

Error Correction

Below are 10 sentences that are all written incorrectly. Read each incorrect sentence, then explain why this sentence is incorrect and write the full, correct sentence.

1. She is needing a shopping bag.

EXPLANATION



She needs a shopping bag.

Need is a stative verb, so it requires the present simple tense.

CORRECTION



2. What do you do? I'm washing the car at the moment.

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



When asking about an activity happening right now, we must use the present continuous tense.

What are you doing? I'm washing the car at the moment.

3. Do you are happy?

EXPLANATION



Questions in the present simple tense that have no other verb in the sentence use the auxiliary verb to be.

CORRECTION



Are you happy?

4. I watch a good TV series at the moment.

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



A process activity that uses the time phrase "at the moment" requires the present continuous tense.

I am watching a good TV series at the moment.

5. The train is leaving at 5pm tonight.

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When talking about future events that are scheduled or timetabled, we must use the present simple tense.

CORRECTION



The train leaves at 5pm tonight.

6. He constantly tells me to tidy my room. It's very frustrating!

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



Expressing a negative emotion and using the keyword "constantly" requires the present continuous tense. He is constantly telling me to tidy my room. It's very frustrating!

7. I am having 3 younger brothers.

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



Personal information requires the present simple tense.

I have 3 younger brothers.

8. He is wishing for a good grade.

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



Stative verbs require the present simple tense.

He wishes for a good grade.

9. Do you like taking photos? Yes, I am.

EXPLANATION



The auxiliary verb in the short response must be the same as in the question. In this case, the verb to do.

CORRECTION

Do you like taking photos? Yes, I do.

10. Which event do you go to tomorrow?

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



When talking about pre-planned but not scheduled or timetabled future events, we must use the present continuous tense.

Which event are you going to tomorrow?