

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: 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.

In each sentence there are two mistakes, but only one is underlined; you have to **identify another vocabulary or grammar mistake in each example**. Then **copy the sentences in your notebook correctly**.

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