

COURSE NAME: B.A.L.L.B
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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

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TOPIC: Common Error

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1.Incorrect: Myself I am Suresh Sharma.

Correct: I am Suresh Sharma.

(While introducing oneself, it is usually observed that the users mix up both the possessive pronoun 'myself' and the subject pronoun 'I'.)

2.Incorrect: I am having four brothers and three sisters.

Correct: I have four brothers and three sisters.

(Present continuous tense cannot be used for pragmatic situations such as this. Simple present tense should be used.)

3.Incorrect: He do not have a laptop.

Correct: He does not have a laptop.

(Do not should not be used after the subject pronoun (He, She, It).)

4.Incorrect: Does she has a car?

Correct: Does she have a car?

The helping verb does is used at the beginning and the main verb have denotes possession or ownership.

5.Incorrect: (Question) "Today office is there?" (Answer) "No office is not there. Today is Bharat bandh."

7. Correct: (Question) "Is today a working day?" OR "Are we working today?" (Answer) "Yes we are working today or no we are not working today."

8.Incorrect: That only, she is very arrogant.

Correct: That was what I said. She is very arrogant.

Saying "That only" was the wrong way to emphasize what the speaker has already said.

9.Incorrect: Last before year she got very good marks. **Correct:** Year before last she got good marks.

Phrases that can be used: Month before last, Day before last, Week before last.

10.Incorrect: He did not wrote the test last week.

Correct: He did not write the test last week.

The helping verb 'did' is followed by the present tense of the verb and not the past tense form.

11.Incorrect: What is the time in your watch?

Correct: What is the time by your watch?

12.Incorrect: Our classroom is in the 2nd floor.

Correct: Our classroom is on the 2nd floor.

13.Incorrect: The price of this mobile phone is higher than yours.

Correct: The price of this mobile phone is higher than that of yours.

While comparing two individuals/things than is followed by the pronoun that.

14.Incorrect: His son-in-laws have come home.

Correct: His sons-in-law have come home.

In plural form, it is always mothers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law.

15.Incorrect: He has white hairs.

Correct: He has grey hair.

(All the hair on one's head is considered uncountable and so, "hairs" is almost always incorrect.)

16.Incorrect: I prefer coffee than tea.

Correct: I prefer coffee to tea.

'Prefer' is always followed by the preposition 'to'.

17. Incorrect: The two best things about the party was the food and the music.

Correct: The two best things about the party were the food and the music.

18. Incorrect: An important part of my life have been the people who stood by me.

Correct: An important part of my life has been the people who stood by me.

19. Incorrect: He gave his mother an extravagant gift after the argument. In spite of everything.

Correct: In spite of everything, he gave his mother an extravagant gift after the argument.

20. Incorrect: The boys snuck home late that night. Then waited for the consequences.

Correct: The boys snuck home late that night, then waited for the consequences.

21. Incorrect: I don't believe its finally Friday.

Correct: I don't believe it's (it is) finally Friday.

22. Incorrect: The cat was licking it's tail.

Correct: The cat was licking its tail.

23. Incorrect: While walking on the sidewalk, Mary found a sparkly girl's bracelet.

Correct: While walking on the sidewalk, Mary found a girl's sparkly bracelet.

24. Incorrect: After finally setting off on the trail, the morning felt more exciting.

Correct: After finally setting off on the trail, he felt the morning was more exciting.

25. Incorrect: She tried to sneak out of the house her mother saw her leaving.

Correct: She tried to sneak out of the house, but her mother saw her leaving.

26.Incorrect: He ran through the field as fast as he could all the while rain was soaking him to the bone.

Correct: He ran through the field as fast as he could. All the while rain was soaking him to the bone.

27. Incorrect: She tried to quickly finish the book before she had to leave.

Correct: She tried to finish the book quickly before she had to leave.

28. Incorrect: He wanted to gradually improve his strength by increasing the weight.

Correct: He wanted to improve his strength gradually by increasing the weight.

29. Incorrect: I have **a good news** for you.

Correct: I have **good news** for you

30. Incorrect: Worry kills more **the men** than work.

Correct: Worry kills more **men** than work.

31. Incorrect: We learn not **at the school**, but in life.

Correct: We learn not **at school**, but in life.

32. Incorrect: He sent **a word** that he would come soon.

Correct: He sent **word** that he would come soon.

33.Incorrect: I have read **the Shakespeare's King Lear**.

Correct: I have read **Shakespeare's King Lear**.

34.Incorrect: You cannot set **a foot** in this house.

Correct: You cannot set **foot** in this house.

35. Incorrect: It's not good to **go to the bed** late.

Correct: It's not good to **go to bed** late.

36. Incorrect: He is **Daniel** in judgment.

Correct: He is **a Daniel** in judgment.

37. Incorrect: It was **tough decision** to make.

Correct: It was **a tough decision** to make.

38.Incorrect: A little spark kindles **great fire**.

Correct: A little spark kindles **a great fire**.

39. Incorrect: The clock has **struck seven hours**.

Correct: The clock has **struck seven**.

40. Incorrect: There is no **place** in the hall.

Correct: There is no **room** in the hall.

41. Incorrect: We came by **the 4:30 o'clock train**.

Correct: We came by **the 4:30 train**.

42. Incorrect: He left with his **belonging luggage**.

Correct: He left with his **luggage**.

43. Incorrect: I gladly **avail of** your offer.

Correct: I gladly **avail myself of** your offer.

44. Incorrect: I cannot cope up with this pressure.

Correct: I cannot cope with this pressure.

(The meaning of the verb cope is to manage. 'Cope' is followed by the preposition 'with', and never followed by 'up'.)

45. Incorrect: I came to office by walk.

Correct: I came to office on foot.

(We can say "by car", "by bike", "by bus", "by train" and "by flight". However, we cannot say "by walk", as it is the "foot" which is being used to travel and not "walk".)