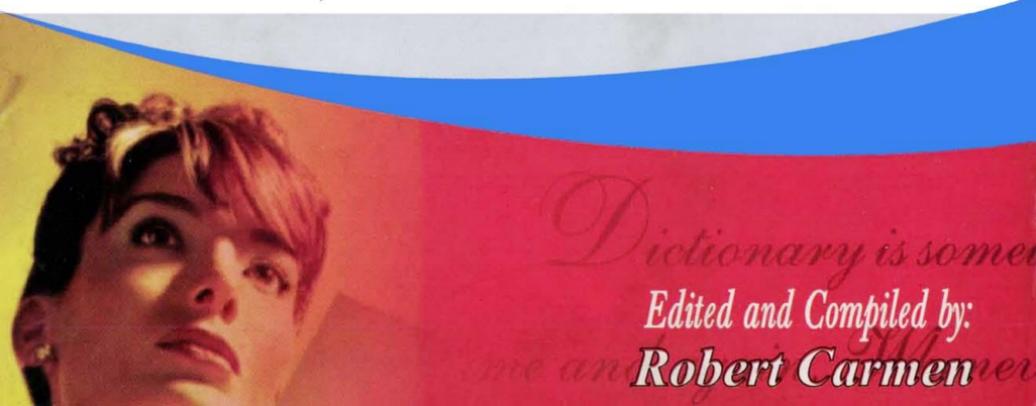


SPOKEN ENGLISH

Flourish Your Language



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COMMON ERRORS

While speaking people make common errors. To help you avoid those common errors below are given some examples. These will help you to avoid the common pitfalls.

Incorrect: John is kindness, so many people want to chat with him.

Correct: John is *so* kind *that* many people want to chat with him.

Incorrect: Had you come to Korea? Randy

Correct: Have you ever been to Korea, Randy?

Incorrect: Chan, are your work busy?

Correct: Chan, do you have a busy job?

Incorrect: I am going *to* a picnic.

Correct: I am going *on* a picnic.

Incorrect: I am a bit in a hurry.

Correct: I am in a bit of a hurry.

Incorrect: Ah Ling, What is Hong Kong interesting.

Correct: Ah Ling, What is in Hong Kong interesting?

Incorrect: I'll date her out this Saturday.

Correct: I'll take her out on a date this Saturday.

Incorrect: My house is to ten minute of her.

Correct: It is a ten-minute drive from my house to hers.

Incorrect: I had told you I am from China.

Correct: I have told you before that I am from China.

Incorrect: How do you think to learn the English?

Correct: What is your point on learning English?

Incorrect: Would you please don't ask me this question, OK?

Correct: Would you please not ask me this question, OK?

Incorrect: I'm heard music.

Correct: I am listening to some music now.

Incorrect: I am come from China.

Correct: I am from China/ I come from China.

Incorrect: OK, I will see you late!

Correct: OK, I will see you later!

Incorrect: I wish I have...

Correct: I wish I had....

Incorrect: I am going to watch the cinema tonight.

Correct: I am going to a movie tonight.

Incorrect: I am difficult to learn English.

Correct: It is difficult for me to learn English.

Incorrect: I still so surprise we were born in same day.

Correct: I am so surprised that we were born on the same day.

Incorrect: Is there some topic talk about?

Correct: Is there any topic to talk about?

Incorrect: Give me a favour!

Correct: Please do me a favour!

Incorrect: I don't understand the meaning what you say...

Correct: I don't understand the meaning of what you said....

Incorrect: There are not anything wrong...

Correct: There is nothing wrong....

Incorrect: Why not come yesterday?

Correct: Why didn't you come yesterday?

Incorrect: What hobby do you like?

Correct: What is your hobby?

Incorrect: Almost people here I never met before.

Correct: Almost all the people here are strangers to me.

Incorrect: You must be quite a character.

Correct: You are quite a character

Incorrect: In fact, Billy really owns some personality to be a VIP.

Correct: In fact, Billy really has what it takes to be a VIP.

Incorrect: Just now my connection have problem...

Correct: I just had a connection problem.....

Incorrect: Joei, maybe I will sleepless after I saw his pic !

Correct: Joei, I may be sleepless tonight after seeing his picture!

Incorrect: I am so boring today, please bring me fun.

Correct: I feel so bored today, please say something funny.

Incorrect: Judy: Tom sent his pic to me for long time ago.

Correct: Judy: Tom sent me his picture a long time ago.

Incorrect: You can try it more

Correct: You can try a few times

Incorrect: He went *to* abroad to further his study.

Correct: He went abroad to further his study.

Incorrect: Because that can let me more to be clear about your talk.

Correct: Because that can help me to understand what you said better.

Incorrect: Do you live there from the day your born.

Correct: Have you lived there since birth?

Incorrect: You are very learned.

Correct: You are very knowledgeable.

Incorrect: I am sorry, my computer have the problem.

Correct: I am sorry, there is a problem with my computer.

Incorrect: Today, I'll wash my cat.

Correct: I'll give my cat a bath today.

Incorrect: How many days left for you to quit your position?

Correct: How many days are left *before* you quit your job?

Correct: How many days are left *until* you quit your job?

Incorrect: Well, now my connection have problem.

Correct: Well, I have some problems with my connection now.

Incorrect: I writed the sentences yours down ... Maggie.

Correct: I have written down your sentences, Maggie.

Incorrect: Did Thailand come into rain season?

Correct: Is it the rainy season in Thailand?

Incorrect: Well, Peter!!! You must not a material boy, that is my kind too.

Correct: Well, Peter!!! You are not a materialistic person like me.

Incorrect: I'm so much pleasing to talk with you.

Correct: I'm so pleased/happy to talk with you.

Incorrect: But I had sent it for 3 days.

Correct: But I sent it 3 days ago.

Incorrect: How is going everything?

Correct: How is everything going?

Incorrect: I don't know how speak it in English.

Correct: I don't know how to say it in English.

Incorrect: How many mountains exist in China?

Correct: How many mountains are there in China?

Incorrect: How was your sleeping yesterday? Judy

Correct: Did you have a good sleep yesterday, Judy?

Incorrect: You're not get used to it, I guess

Correct: You're not used to it, I guess

Incorrect: He is trying to look cute to make himself forgiven.

Correct: He is trying to get away with it by looking cute.

Incorrect: Chen, you are informed. Thanks for your information.

Correct: Chen, you are informative. Thanks for your information.

Incorrect: Why are you come here so often?

Correct: Why do you come here so often?

Incorrect: Are you born in Malaysia?

Correct: Were you born in Malaysia?

Incorrect: Why don't stay more time here?

Correct: Why don't you stay a little longer?

Incorrect: He was in a hospital and he is recently out of it.

Correct: He was discharged from the hospital recently.

Incorrect: I'm also from China, but I'm live in Philippines now.

Correct: I'm also from China, but I'm living in the Philippines now.

Incorrect: But chat room of teacher with this chat room are difference. Right?

Correct: But there is difference between the teacher's chat room and this chat room, right?

Incorrect: If *oneday* I am good in English, I would definitely admit it.

Correct: If *someday* I am good at English, I will definitely admit to it.

Incorrect: I have not 2 years meet him

Correct: I haven't met him for 2 years.

Incorrect: It is simply unimaginable *on* me not to fight back.

Correct: It is simply unimaginable *to* me not to fight back.

Incorrect: I hate my boss, I feel like kicking on his butt.

Correct: I hate my boss, I feel like kicking his butt.

Incorrect: I do not like English, so, I will go out here.

Correct: I don't like English, so I am leaving here now.

Incorrect: This is the last time I went there, as the doctor has unravel the stitches.

Correct: It was the last time that I had to go there as the doctor took out the stitches.

Incorrect: Derek, why are you come and go say nothing to us?

Correct: Derek, why did you come and go without saying anything to us?

Incorrect: I must to say that your's English is perfect. How did you learn it?

Correct: I must say that your English is perfect. How did you learn it?

Incorrect: I want to talk someone.

Correct: I want to talk to someone.

Incorrect: You are right. Just now I have leisure. Peter

Correct: You are right. I was free just now, Peter

Incorrect: I'm very sorry for yesterday, but my chief returned and I must to leave the chatroom at once.

Correct: I am sorry for my abrupt exit yesterday because my boss suddenly turned up.

Incorrect: I didn't say bye *for* you yesterday, please don't be angry.

Correct: I didn't say bye *to* you yesterday, please don't be angry.

Incorrect: Betty, are you investing *on* stock market?

Correct: Betty, are you investing *in* the stock market?

Incorrect: Can you join me the talk?

Correct: Can I join in the talk?

Incorrect: We have full off and half off on Sunday.

Correct: We are given the option to work either full or half day on Sunday.

Incorrect: Kelvin, don't be so *jealousy*!

Correct: Kelvin, don't be so *jealous*!

Incorrect: The china is coming into rainy weather.

Correct: China is in rainy season now.

Incorrect: All these three cities are similar warm as Malaysia.

Correct: All three of these cities are as warm as Malaysia.

Incorrect: What time of a day now in your country?

Correct: What is the time now in your country?

Incorrect: Comes to think of it, it sounds right!

Correct: Come to think of it, it does sound right!

Incorrect: Last one typhoon let person 4 hundred million damage.

Correct: The latest typhoon has cost the people 400 million damage.

Incorrect: But I'm illiterature computer....

Correct: But I'm a computer illiterate....

Incorrect: I can't follow you two talk now.

Correct: I can't follow what both of you are talking about.

Incorrect: You must know she is jealous very much.

Correct: You must know that she is jealous by nature.

Incorrect: Seems nothing changed to me ...

Correct: It seems that nothing has changed to me...

Incorrect: Will she come to there soon?

Correct: She will go there soon, won't she?

Incorrect: Today is very slow.

Correct: The connection is slow today.

Incorrect: But you know a lot about computer, isn't it? I know nothing at all about it!

Correct: But you know a lot about computer, don't you? I myself know nothing about it!

Incorrect: The sales of light arms is the main cause of heavy casualty in conflicting nations.

Correct: The sale of light arms to conflicting nations is the main cause of heavy casualties.

Incorrect: Why you want to know more about me? I am just a small people.

Correct: Why do you want to know more about me? I am a nobody.

Incorrect: Make sure that it is a high *pay* job.

Correct: Make sure that it is a high *paying* job.

Incorrect: I wonder if there is a comment on the certificate by GE about how *good* a student perform in the course?

Correct: I wonder if there is a comment on the certificate by GE about how *well* a student performs in the course?

Incorrect: We have lots of rain, because we're in monsoon season.

Correct: There is a lot of rain here as we are in monsoon season now.

Incorrect: How much is the temperature?

Correct: What is the temperature?

Incorrect: Don't feel anger with me!!! I'm just kidding.

Correct: Don't be mad at me!!! I'm just kidding.

Incorrect: Kitty, your honey was left just now because I told him you will coming soon.

Correct: Kitty, your honey *has* just left as I told him you would be coming soon.

Incorrect: I am a Chinese and have been abroad 10 years.

Correct: I am Chinese and have been in abroad for 10 years.

Incorrect: OK, tell me how does he like?

Correct: OK, tell me what he looks like?

Incorrect: I think you should go to abroad find a job make your life a little bit changed.

Correct: I think you should *go abroad* to find a job and make your life a little bit different for a change.

Incorrect: Lilian is living far away with China.

Correct: Lilian is living far away from China.

Incorrect: I am sure not even one man can control himself if he meet this kind of situation.

Correct: I doubt that there is even one man who can control himself in this situation.

Incorrect: Are you a saler, Alvin?

Correct: Are you a salesman, Alvin?

Incorrect: The team bring a lot of happy for football fan in the world but now I doubtful them.

Correct: The team used to bring a lot of fun to the soccer fans in the world but I am doubtful of them now.

Incorrect: Which kind of car?

Correct: What type of car?

Incorrect: I think your express will have a little difficult, but that is a lucky thing, I can understand you.

Correct: I think you have difficulty in expressing your idea. Luckily, I can understand you.

Incorrect: How are you this week?

Correct: How have you been this week?

Incorrect: I know you are good in computer and English.

Correct: I know you are good at computers/computing and English.

Incorrect: I think your qualification will surely make you open a computer or English training centre.

Correct: I think you can open up a computer or English training centre with your qualifications.

Incorrect: I am no *exceptional*.

Correct: I am no *exception*.

Incorrect: My telephone conversation with you for past one and half week has made me feel you as a very firm character.

Correct: Having telephoned with you for one week, I think you have a very firm/strong character.

Incorrect: It is easy or not get visa?

Correct: Is it easy to get visa?

Incorrect: I wonder why are you keep study after graduated high school?

Correct: I wonder why you keep studying after graduation from high school?

Incorrect: He will be great help for you.

Correct: He will be of great help to you.

Incorrect: Am I a simple girl and has not any brains?

Correct: Am I a naive lady who doesn't have intelligence?

Incorrect: What sport are you interest?

Correct: What sports are you interested in?

Incorrect: Can you tell me when are you birthday date?

Correct: Can you tell me when your birthday is?

Incorrect: Should we continuous our speak in English language?

Correct: Shall we continue speaking in English?

Incorrect: Do you like your female staff flirted you when you be a boss?

Correct: Would you mind if your staff flirted with you if you were the boss?

Incorrect: Where is the students come from?

Correct: Where do the students come from?

Incorrect: I wonder have you be teacher before?

Correct: I wonder if you were a teacher before?

Incorrect: How long does the news?

Correct: How long does the news last?

Incorrect: We better don't tell anothers.

Correct: We had better not tell others.

Incorrect: I am worry about your English level will getting worse if you talk to me only.

Correct: I am worried that your English will get worse if you only talk to me.

Incorrect: Come to here is more easy for you.

Correct: If you come here it will be easier for you.

Incorrect: Are they supported by Taliban or Iran.

Correct: Are they supported by *the* Taliban or Iran.

Incorrect: I was/got cancelled our date by her?

Correct: She cancelled the date.

Incorrect: I will read it today night.

Correct: I will read it tonight.

Incorrect: What does different between ‘ seems ‘ and ‘ seem ‘?

Correct: What is the difference between ‘ seems ‘ and ‘ seem ‘?

Incorrect: Then I was left this company found a another job.

Correct: Then I left this company and found another job.

Incorrect: I am the only one graduated from high school.

Correct: I am the only one graduating from high school.

Incorrect: She told me there is no another way

Correct: She told me there was no other way.

Incorrect: In fact I want my life had a little bit changed.

Correct: In fact I want to have some change in my life.

Incorrect: Oh, he has the same car with yours?

Correct: Oh, he has the same car like yours?

Incorrect: I have been many places in Beijing. I like this city so much.

Correct: I have been to many places in Beijing. I like this city very much.

Incorrect: There are many *softwares* available these days for various purposes.

Correct: There is a lot of *software* available these days for various purposes.

Incorrect: Let me check your pic again see how is your beautiful eyes looks like. ahha

Correct: Let me take a look at your pic again and see how beautiful your eyes look like. Haha

Incorrect: I am living at Canada now and working as a sales.

Correct: I am living in Canada now and working in sales.

Incorrect: How do you think my idea?

Correct: What do you think of my idea?

Incorrect: Am I complete right?

Correct: Am I completely right?

Incorrect: Could you correct me this letter?

Correct: Would you correct this letter for me?

Incorrect: Thanks, I no longer need to wait for anyone else's opinion anymore.

Correct: Thanks, I no longer need to wait for anyone else's opinion.