

Language Skills



SPOTTING ERRORS

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Spotting Errors



- We received no informations
- We received no information

- Where are my luggages?
- Where is my luggage?

Ans: Some nouns are used only as singular. They have no plural forms: alphabet, luggage, furniture, information, paper, news, poetry, machinery, bread, soap, advice, scenery, etc.,

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- Mathematics are his favourite subject
- Mathematics is his favourite subject
- Measles have broken out in our area
- Measles has broken out in our area

Ans: Some nouns are plural in form but they are used as singular

- Games and sports: Billiards, gymnastics etc.,
- Diseases : Mumps, measles etc.,
- Branches of learning: Linguistics, Economics, Physics, Statistics, Mathematics, Politics etc.

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- His spectacles is new
- His spectacles are new
- My friend bought shoe yesterday
- My friend bought shoes yesterday

Ans: Some nouns are used only as plural. They have no singular forms: shoes, trousers, shorts, scissors, spectacles, tongs, binoculars, alms, thanks, assets, liabilities, riches, savings etc.

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- Smitha bought five dozens oranges
- Smitha bought five dozen oranges

Ans: words dozen, score, hundred, thousand, lakh, million etc., do not take plural when preceded by a numeral.

- I have two brother-in-laws
- I have two brothers-in-law

Ans: plurals of compound nouns are formed by adding 's' to the main word.

- Father-in-law -Fathers-in-law
- Son-in-law -Sons-in-law
- Commander-in-chief -Commanders-in-chief
- Passerby - Passers by

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- The conductor said that there was no place in the compartment
- The conductor said that there was no room in the compartment

Ans: In this context the proper word is room. It is used to convey the meaning ‘space to occupy’.

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- Jyothi is my cousin sister.
- Jyothi is my cousin.
- Santosh is my cousin brother.
- Santosh is my cousin.

Ans: Do not add brother or sister to the word cousin.

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- Gopal is running sixteen.
- Gopal is sixteen.

Ans:Running is not used with age.

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- There are twenty females in the class.
- There are twenty women in the class.

- Two hundred males attended the meeting.
- Two hundred men attended the meeting.

Ans: Male and female are used as adjectives but not nouns. Men and women are used as nouns.

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- It is my friend's Sharath's car.
- It is my friend Sharath's car.

Ans:When two nouns are in apposition 's is added to the second noun.

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- That book is your's not mine.
- That is yours, not mine.

Ans: 's' is not added to pronouns.

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- I and Gopal went to the exhibition.
- Gopal and I went to the exhibition.

- Both he and you must attend the function.
- Both you and he must attend the function.

- Ravi invited me and you to dinner.
- Ravi invited you and me to dinner.

Ans: The first person comes last. The second person is placed before the third.

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- Every player must bring their bats.
- Every player must bring his/her bat.

- One must love his parents.
- One must love one's parents.

- **Ans:**A pronoun must agree with its antecedent.

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- They who have not brought their text books should stand up.
- Those who have not brought their text books should stand up.

Ans: ‘They’ must not be used as an antecedent to ‘who’ or ‘that’. ‘Those’ is used.

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- The boys enjoyed during the holidays.
- The boys enjoyed themselves during the holidays.
- **Ans:**The verb enjoy, avail take a reflexive pronoun if there is no other object.

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- Sarala is more taller than her sister.
 - Sarala is taller than her sister.

 - He is more younger than I.
 - He is younger than I.

 - Mount Everest is the most highest peak in the world.
 - Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world.
- Ans:** Double comparative or double superlative should not be used.

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- It is the most unique work.
- It is a unique work.

Ans:Some adjectives have no degrees of comparison:
round, perfect, unique, eternal.

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- Gopal is the cleverest of the two brothers.
- Gopal is the cleverer of the two brothers.

Ans: The superlative degree is not used when two persons or things are compared.

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- The population of Madras is greater than Hyderabad.
- The population of Madras is greater than that of Hyderabad.

Ans: Here the comparison is between the population of Madras and Hyderabad. Hence 'that of' is to be used.

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- Raju went to America for farther studies.
- Raju went to America for further studies.
- Let us not walk any further.
- Let us not walk any farther.

Ans: Further refers to something additional and farther refers to distance.

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- Have you heard the last news?
- Have you heard the latest news?
- The umpire was the latest person to leave the ground.
- The umpire was the last person to leave the ground.

Ans: Latest denotes time and last denotes position or order.

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- Her older brother is an engineer.
- Her elder brother is an engineer.

- Neetu is elder than Gitu.
- Neetu is older than Gitu.

Ans: Elder and eldest are used to refer to one's family relations.

- Older and oldest refer to persons and things and denote age.

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- We were present on both days.
- We were present on both the days.

Ans:When 'both' is used as an adjective, it should be followed by 'the'.

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- Frank is an European.
- Frank is a European.
- It is an one rupee note.
- It is a one rupee note.

Ans:A is used before words beginning with a consonant sound.

- The words university, union, European, one etc., begin with a consonant sound.

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- Banerjee is a honest man.
- Banerjee is an honest man.

Ans:An is used before words beginning with a vowel sound.

- The words, honest, heir, honour etc., begin with a vowel sound.

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- Vijayawada is on Krishna.
- Vijayawada is on the Krishna.

- Sadhana read Mahabharata.
- Sadhana read the Mahabharata.

Ans: The is used before the names of rivers, seas, oceans and holy books.

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- My uncle lives in United Kingdom.
- My uncle lives in the United Kingdom.

- The culprit was sent to Andamans.
- The culprit was sent to the Andamans.

Ans:The is used before the names of groups of islands and descriptive names of countries.

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- The higher you climb colder it gets.
- The higher you climb the colder it gets.

Ans:The is used as an adverb before comparatives.

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- The iron is a useful metal.
- Iron is a useful metal.

- The Delhi is the capital of India.
- Delhi is the capital of India.

- The honesty is the best policy.
- Honesty is the best policy.

Ans: No article is used before material nouns, proper nouns and abstract nouns.

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- The man is mortal.
- Man is mortal.

Ans:Article is not used before ‘man’ used in a wider sense.

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- The thief ran away lest he will be caught.
- The thief ran away lest he should be caught.

Ans: Should is used after lest.

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- Though I advised him but he continued to misbehave.
- Though I advised him he continued to misbehave.

Ans: 'But is superfluous'.

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