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## Test Your Grammar Skills

### Mistakes that English Native Speakers Make 2

*Believe it or not, English native speakers sometimes make mistakes when using their own language! To find them, simply read a daily newspaper regularly or check out some of the leaflets at an English Tourist Information Centre or library! Identify one mistake in each sentence below and write the letter of the category that it belongs to out of the following:*

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|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| A. apostrophes       | B. articles | C. capital letters        |
| D. clumsy style      | E. commas   | F. extra or missing words |
| G. spelling mistakes |             |                           |

1. Its worth asking about our amazing offers!
2. This ticket is valid for any friday or Saturday in December.
3. A few months a go I was earning £650 per month for 30 hours per week. Since then my salary has doubled.
4. Have you read Bridget Jones Diary?
5. Jennifer Jameson, our accountant is due to retire at the end of next month.
6. Do you know how many Eurpean countries have signed up to the single currency?
7. He's a spy, a con-man, a lover and a theif. Now he's back for another gripping adventure.
8. The new Ford Focus is in a different class from all the former ones which have gone before it.
9. You are welcome to join us in church for a Easter celebration.
10. The information about Richard and Tina's originated from reliable sources.
11. Every monday night is party night at McCoy's.
12. Become a teaching assistant and make a real difference to a childs life.
13. You can find us on St. Johns Street, near the post office.
14. Children under 8 years old must be with accompanied by an adult.
15. SALE! Robbie William's latest album is half-price for a limited time only.
16. We will be open allday on Sunday.
17. Our stores are now open everyday of the week.
18. You are what you et, or so they say.
19. Half of the managers were the proposals and half were against. It was an even split.
20. This car has got the lot – Style, speed and a dazzling array of extras.

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How the sentences **should** read:

1. **It's** worth asking about our amazing offers! (A)
2. This ticket is valid for any **Friday** or Saturday in December. (C)
3. A few months **ago** I was earning £650 per month for 30 hours per week. Since then my salary has doubled. (G)
4. Have you read Bridget **Jones's** Diary? (A)
5. Jennifer Jameson, **our accountant**, is due to retire at the end of next month. (E)
6. Do you know how many **European** countries have signed up to the single currency? (G)
7. He's a spy, a con-man, a lover and a **thief**. Now he's back for another gripping adventure. (G)
8. The new Ford Focus is in a different class from **[fewer words, e.g. its predecessors]**. (D)
9. You are welcome to join us in church for **an** Easter celebration. (B)
10. The information about Richard and Tina's **[missing word or words, e.g. business]** originated from reliable sources. (F)
11. Every **Monday** night is party night at McCoy's. (C)
12. Become a teaching assistant and make a real difference to a **child's** life. (A)
13. You can find us on **St. John's** Street, near the post office. (A)
14. Children under 8 years old must be **[extra word: with]** accompanied by an adult. (F)
15. SALE! Robbie **Williams's** latest album is half-price for a limited time only. (A)
16. We will be open **all day** on Sunday. (G)
17. Our stores are now open **every day** of the week. (G)
18. You are what you **eat**, or so they say. (G)
19. Half of the managers were **[missing word, e.g. for]** the proposals and half were against. It was an even split. (F)
20. This car has got the lot – **style**, speed and a dazzling array of extras. (C)

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