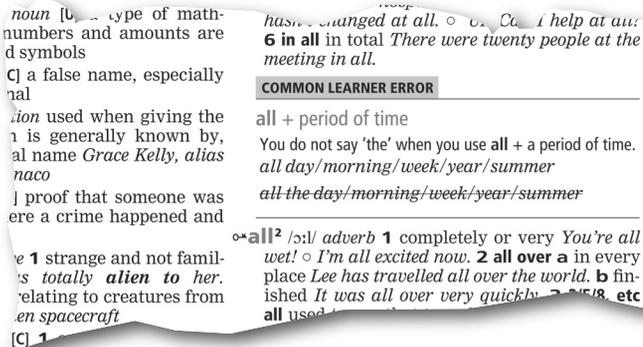


Avoiding common mistakes

The **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** has many **Common Learner Error notes** based on real mistakes from real past exam papers. These provide extra information about words which often cause problems and help you to avoid common mistakes.



A. Use the Common Learner Error notes in the **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** to correct the errors in the sentences below. The word in italics gives you a clue about which word to look for in the dictionary.

- George was very *exciting* about his first trip on an aeroplane.
- Oh dear. I forgot to *remember* Anna to take her passport to the bank.
- Keira needs some time to *think* her plans for the summer holiday.
- We had a really bad *travel* up to Edinburgh. It was snowing and windy all the way.
- I *waited* that Julio would get a place at university; he is a very gifted young man.
- We were delighted that our friends *succeeded* to sail their yacht across the Atlantic.
- Rosie has just bought a two *year* old little dog. It's adorable!
- We found an excellent *camping* in the New Forest last weekend.
- Dora was so upset she *avoided* to go out for a few days.
- José *approached* to us with a huge smile on his face.

B. Use the Common Learner Error notes to answer the following questions. The word in italics gives you a clue which word to look for in the dictionary.

- Which is used in more formal and official situations: *allow* or *let*?
- What is the past participle of the verb *get* in American English?
- Is *many* used with countable or uncountable nouns?
- Do we say: The museum is *open* or *opened* from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day?
- When should you say something is '*right*' and when should you say it is 'true'?
- Is this sentence correct: Franklin *wrote* me about a month ago?
- What is the word for the noun *shop* in American English?
- Which preposition usually follows the verb *search*?
- Is it acceptable to use *Mr*, *Mrs*, *Ms* and *Miss* on their own as a way of addressing someone?
- Which preposition usually follows *attention*?

