Error Correction Worksheet

Do you see any errors?

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Can you find and correct the common mistakes speakers make?

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7. I’m lawyer, but I also teach English sometimes.
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9. It was a good party, no?
10. Do you know Africa?
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19. I was in New York the last week.
20. The French food is delicious.
21. My birthday is on January.
22. He likes read books and play the guitar.
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24. Can you borrow me a book please?
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26. She drinks much coffee every day.
27. I practice football every Saturday.
28. He doesn’t have nothing to do.
29. I like dancing a lot of on the weekend.
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Correcting mistakes

**Exercise 1**
Dear Stephanie

How are you? I'm very well. I came in London two weeks ago for to study at a language school.
I want ___learn English because ___ is a very important language. I stay with a English family called Bennett. They have two son and a daugther. Mr Bennett is ___ teacher, and Mrs Bennett work in a hospital.
English people is very kind, but they speak very quickly!

I study in the morning. My teachers name is Ann. She said me my English is OK, but I do a lot of mistakes. Ann don't give us too much homework, so in the afternoons I go always sightseeing. London is much more big then my town. I like very much painting, and I'm very interesting for modern art, so I visit galleries and museums. I have met a girl called Christina. She came from Greece and she have a lovely flat near Regent's Park. Last night we go to the cinema, but the film wasn't very exiting. Do you like to visit me in London? Why don't you come for a weekend? Write to me soon. I'd love to see you.

Love
Kathy

**Exercise 2**

- If you're not listening to the radio, turn off it.
- She took off her jacket.
- A babysitter is a person which look after children while parents are out.
- I like eat but I don't like cook.
- I'm look forward baby-sit while we were at the cinema.
- It was an excited idea.
- It has been raining for 3 o'clock.
- We hope you will get up your illness very soon.
- She can't stand travel.
- My brother is afraid working with computers.
*Find the mistakes and correct them.*

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We walked out of Harbourfront like two silly guy with suitcase. We have no idea where could we find the MRT station. Luckily, I saw Indian security guard and ask them where could we find the nearest MRT. I am quite shock because he spoke very fastly. I hardly catch a single word. Honestly, I do not really understand what did he say, in fact, I just looked to his gestures when he pointed the way we need to go.

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Jon’s Daily Routine

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<td>1</td>
<td>Our relationship has begun two years ago and now I know him very well, but I must to be frank, at first I was only interested in his looks. He has black short hair and brown eyes. He isn't very tall but he's more tall than me. I don't think is particularly good-looking, but he has something that make him a special person to me.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>He has a character very complex. He's usually very sweet and kind to me and always listens my problems but he gets hungry very quickly, especially with his parents. This is because he has a stressful work and he is always tired. He's generous to everyone he knows, but sometime he's too much generous and his friends take advantage of him.</td>
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<td>But the worse thing about Francesco is his jealousy. If I just look at another man he goes mad. He would like marry me, but I say him that I'll only marry him if he learns to trust me.</td>
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**MY FIRST JOB**

I am only 19 **years**, so I have not had much experience of work, but

last year I **have worked** for two days at a **trade fair** in Rome.

1. My brother work for a big company in Rome that makes tractors and

2. other agricultural equipment and he said me that his company was

3. looking for young women to work like sales representatives at the

4. trade fair. He asked me if I would like **apply** for the job. I said that I

5. would, and the next day I went **to the company** for a interview.

6. The interview has been very strange because the interviewers

7. **not ask** me questions about my school, or my work experience.

8. They only asked me questions like this: ‘How tall you are? How

9. much do you weigh?’. I was very surprised by this questions but

10. I really wanted **have the job**, so I answered them very politely.

11. A few days later, the company telephoned to me and offered me the

12. job. They said that I should arrive to the fair at 7am the next day and

   go directly to the company’s stand.

13. The next morning I went to the stand, where I met other two girls.

14. Then arrived the company person and he gave us all bikinis and told

15. us to put on them. Our job was to lie on the tractors in sexy poses. I

   was very angry and refused to do it so that was the end of my first job!
ERROR CORRECTION EXERCISE 4

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Dear Carlo,

I’m very sorry I couldn’t come to the your leaving party last night, but I had a terrible stomach ache so I went to the doctor’s. I had to wait two hours for to see her because a lot of other people were there, but the doctor gave to me some medicine and I feel fine now. I hope you like your new job when you will get back to Italy. When you have a time please write and give me your new address so I can write to you. I would like that to keep in touch with you.

I think we all enjoyed our English class and I hope we have been all passed the exam. However, I don’t think of Jorge wanted to pass the exam because he wants to stay in London with his new girlfriend, Maria. If he fails the exam, and his company will pay for him to stay at the school and take the exam again. He said me he was in love!

I’m going to stay in London for two more weeks so I can to visit all the places I haven’t seen yet. Then I’m going to go back to Moscow. I hope you have had a great party yesterday and I hope we can meet again some day in the future. I’ll miss everyone which I met at the school but it’ll be much nice to see my home and family again.

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<td>When I have used a spoon to get the spaghetti around the fork, she told</td>
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<td>me not to do. But apart from these basic rules, eating spaghetti is easy.</td>
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<td>First, only use a spoon if the pasta is in a soup or if it is very small pasta</td>
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<td>in a sauce. For long thin pasta you have must to be more careful.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>If you’re eating spaghetti, should mix it with the sauce. If all the</td>
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<td>spaghetti is coated in sauce, it is more easier to lift a few strings at a time.</td>
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<td>Then push the pasta to the side of your plate to make space. Turn the</td>
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<td>fork so you have a mouthful on it which it is not to big. When the</td>
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<td>forkful is tidy, put it into your mouth. Don’t let the spaghetti hang out.</td>
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<td>You must never cut pasta with a knife. If you want, you can to break</td>
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The first three are examples.

**WHY MY TEACHER IS THE BEST IN BRITAIN**

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| I am dyslexic, and I think the most best teacher in Britain is the teacher,         | *most*
| Mrs Davies, who helps me with my problems. She is the best teacher v               |    |
| because she understands the things what I find difficult.                           | *what*
| 1 She never shouts at me or tells to me I am lazy or careless if I can’t            |    |
| 2 spell a word. She just shows me the my mistake and asks me if I can correct it by myself. She always gives me a lots of time to do this. |    |
| 4 Mrs Davies never laughs at me, only with me. For instance, I find                |    |
| 5 it much difficult to tell the difference between a “b” and a “d” but Mrs Davies never laughs at the funny mistakes I make, like writing |    |
| 6 does not never laugh at the funny mistakes I make, like writing ‘baddy’ instead of ‘daddy’. She just tries to find special ways of helping me remember the letters which give to me problems. |    |
| 7 Although Mrs Davies is very kind and patient she only praises me when the work I have do is good. If I give her a piece of work that is not very good, she doesn’t get cross but she says me that she thinks I can to do it better if I concentrate and try really hard. |    |
| 13 So when Mrs Davies says “Well done!” after that I have given her a composition or a letter, I feel really pleased because of I know she understands that I have tried really hard to do my best. |    |
There is one mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it:

1. Isn’t that your brother’s girlfriend car over there in front of John’s house?
2. My children don’t have to go to the school tomorrow as it’s a holiday.
3. I think this chocolate mousse would be more nice if you put a bit more sugar in it.
4. I wanted to buy the book but it was enough expensive so I got it out of the library instead.
5. My boyfriend doesn’t like go to the disco because he isn’t any good at dancing.
6. I have been to London in 1999 and I enjoyed myself very much.
8. My family is composed of four people, my mother, my father, my brother and myself.
9. My mother has to go to the hospital to have an operation on her leg.
10. I went to the church on Sunday because I wanted to go to Mass.
11. I want to open a window for let some fresh air into this room.
12. My husband is unemployed at the moment, but he would like a job as computer programmer.
13. I’m work in a restaurant at the moment but I’d like a more interesting job.
14. This party is really boring. I’m tired and I want go home.
15. I’m afraid we’ll have to get the bus. I haven’t the car with me.
There are two mistakes in each of the following sentences

1. It happened to me a terrible thing while I have been on holiday last summer.
2. My brother is a teacher for three years but he doesn't like her school.
3. In the morning she wake up and has the breakfast.
4. It was a film very violent and I no liked it very much.
5. The party is at the my house and will be there all my friends.
6. What you do think about these beautifuls flowers?
7. I like very much watching videos in English and I think is a good way of improving my listening comprehension.
8. I love go to foreign countries because it's interesting to know about different ways of life.
9. I waited my boyfriend for 2 hours and then it was too much late so I went home.
10. When I arrived to the airport I telephoned to my parents.
11. The dog of my friend was ill so she brought it to the vet.
12. I had a very nice travel to France and talked to a lot of interesting persons on the train.
13. He said me that he was from Fondi, a country in Lazio.
14. When I finish university I would work like an air hostess for Alitalia, but I know this is just a dream.
15. My parents don't want that I go on holiday whit my boyfriend.
There is one mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it:

1. I have had a good time at the disco last night.
2. My English teacher lives in Italy for fifteen years.
3. Have you known your friend since a long time?
4. What will you do when you’ll finish university?
5. My husband work in an insurance agency.
6. I didn’t like the concert very much, so I left early.
7. Where you did go last night? I looked everywhere for you.
8. He hasn’t a job at the moment but he’s looking for one.
9. I hate get up early in the morning, especially when it’s raining.
10. It’s very nice to have a little sleep after have lunch.
11. I have never tried Japanese food but I would eat it very much.
12. Do you want go to the cinema with me this evening?
13. My parents don’t want that I go on holiday by myself.
14. People in Italy must to carry an identity card with them at all times.
15. I’m afraid I don’t have the informations that you wanted.
16. I think that being a flight attendant would be a terrible work.
17. Our travel from England back to Italy was very long and tiring.
18. At the station some foreign persons were trying to find a policeman.
19. This is one of the worst disco I’ve ever been to.
20. My brother works in a shop but he hates your job and wants to find a new one.
21. I can’t stand queuing at the post office because is so boring.
22. At the party I met the boss of my mother, who is really very nice.
23. The table’s cloth was very dirty, so I changed it.
24. At the beach I couldn’t see the my family anywhere, as it was so crowded.
25. In the meantime, my parents, which were very worried, had called the police.
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1. He plays the piano enough well, but he should practise a little bit more often.
2. I always love my husband even though he is often very cruel to me.
3. It’s more sunny today than yesterday but it isn’t as windy.
4. Why are you so late? I’ve been waiting you since half past three.
5. I like listening the radio while I’m having a bath.
6. I telephoned to my parents to ask them to come and get me at the station.
7. When he arrived to the station, there was nobody there to meet him.
8. When I went in the USA last year I had such a wonderful time.
9. Gianni is the most intelligent boy of the class but he’s also the laziest.
10. I would really like to work like a flight attendant for an airline like Alitalia.
11. There were stalls selling all kinds of things as toys, sweets, Christmas decorations and so on.
12. I took my dog to the vet for have an anti-rabies injection.
13. I never usually have anything for the breakfast as I don’t like eating in the morning.
14. The man went to the prison for fifteen years for armed robbery.
15. When I leave school I would like to go to the university.
16. I went to the Vasco Rossi concert by my friend’s car.
17. The money is very important but it can’t buy you happiness.
18. The last time the Vesuvius erupted was in 1944, during World War II.
19. When people ask me what nationality I am, I say I’m an European.
20. My mother hasn’t got a job, but my father is porter in an elementary school.
21. When I go on holiday I prefer staying in an hotel to staying on a camping site.
22. What will you do if you will miss the last bus home after the party?
23. I went to Britain to work last year but I didn’t stay very long as I was been very homesick.
24. Will you stop telling me all these lies? I want that you tell me the truth!
25. I think The Dark Side of the Moon is one of Pink Floyd’s best album.
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1. I met a very good-looking young at the party, whose name was Massimo.
2. The book was much expensive so I didn’t buy it.
3. There isn’t much water left in the fridge, but there’s lot of orange juice.
4. I made a lot of stupids mistakes in the exam because I was in such a panic.
5. At the market you can buy all kind of vegetables and lots of different fruit.
6. The beach was too much crowded so we decided to go somewhere else.
7. He hasn’t gone home – he’s always there, waiting for you.
8. He isn’t enough old to go on holiday by himself, according to his parents.
9. Why don’t we go to the pizzeria on the corner? It’s more near home than the other one.
10. Can we watch something else? I already have seen this film.
11. My sister is very fatter than me and she isn’t as tall as me either.
12. I think I’ll buy this book. It’s a bit expensive but it looks enough interesting.
13. Why are you so late? I have waited for you from an hour!
14. The Fiddler’s Elbow is one of the nicest pub in Rome.
15. The travel from Rome to Milan took us more than five hours.
16. As soon as I’ll get home, I’m going to have a nice hot bath.
17. Before to go out, I watered the plants and fed the cat.
18. My parents don’t want that I go out with Fabio because they think he’s too old for me.
19. I could hardly breathe at all in the disco because was so full of cigarette smoke.
20. Last year I went to the USA on holiday and I have had such a good time!
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7. attentively  
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ERROR CORRECTION  
1. in (of)  
2. people (persons)  
3. mother’s (mother)  
4. a teacher (teacher)  
5. younger (more young)  
6. at school (the school)  
7. 19 years old (19 yrs)  
8. I’m studying (study)  
9. quite well (enough)  
10. very much (very)  
11. like going (go)  
12. don’t have/haven’t got (haven’t)  
13. we split up (have split up)  
14. to visit (for visit)  
15. want to get (want get)  

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2. began (has begun)  
3. I must be (to be)  
4. short black hair  
5. taller than (more tall)  
6. he is (is)  
7. that makes him (make)  
8. a very complex character  
9. listens to (listens)  
10. angry (hungry)  
11. job (work)  
12. sometimes (sometime)  
13. too generous (too much generous)  
14. the worst (the worse)  
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