

Rule #10 Avoid some common mistakes.

He ___s / She ___s

My mother often forgets her birthday. ✓

Simple past. Use the simple past with "yesterday,...ago, last...". Study the irregular verbs !

In high school, I stayed in a boarding school. ✓

I'm a little homesick. ✗

I **WAS** a little homesick! ✓

more better ✗

The chocolate cake is **(much) better** than the apple pie in this restaurant. ✓

People is... ✗

In China some **people are** very traditional! ✓

Women is...men is... ✗

Women are more meticulous. ✓

foreign/foreigner

Jeremy is a **foreigner** (noun). ✓

I like to watch **foreign** (adjective) programs. ✓

foreigner programs ✗

he/she, him/her.

If you go overseas, a woman won't be too pleased if you call her "**him!**".

How to say? ✗

This is Uzbek English! In English we say "**What's the word?**" or "**What is it?**".

"**How to say?**" ✗

"**What's the word?**" ✓

"**What is it?**" ✓

must to ✗

I must do my homework. ✓

I must **TO** do... ✗

should to... ✗

They should study more! ✓

I will go to there. ✗

I will go there. ✓

I will go to Tashkent ✗

Germany/German; Japan/Japanese; France/French

Compared to that country, Japan offers a good welfare system. ✓

He's from France: he's French! ✓

responsible/responsibility

A parent must responsibility for his child. ✗

A teacher should take responsibility for his/her students. He must be responsible for them.



to communicate/communication

The telephone is a great tool to communication. ✗

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Parents find it difficult to communication with their child. ✗

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know/learn

If we talk more, we can know each other better. ✗

...we could GET TO know each other better. (= better English) ✓

If I study abroad, I can know more about my major. ✗

I could learn more.../... I could get to know... ✓

It could be happen ✗

It could happen ! Anything's possible! ✓

In North ✗

In the North, the weather is usually colder! ✓

In Northern China the weather is... ✓

For the holiday I'm going to go up North (= towards the Northern regions). ✓

country/city

Students often say "France is a beautiful city." ✗ (It's a country.)

or "Vadiy" is a great city." ✗ (It's a province)

in there ✗

My parents live in Taylak. They have a job there. (**NOT "in there"!**)

need/require

The job needs them to stay in the city. (Their job requires them to stay in the city) (although they'd rather live in the countryside). ✓

funny/fun

Basketball is fun! (**NOT "funny" !** A funny thing will make you smile or laugh.)

funny/interesting

Basketball is not interesting. However, a game could be interesting because a lot of things happened in the last 2 minutes !

interesting = you want to know more = suspenseful !

most of foreigners... ✘

Most foreigners wouldn't dare to try chicken feet. ✓

Most women want a rich husband. ✓

Most foreigners in Samarkand cannot speak Uzbek. ✓

It's depend ✘

It depends on many things. ✓ (Pronounce the "s" !)

In nowadays... ✘

Nowadays people's lives are fast paced. ✓

He speaks English good. ✘

He speaks good English! ✓

He speaks English well ! ✓

My English is not well. ✘

My English is not good. ✓

My English is not as good as it should be. ✓

interesting/interested; boring/bored

The teacher is boring. I feel bored! ✘

Our China, our Chinese... ✘

There are a lot of foreign companies in Samarkand. That's a good thing because it offers more job opportunities to Uzbek people. ✓

To compete/competitive (adjective)

Getting into SAMSIFL University is very competitive. ✓

High-school students must compete against each other to enroll. ✓

memory/to memorize

My memory is not very good. I don't know how I will memorize 100 new words for the English exam. ✓

success/succeed/ successful

a success person ✘

a successful person ✓

Failure is the mother of success. ✓

dormitory

Be careful with the pronunciation ! Many students say "dormiStory". ✘

"dormitory"

colleague/college

different pronunciation

His father is died. ✘

His father died. His father is dead. ✔

for myself/by myself

I like to work by myself (=on my own). ✔

for myself (=for my own benefit/profit)

I work for myself. = I'm my own boss.

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