

Over Top 300 Mistakes Almost Students Make and How to Avoid Them

We say **much/far younger than**, (NOT ~~very~~ younger than).

He's much/far younger than I am. (*Don't say: He's ~~very~~ younger than I am.*)

Her husband is much/far older than she is. (*Don't say: Her husband is ~~very~~ older than she is.*)

Chinese is much/far more difficult than French. (*Don't say: Chinese is ~~very~~ more difficult than French.*)

We say **a journey**, (NOT ~~a~~ travel). **Travel** is uncountable.

We had a long journey through the mountains. (*Don't say: We had a long ~~travel~~ through the mountains.*)

We had a long journey by coach from the north to the south of the country. (*Don't say: We had a long ~~travel~~ by coach from the north to the south of the country.*)

I wish you a good journey! (*Don't say: I wish you a good ~~travel~~!*)

We say **a loaf of bread**, (NOT ~~a~~ bread). **Bread** is uncountable.

She bought a loaf of bread. (*Don't say: She bought ~~a~~ bread.*)

She taught me how to make a loaf of bread. (*Don't say: She taught me how to make ~~a~~ bread.*)

We say **a piece of equipment**, (NOT ~~an~~ equipment). Equipment is uncountable.

I bought a piece of equipment for my kitchen. (*Don't say: I bought ~~an~~ equipment for my kitchen.*)

The surface area of a desk is occupied by a piece of equipment. (*Don't say: The surface area of a desk is occupied by ~~an~~ equipment.*)

Describe a piece of equipment in your home. (*Don't say: Describe ~~an~~ equipment in your home.*)

We say **a piece of furniture**, (NOT ~~a furniture~~). Furniture is uncountable.

This sofa is a piece of furniture. (*Don't say: This sofa is ~~a furniture~~.*)

I bought a piece of furniture at the store. (*Don't say: I bought ~~a furniture~~ at the store.*)

A chair is a piece of furniture for one person to sit on. (*Don't say: A chair is ~~a furniture~~ for one person to sit on.*)

We say **a piece of information**, (NOT ~~an information~~). Information is uncountable.

He brought me a piece of information. (*Don't say: He brought me ~~an information~~.*)

A rumor is a piece of information that has not been verified. (*Don't say: A rumor is ~~an information~~ that has not been verified.*)

His telephone number is a piece of information. (*Don't say: His telephone number is ~~an information~~.*)

We say **a piece of advice**, (NOT ~~an advice~~). Advice is uncountable.

He gave me a piece of advice. (*Don't say: He gave me ~~an advice~~.*)

Let me give you a piece of advice. (*Don't say: Let me give you ~~an advice~~.*)

We say **a fact**, (NOT ~~a knowledge~~). Knowledge is uncountable.

Baldness is a fact of life for men. (*Don't say: Baldness is ~~a knowledge~~ of life for men.*)

I know for a fact that he was lying. (*Don't say: I know for ~~a knowledge~~ that he was lying.*)

It is a fact that the Internet makes people's lives become more convenient. (*Don't say: It is ~~a knowledge~~ that the Internet makes people's lives become more convenient.*)

We say **a piece of luck**, (NOT ~~a luck~~). Luck is uncountable.

What a piece of luck! (*Don't say: What ~~a luck~~!*)

A piece of luck happened to him. (*Don't say: ~~A luck~~ happened to him*).

We say **piece of luggage**, (NOT ~~a luggage~~). Luggage is uncountable.

A piece of luggage carried on top of a coach. (*Don't say: ~~A luggage~~ carried on top of a coach*).

Wherever Peter goes, he leaves a piece of luggage behind. (*Don't say: ~~Wherever Peter goes, he leaves a luggage~~ behind*).

At the airport she realized that she had left a piece of luggage at home. (*Don't say: ~~At the airport she realized that she had left a luggage~~ at home*).

We say **a piece of news**, (NOT ~~a news~~). News is uncountable.

I have a piece of news to tell you. (*Don't say: ~~I have a news~~ to tell you*).

I just read a piece of news about lung cancer on the website bbc.co.uk. (*Don't say: ~~I just read a news~~ about lung cancer on the website bbc.co.uk*).

We say **an experiment**, (NOT ~~a research~~). Research is uncountable.

We carried out an experiment. (*Don't say: ~~We carried out a research~~*).

A scientist performed an experiment on mice. (*Don't say: ~~A scientist performed a research~~ on mice*).

We say **a piece of rubbish**, (NOT ~~a rubbish~~). Rubbish is uncountable.

He picked up a piece of rubbish and put it in the trash can. (*Don't say: ~~He picked up a rubbish~~ and put it in the trash can*).

We pick up a piece of rubbish floating by the roadside. (*Don't say: ~~We pick up a rubbish~~ floating by the roadside*).

Everyone can pick up a piece of rubbish every day. (*Don't say: ~~Everyone can pick up a rubbish~~ every day*).

We say **a job**, (NOT ~~a work~~). Work is uncountable.

She has applied for a job at a department store. (*Don't say: ~~She has applied for a work~~ at a department store*).