

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.

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.

7. Nowadays the email and mobile phones enable communication to be instantaneous.

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.

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.

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.

18. I wasn't able to pass my driving test yet. _____