will have been.  
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16. Unfortunately, I had some problems getting the sports equipments. \_\_\_\_\_
17. I think you only have you to blame if you don't study hard enough and fail.  
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18. I wasn't able to pass my driving test yet. \_\_\_\_\_