

MISTAKES TO AVOID IN COMPOSITIONS. PAEG INGLÉS 2012-13

The data in this table are based on frequent mistakes in students' compositions. Only those belonging to the primary education curriculum have been highlighted. In each sentence there are **two** mistakes (one is underlined, but you have to identify **another** vocabulary or grammar mistake **in each example**).

Then copy the sentences in your notebook correctly.

| MISTAKE | EXAMPLE |
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| “is” without a subject. | ...because <u>is</u> very important studying. |
| Mistakes with the verb “to be.” | My friends <u>is</u> coming in theirs cars. They <u>was</u> in an hotel. You <u>was</u> surprise. |
| Mistakes with the verb “Have” | She <u>have</u> three brothers older. |
| Present or past continuous without “to be.” | The phone ringed while <u>she having</u> a shower. <u>I doing</u> an exam in this moment. |
| Mistakes with the Simple Past | He <u>thicked/thank</u> that it was ten past twenty-five. He <u>didn't thought</u> about that possibilities. They <u>listenned</u> the teacher attentively. |
| Modal Verbs | I <u>can to</u> go to England for do an English course. You <u>not must</u> talk during the lesson maths. I <u>will can</u> live in other country. |
| No third person or no subject. No tense used. | When he <u>go</u> to England always <u>visit</u> his English friends; When <u>come</u> back, <u>use</u> e-mail to keeping in contact. |
| Talking about past events with no past tense form. | Yesterday I <u>walk</u> the dog and after I <u>watch</u> TV. |
| Interrogatives | <u>Do he watches</u> television in the weekend? <u>What he liked</u> do on Saturdays? <u>Did they played</u> football whit his friends? <u>Who did break</u> those window? |
| Negatives | He <u>not go</u> to the cinema because has no money. She <u>don't</u> drink beer and wine. He <u>didn't went</u> to London the last summer. |
| Adjectives after nouns. | He gave to her a present <u>very nice</u> . |
| Adjectives in plural. | I saw a lot of <u>importants</u> buildings during the travel. |
| Plurals (countable/uncountable/irregular). | I think <u>childrens</u> like very much playing football. I have a lot of <u>furnitures</u> in my bedroom, the same that you. People <u>is</u> very nice, and everyone are really kind. My <u>fathers</u> live near of London. |
| Personal Pronouns / Possessive adjectives and pronouns | I saw <u>he</u> in the street. He was wearing a black jeans. They sent <u>his</u> a letter of France. <u>Yours</u> teachers are very serious, I don't like they. |
| Age with the verb “have” | He <u>has</u> twelve years. I <u>have</u> the same age than my sister; we are twins. |
| Comparatives | Jupiter is <u>more bigger</u> that Saturn. This is <u>the more</u> difficult question of the exam. |
| Fixed expressions | I'm from <u>in</u> Spain, so I'm a Spanish. How <u>is pronounced</u> “genre”? It is a French word? |
| “Like” | I like <u>listen</u> pop music. I would like <u>visiting</u> NY, but it is too much expensive. Another thing that <u>like me</u> is eat paella. |
| Basic prepositions: in, on, at | <u>On summer</u> I usually pass my holidays at the beach. <u>At the South</u> of England people speaks differently. |

to be / have got / present simple & continuous / past simple & past continuous / pronouns & possessives / adjectives / plurals / basic word order / basic prepositions / basic modal verbs / basic vocabulary / comparatives.