

# INTRODUCTION GRAMMAR Don't make these mistakes!



Read about Roberto. Then look at the **bold** phrases and correct them. Use contractions where possible.

My name's Roberto. <sup>1</sup>**I have 32** years old and I'm from Chile.

<sup>1</sup> I'm 32

<sup>2</sup>**I'm born** in Santiago, which is a beautiful city, and

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I <sup>3</sup>**live** there all my life.

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I'm married. My <sup>4</sup>**wife name's Emilia**. She's from Santiago,

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

too. <sup>5</sup>**We don't have some children**. We live with Emilia's

<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

parents in their apartment, and I <sup>6</sup>**get them along with** very well, but

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<sup>7</sup>**we'd like having** our own place with a spare room for friends

<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

to stay. <sup>8</sup>**We look for an apartment** right now. I work for a

<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

financial company and <sup>9</sup>**Emilia is translator**. We both

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<sup>10</sup>**work very hardly**, often ten hours a day, but luckily

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we <sup>11</sup>**don't have do** any housework.

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Emilia's parents are retired, so <sup>12</sup>**they take care the house of**.

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I don't have <sup>13</sup>**many free time**, but when I have the chance

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I <sup>14</sup>**enjoy to play** sports – I often go running in the park near the apartment.

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<sup>15</sup>**I use to play** tennis, but now I have a full-time job,

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<sup>16</sup>**I don't have time enough**. I'm learning English because

<sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I need it for my job. My writing is OK, but <sup>17</sup>**I want get**

<sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

better at speaking. <sup>18</sup>**I have to speaking** to a lot of clients in

<sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

English and <sup>19</sup>**I make often mistakes**. Next summer

<sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup>**I going to go** to the US, maybe to New York or Boston,

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<sup>21</sup>**for do** a Business English course.

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## ACTIVATION

Write a similar paragraph about yourself, where you live, your work and / or studies, your hobbies, and why you are learning English.