

nouns).

He's bought another house. (*Don't say: He's bought another ~~houses~~.*)

Will you have another cup of tea? (*Don't say: Will you have another ~~cups~~ of tea?*).

May I have another piece of cake? (*Don't say: May I have another ~~pieces~~ of cake?*).

We use “no” to begin a sentence.

No cigarette is harmless. (*Don't say: ~~No~~t any cigarette is harmless.*)

No cigarette is allowed in the reading room. (*Don't say: ~~No~~t cigarette is allowed in the reading room.*)

No food is perfect. (*Don't say: ~~No~~t food is perfect.*)

No food is allowed to leave the cafeteria. (*Don't say: ~~No~~t food is allowed to leave the cafeteria.*)

We say **an elephant, an apple, an orange, etc.**, (NOT **a** elephant, **a** apple, **a** orange).

We saw an elephant at the zoo. (*Don't say: We saw ~~a~~ elephant at the zoo.*)

She wants an apple. (*Don't say: She wants ~~a~~ apple.*)

I eat an apple every day. (*Don't say: I eat ~~a~~ apple every day.*)

He gave his mother an orange in exchange for a piece of cake. (*Don't say: He gave his mother ~~a~~ orange in exchange for a piece of cake.*)

We say **an hour**, (NOT **a** hour).

Give me an hour. (*Don't say: Give me ~~a~~ hour.*)

I'll be back in an hour. (*Don't say: I'll be back in ~~a~~ hour.*)

We say **progress**, (NOT **a** progress). Progress is uncountable.

He has made very good progress. (Don't say: He has made **a** very good progress).

We say **weather**, (NOT **a** weather). Weather is uncountable.

Did you have good weather on your trip? (*Don't say: Did you have **a** good weather on your trip?*).

If the weather is bad, I won't go out for a walk. (*Don't say: If **a** weather is bad, I won't go out for a walk.*)

It is terrible weather today. (*Don't say: It is **a** terrible weather today.*)

We use "**the**" with the names of musical instruments.

We say **the guitar, the piano, the violin**, (NOT **guitar, piano, violin**).

Tom played the guitar and Mary played the piano. (*Don't say: Tom played the guitar and Mary played the piano.*)

He likes to play the guitar. (*Don't say: He likes to ~~play guitar~~.*)

Are you sure that Peter plays the violin well? (*Don't say: Are you sure that Peter ~~plays violin~~ well?*).

I can play the piano, the guitar and the violin. (*Don't say: I can ~~play piano, guitar and violin~~.*)

We say "**Do you like apples?**", (NOT Do you like **apple?**).

She likes butterflies because they are pretty. (*Don't say: She likes ~~butterfly~~ because they are pretty.*)

I like cats. (*Don't say: I like ~~eat~~.*)

We say **what + a/an + adj + singular countable nouns**, (NOT **what + adj + singular countable nouns**).

What a lovely house! (*Don't say: What lovely house!*).

What a big dog! (*Don't say: What big dog!*).

What a stupid man he is! (*Don't say: What stupid man he is!*).

We say **as long as I have**, (NOT as long as I ~~will~~ have).

I will learn English as long as I have time. (*Don't say: I will learn English as long as I ~~will~~ have time*).

I will study Japanese as long as I live in Japan. (*Don't say: I will study Japanese as long as I ~~will~~ live in Japan*).

I will go to London on holidays as long as I get the money. (*Don't say: I will go to London on holidays as long as I ~~will~~ get the money*).

We say **as usual**, (NOT as ~~usually~~).

Needless to say, Judy came late as usual. (*Don't say: Needless to say, Judy came late ~~as usually~~*).

As usual, he was late. (*Don't say: ~~As usually~~, he was late*).

We say **ask someone for something**, (NOT ask ~~someone something~~).

He asked me for some money. (*Don't say: He asked me some money*).

She asked him for help. (*Don't say: She asked him help*).

He asked her for a loan. (*Don't say: He asked her a loan*).

We say **ask someone to do something**, (NOT ask someone ~~do/doing~~ something).

He asked me to lend him some money. (*Don't say: He asked me ~~lend~~ him some money*).

He asked her to marry him. (*Don't say: He asked her ~~marry~~ him*).

She asked me to show her the book. (*Don't say: She asked me ~~show~~ her the book*).

We say **arrive in/at**, (NOT ask arrive ~~to~~).

I arrived in New York at 10:30 a.m. (*Don't say: I arrived ~~to~~ New York at 10:30 a.m.*).

We arrived at the hotel and booked in. (*Don't say: We arrived ~~to~~ the hotel and booked in*).