

GRAMMAR

Notorious mistakes

Mistakes that even good students make again and again. Spot them, fix them and bid for the correct ones.

LEVEL

B1

TIME

30–40 min

SKILLS

Speaking, grammar

FOCUS

Grammar correction

01 HOW TO RUN IT

30–40 MIN

Spot, fix, bid.

1 • PREPARE

2 MIN • PAIRS

Print page 2 once per pair and cut along the dashed lines. Pairs put the cards **face down** in a pile.

2 • SPOT & FIX

15 MIN • PAIRS

Student A reads a sentence with a mistake. Student B analyses it, **finds the mistake and corrects it**. A checks the answer below the line. Swap roles after each card. Walk around and help.

3 • GRAMMAR AUCTION

20 MIN • PAIRS

Project page 3 on the board and give a printed copy to each pair. Pairs have **€1,000** and at least **10 minutes**: they decide whether each sentence is correct, **find and correct the mistakes**, and decide how much to bet on each sentence. Then call out the sentences one by one, ask the pairs and reveal the key. Students **double their bet** if they marked a correct sentence as correct or found and fixed the mistake; otherwise the bet is lost. Pairs write their wins in the *Your win* column. The highest amount of euros wins.

02 KEY • AUCTION

2 CORRECT • 13 WRONG

- 1 X I **have lived** / **have been living** in Prague since 2015.
- 2 X She is married **to** a doctor.
- 3 X I'm looking forward to **seeing** you.
- 4 X Can you **lend** me your pen?
- 5 ✓ My brother is two years older than me.
- 6 X I'm 17 (**years old**).
- 7 X We arrived **at** the station too late.
- 8 X She's very good **at** maths.

- 9 X If I **have time**, I'll call you.
- 10 X The **information was** very useful.
- 11 X How long **have you known** her?
- 12 X I didn't go there **either**.
- 13 ✓ He made a mistake in his homework.
- 14 X He suggested **taking a taxi** / (**that**) I take a taxi.
- 15 X Everybody **was** very friendly.

<p>There's a surprise in the end of the film.</p> <hr/> <p>at the end</p>	<p>At the end, we decided to move to London.</p> <hr/> <p>in the end</p>	<p>I'm again unemployed.</p> <hr/> <p>unemployed again</p>
<p>Is Jane coming today? I think yes.</p> <hr/> <p>I think so / I think she is</p>	<p>She explained us what she was doing.</p> <hr/> <p>explained to us</p>	<p>I don't know where is my phone.</p> <hr/> <p>where my phone is</p>
<p>My holiday in Greece was really funny and I didn't want it to end.</p> <hr/> <p>really fun</p>	<p>I hope you're fine.</p> <hr/> <p>I hope you're well</p>	<p>It's a two-hours drive.</p> <hr/> <p>two-hour</p>
<p>I spent 50 quids on that.</p> <hr/> <p>50 quid</p>	<p>Kyle enjoyed the holiday despite of the rainy weather.</p> <hr/> <p>in spite of / despite the rainy weather</p>	<p>She said me she was tired.</p> <hr/> <p>She told me she was tired. / She said she was tired.</p>
<p>I'll see you on next Monday.</p> <hr/> <p>on next Monday</p>	<p>Let's discuss about your ideas.</p> <hr/> <p>discuss your ideas</p>	<p>I hadn't got time to finish the project.</p> <hr/> <p>I didn't have time</p>
<p>According to me, this is the best solution.</p> <hr/> <p>I think / I reckon / From my perspective</p>	<p>We're making a party for Sarah's birthday.</p> <hr/> <p>having / throwing a party</p>	<p>Probably, I'll go out tonight.</p> <hr/> <p>I'll probably go out tonight.</p>
<p>It's a quite big house.</p> <hr/> <p>It's quite a big house.</p>	<p>The three last biscuits are yours.</p> <hr/> <p>The last three biscuits are yours.</p>	<p>I saw everything what happened.</p> <hr/> <p>everything that happened</p>

#	SENTENCE · CORRECTION	YOUR BET	YOUR WIN
1	I am living in Prague since 2015.	€	€
2	She is married with a doctor.	€	€
3	I'm looking forward to see you.	€	€
4	Can you borrow me your pen?	€	€
5	My brother is two years older than me.	€	€
6	I have 17 years.	€	€
7	We arrived to the station too late.	€	€
8	She's very good in maths.	€	€
9	If I will have time, I'll call you.	€	€
10	The informations were very useful.	€	€
11	How long do you know her?	€	€
12	I didn't go there neither.	€	€
13	He made a mistake in his homework.	€	€
14	He suggested me to take a taxi.	€	€
15	Everybody were very friendly.	€	€
TOTAL BET (MAX. €1,000) · TOTAL WIN		€	€