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Please find a list below of basic language errors which are NOT acceptable at your level in English anymore.

Here are included basic errors that you can't make from now on.

01. Grammar

- To + Verb: this is an INFINITIVE. You need to conjugate it in a sentence
- MAY/ MIGHT/ CAN/COULD/ SHOULD/ WOULD / WILL/ ETC. are modals: that means they are **NEVER** followed by an infinitive
- In the present tense, you must add an '**s**' at the third person: HE/SHE/IT
- HE/SHE/IT can be followed by: **doesn't, hasn't, isn't**
- **It's** means 'it is' and **its** means what belongs to 'it'
- You never start a sentence with an infinitive: you use an ING form
- **Adjectives NEVER take an 'S'** when in the plural form and are positioned BEFORE the noun
- 'Il y a' in English is: **there is + singular** or **there are + plural**
- 'qui' in English is translated as '**who**' when you talk about a HUMAN being, '**which**' for anything else
- **Adverbs** (they are linked to the verb) for example, normally, sometimes, often, never, always etc. are positioned **BEFORE the verb**
- The preposition 'FOR' is followed by a verb with ING
- **SINCE + date** and **FOR+ a period of time** preceded by Present Perfect
- **EVERY / EACH** are followed by singular **nouns**.
- **Names of institutions** (Congress, the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives) start with a **capital letter**.
- Nouns referring to **CONCEPTS** (liberty, life, freedom of speech ...) are **not preceded by 'the.'**

02. Vocabulary

- **Words to AVOID:** interesting/ important/good/ bad/ difficult
- Actual/ actually is different from **current/ currently**
- Prefer **main** to principal

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- Prefer **to suggest/ offer** to 'to propose'
- Prefer **to allow** and NOT to 'to permit'