

Error Correction Workbook

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30 Common Errors in the Use of Prepositions

Incorrect	Correct
When he parted with his sister, there were tears in his eyes.	When he parted from his sister, there were tears in his eyes.
The Hindu religion has been in exercise for time immemorial.	The Hindu religion has been in exercise from time immemorial.
Police are not allowed to enter into University Campus.	Police are not allowed to enter University Campus.
I found him leaning on the chair	I found him leaning over the chair
His house is very different and very superior to your house.	His house is very different from and very superior to your house.
None except the brave deserve the fair.	None but the brave deserve the fair.
He married with a poor girl.	He married a poor girl.
I told him on his face that he could not pass.	I told him at his face that he could not pass.
The frustrated lover jumped in the river.	The frustrated lover jumped into the river.
I have learnt this lesson word by word.	I have learnt this lesson word for word.
I saw him sitting besides the minister.	I saw him sitting beside the minister.
The tired traveller was sitting under the shade of the tree.	The tired traveller was sitting in the shade of the tree.

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The pick-pocket mixed among the crowd which was coming from the station.	The pick-pocket mixed with the crowd which was coming from the station.
Content yourself with what you have and do not strive about the impossible.	Content yourself with what you have and do not strive for the impossible.
William wordsworth generally went to the countryside to commune of nature.	William wordsworth generally went to the countryside to commune with nature.
I will leave no stone unturned to come to your expectations.	I will leave no stone unturned to come upto your expectations.
Can I depend upon you for this work?	Can I depend on you for this work?
The employer is satisfied by the work of Mr.Kumar.	The employer is satisfied with the work of Mr.Kumar.
The American Congress corresponds with the British Parliament.	The American Congress corresponds to the British Parliament.
I shall stand by you in thick and thin.	I shall stand by you through thick and thin.
The delegates discussed about the problem in length.	The delegates discussed the problem in length.
Nothing can absolve you your responsibility.	Nothing can absolve you from your responsibility.
A horse of a broken leg cannot run.	A horse with a broken leg cannot run.
The question of how many souls exist on heaven is academic.	The question of how many souls exist in heaven is academic.
They acquitted him for murder.	They acquitted him of murder.

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He lives on begging.	He lives by begging.
This is the central city in the whole area.	This is the central city of the whole area.
She was eating her heart for a soldier who was away at the war.	She was eating her heart out for a soldier who was away at the war.
My inquiry for his health was never answered.	My inquiry about his health was never answered.
Were there many people in the meeting?	Were there many people at the meeting?

15 Errors In the use of Shall and Will

Incorrect	Correct
I am sorry, I will not be able to reach there in time.	I am sorry, I shall not be able to reach there in time.
You shall know the result tomorrow.	You will know the result tomorrow.
I will forgive him if he will tell me the truth.	I shall forgive him if he tells me the truth.
If you do not work hard, you will fail.	If you do not work hard, you shall fail.
I will be drowned and nobody shall save me.	I shall be drowned and nobody shall save me.
If you do not change your habits, you will be dismissed from service.	If you do not change your habits, you shall be dismissed from service.
Unless you speak the truth, I shall not pardon you.	Unless you speak the truth, I will not pardon you.

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We will see the Taj during the coming holidays.	We shall see the Taj during the coming holidays.
I will be thankful to you for your kindness.	I shall be thankful to you for your kindness.
"Tomorrow will be a function," said Ramesh to me.	"Tomorrow shall be a function," said Ramesh to me.
Shall he appear in the examination this year?	will he appear in the examination this year?
As soon as the chief guest will reach here, all of you will stand.	As soon as the chief guest reaches here, all of you shall stand.
Our teacher shall be on leave tomorrow.	Our teacher will be on leave tomorrow.
We shall certainly catch the bus.	We will certainly catch the bus.
We shall never deceive you.	We will never deceive you.

20 Common Errors in the Use of Verbs

Incorrect	Correct
Had you been to Kolkata, I had also gone there.	Had you been to Kolkata, I would have also gone there.
These news were broadcasted from All India Radio yesterday.	This new was broadcast from All India Radio yesterday.
Ten were killed and one taken prisoner	Ten were killed and one was taken prisoner
Hinduism is in existence from time	Hinduism has been in existence from

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immemorial.	time immemorial.
All that is typically human was due to language.	All that is typically human is due to language.
The patient died before the doctor arrived.	The patient had died before the doctor arrived.
I have passed the M.A. examination in 1981.	I passed the M.A. examination in 1981.
Every Chair and every table in the room were in order.	Every chair and every table in the room was in order.
You mistake in thinking that I am against you.	You are mistaken in thinking that I am against you.
Hard work and honesty are needed for success in life.	Hard work and honesty is needed for success in life.
He married his daughter	He got his daughter married.
The criminal will be hung in the Ambala Central jail.	The criminal will be hanged in the Ambala Central jail.
The teacher and the doctor has been honoured.	The teacher and the doctor have been honoured.
Rita and Rekha is going to the market	Rita and Rekha are going to the market.
Did you wrote that letter?	Did you write the letter?

200 Common Errors in use of English Language

Incorrect	Correct
Mr. Bhatia is my English teacher	Mr . Bhatia is my Teacher of English.
I Frogive him for his faults.	I forgave him his faults.
Chiranjiv Is my cousin Brother.	Chiranjiv is my cousin.
Credit this sum to my name.	Credit this sum to my account.
He is very miser	He is very miserly.
My all friends are very helpful	All my friends are very helpful.
She does not know swimming.	She does not know how to swim.
My uncle lives at Janpath Road.	My uncle lives at Janpath.
He is family man.	He is a man with a family.
This is more batter	This is better.
One must do his duty	One must do one's duty.
He made a blunder mistake.	He made a blunder.
It is a female compartment.	It is a ladies' compartment.
Open your book on page ten.	Open your book at page ten.
He has gone to foreign	He has gone abroad
He married his daughter	He got his daughter married.

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Madhu is very proudy.	Madhu is very proud.
He live in the boarding	He lives in the boarding house.
Sachin and myself helped you.	Sachin and I helped you.
Please write with ink.	Please write in ink.
He died from cancer	He died of cancer.
He died of overwork	He died from overwork.
He has no lust of money.	He has no lust for money.
My younger brother goes to the collage daily.	My younger brother goes to college daily.
What a fun!	What fun !
She was crying the glasses in a tray.	She was carrying the glasses on a tray.
He sat in a tree.	He sat on a tree.
He is taller then me.	He is taller than I (am).
He is not as tall as his brother.	He is not so tall as his brother.
I have lost my patience.	I have lost patience.
He likes cutting jokes.	He likes cracking jockes.
You have a chance to win.	You have a chance of winning.
Don't mention.	Mention not.
Are you living in Delhi?	Do you live in Delhi?
It is a true fact.	Is is a fact.
As you like.	As you like it.

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Radha resembles to her mother.	Radha resembles her mother.
Please pay for your bill.	Please pay your bill.
The police is looking for the culprit.	The police are looking for the culprit.
He said a lot to lies.	He told a lot of lies.
I believe you are better now.	I hope that you are better now.
He shirks from his studies.	He shirks his studies.
I need a house to live.	I need a house to live in.
I want a pen to write.	I want a pen to write with.
I have no influence on him	I have no influence over him.
I am too happy to see you.	I am very happy to see you.
He invited me on tea.	He invited me to tea.
We go to college by foot.	We go to college on foot.
You have no excuse to be late.	You have no excuse for being late.
Public does not like it.	Public do not like it.
This is somewhat true.	This is partially true.
I do not like the poetries of keats.	I do not like the poetry of Keats.
I prefer lassi than tea.	I prefer lassi to see.
Please give key to your watch.	Please wind up your watch.
There is no harm to do so.	There is no harm in doing so.
He gave a speech.	He made a speech.

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I will return just now.	I will return presently.
I will wait here until you do not return.	I will wait here until you come.
He needs not worry.	He need not worry.
He hanged his head in shame.	He hung his head in shame.
The satellite has been sent to space.	The satellite has been launched.
Mohan insisted to go there.	Mohan insisted on going there.
He lives through honest labour.	He lives by honest labour.
Mohan and sohan are fast enemies.	Mohan and Sohan are sworn enemies.
His grandmother is died.	His grandmother is dead.
Send this letter on my address.	Send this letter to my address.
I have seen him today morning	I have seen him this morning.
Are you a member in the committee?	Are you a member of the committee?
He is fail in Mathematics.	He failed in Mathematics.
We reached safely.	We reached safe.
Sachin is good in English.	Sachin is good at English.
My elder brother is in the teaching line.	My elder brother is in the teaching profession.
I have read four-fifth of this book.	I have read four-fifths of this book.
Our teacher will take your test tomorrow.	Our teacher will give us a test tomorrow.
All his family members are mad.	All members of his family are mad.

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She does not know swimming.	She does not know how to swim.
Our examination starts from Monday next.	Our examination starts on Monday next.
I shall return this book after one week.	I shall return this book in one week.
Thousands were injured in the war.	Thousands were wounded in the war.
He has grown into a beautiful youth.	He has grown into a handsome youth.
There is no other alternative.	There is no alternative.
What is the cost of this pen?	What is the price of this pen?
Translate this passage from English to Hindi.	Translate this passage from English into Hindi.
I have learnt this lesson word by word.	I have learnt this lesson word for word.
I am going to cut my hair.	I am going to have my hair cut.
My watch is two minutes behind .	My watch is two minutes slow.
I asked him that why he was late.	I asked him why he was late.
He pays more attention to Hindi than English.	He pays more attention to Hindi than to English.
Close your door at once.	Shut the door at once
Verbal orders will not be obeyed.	Oral orders will not be obeyed.
Burn the lamp at once.	Light the lamp at once.
Sachin has made ten goals.	Sachin has scored ten goals.
He admitted that he had committed the murder.	He confessed that he had committed the murder.

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A dictator generally misuses his political power.	A dictator generally abuses his political powers.
This is the house whose roof leaks.	This is the house, the roof of which leaks.
Being a cloudy day, we did not go out.	If being a cloudy day, we did not go out.
It is possible to score cent per cent marks in Mathematics.	It is possible to score hundred per cent marks in Mathematics.
Mohan has a thirst of knowledge.	Mohan has a thirst for knowledge.
My neighbor is five years elder to me.	My neighbor is five years older than me.
His service has been terminated.	His services have been terminated.
Please see the dictionary to find out the meaning of this word.	Please consult the dictionary to find out the meaning of this word.
Mohan asked his servant to bring water.	Mohan told his servant to bring water.
He got down from his bicycle.	He got off his bicycle.
I lived in that hotel for two days.	I stayed in that hotel for two days.
Please tell us everything in brief.	Please tell us everything in short.
I shall write him tomorrow.	I shall write to him tomorrow.
We have reached the final conclusions.	We have reached the conclusions.
To make dolls is his professions.	Making dolls is his profession.
Finishing his work, he went to see a movie.	Having finished his work, he went to see a movie.
I saw a bad dream last night.	I had a bad dream last night.

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If you will abuse me, I will break tour head.	If you abuse me, I shall break you head.
If you will take tae, I shall also take.	If you take tea, I shall also rake.
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His father has resigned from his post.	His father has resigned his post.
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If you will take tea, I shall also take.	If you take tea, I shall also take.
You need not to tell me all this.	You need not tell me all this.
Let us pass away our time in the canteen.	Let us pass our time in the canteen.
I cannot pull on with this man.	I cannot get on with this man.
First, I told him about his mistakes.	At First, I told him about his mistakes.
Do not interfere in my work.	Do not interfere with my work.
I want a fresh basket of flowers.	I want a basket of fresh flowers.
The students will give their test tomorrow.	The students will take their test tomorrow.

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The interview will be held between 10a.m to 12 noon.	The interview will be held between 10a.m and 12 noon.
There was a hell of a rush at the tickets window.	There was a hell of a rush at the ticket-window.
My hairs are black.	My hair is black.
Now, I shall go to my quarter.	Now I shall go to my quarters.
Law and order have to be maintained.	Law and order has to be maintained.
What is the cost of this shirt?	What is the price of this shirt?
Our examination is approaching near.	Our examination is approaching .
Good Night, sir, have a cup of tea.	Good Evening, sir, have a cup of tea.
The chairman is the wholly solely in our establishment.	The chairman is the all in all in our establishment.
We must fight-poverty with tooth and nail.	We must fight-poverty tooth and nail.
The English have left India with bag and baggage.	The English have left India bag and baggage.
We go to college by foot.	We go to college on foot.
I have many works to do on Sundays.	I have much works to do on Sundays.
He secured only passing marks in Mathematics.	He secured only pass marks in Mathematics.
Please give me a ten - rupees note.	Please give me a ten - rupee note.
This pen is superior than that.	This pen is superior to that.
I am not on talking terms with Mohan.	I am not on speaking terms with Mohan.

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Sachin is our mutual friend.	Sachin is our common friend.
He picks up a quarrel over petty matters.	He picks a quarrel over petty matters.
Summon could not be issued.	Summons could not be issued.
When you say so, I must believe it.	Since you say so, I must believe it.
No less than fifty soldiers were injured in the blast.	No fewer than fifty soldiers were injured in the blast.
What is the fresh news of today?	What is the latest news of today?
I have something to ask from you.	I have something to ask you.
The train left at 3 o' clock.	The train departed at 3 o' clock.
You are requested to substitute the old picture for a new one.	You are requested to replace the old picture by a new one.
Due to illness. I could not go to college.	Owing to illness. I could not go to college.
This news was broadcasted from All India Radio only yesterday.	This news was broadcast from All India Radio only yesterday.
I will teach you reading and writing English.	I will teach you how to read and writing English.
It is the first time I have said so.	This is the first time I have said so.
Failed students cannot be promoted to the next higher class.	Students who have failed in the examination cannot be promoted to the next higher class.
Please do the needful and oblige.	Please do what is necessary and oblige.
Accompanied with my friends, I went	Accompanied by my friends, I went

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there.	there.
What to speak of English, he cannot speak even Hindi.	Not to speak of English, he cannot speak even Hindi.
The plane circled the airport two times before landing.	The plane circled the airport twice before landing.
He became a rich man by and by.	He became a rich man in course of time.
My dear respected father, you are really great.	My dear father, you are really great.
Send your reply by return post.	Send your reply by return of post.
Please speak to the concerned authority.	Please speak to the authority concerned.
He is a noted dacoit.	He is a notorious dacoit.
It was very wonderful.	It was really wonderful.
I am quite sorry to hear of your failure.	I am very sorry to hear of your failure.

Common Errors in the Use of Nouns - English Grammar

Incorrect	Correct
My father is in the teaching line.	My father is in the teaching profession. Note : Teaching line is a slang word.
His hat was blown off by a strong air.	The magistrate has passed orders for his release.
The magistrate has passed order for his release.	There is no room for you on this bench.

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There is no place for you on this bench.	The police have arrested the thief.
The police has arrested the thief.	The wages of sin is death.
The wages of sin are death.	The climate of Delhi does not suit me.
The weather of Delhi does not suit me.	Credit this sum to my account. Note: In my name is a slang expression. The correct use is to my account.
Credit this sum in my name.	I have learnt these poems by memory. Note: There is no such word as poetries. There is no plural of the word poetry. In place of poetries, we should use poems.
I have learnt these poetries by memory.	He does everything for conscience sake.
He does everything for conscience's sake.	Has the agenda for tomorrow's meeting been drawn up? Explanation: Agendum is not used in English. Agenda (programme of a meeting) is treated as singular.
Has the agendum for tomorrow's meeting been drawn.	The son of my uncle's friend is a doctor. Note: the use of the double possessive ('s) should be avoided.
My uncle's friend's son is a doctor.	Good evening! How do you do? Note : Good night is a parting salutation. When we meet someone(in the evening time), the salutation

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	should be Good evening.
Good night! How do you do?	The jury consists of ten members.
The juries consist of ten members.	The jury were divided in their opinion. Explanation: jury is a collective noun. Whenever there is a sense of unanimous action, we use singular.
The jury was divided in its opinion.	