

Tom graduated last year but he still can't find a job. (*Don't say: Tom graduated last year but he still can't find ~~a work~~*).

We say **her hair is**, (NOT her ~~hair are~~). Hair is uncountable.

Her hair is very bright and golden. (*Don't say: Her hair ~~are~~ very bright and golden*).

His hair is naturally curly. (*Don't say: His hair ~~are~~ naturally curly*).

Her hair is very long. (*Don't say: Her hair ~~are~~ very long*).

We say **good health**, (NOT ~~a~~ good health). Health is uncountable.

I hope you are in good health. (*Don't say: I hope you are in ~~a~~ good health*).

My father has continued to enjoy good health in his old age. (*Don't say: My father has continued to enjoy ~~a~~ good health in his old age*).

We say **some of the students/ some students**, (NOT ~~some of students~~).

Some of the students were late for school. (*Don't say: ~~Some of students~~ were late for school*).

Some students took their own handwritten notes on the lectures. (*Don't say: ~~Some of students~~ took their own handwritten notes on the lectures*).

Some of the workers tried to talk to their bosses about being treated more fairly. (*Don't say: ~~Some of workers~~ tried to talk to their bosses about being treated more fairly*).

Some workers do these tasks for her. (*Don't say: ~~Some of workers~~ do these tasks for her*).

We say **each of my students/ each of the students/ each student**, (NOT ~~each my students/ each of students~~).

Each of his students has a different assignment to complete. (*Don't say: ~~Each his students/ each of students~~ has a different assignment to complete*).

Each student has a different assignment to complete. (*Don't say: ~~Each of students~~ has a different assignment to complete*).

Each of the students has a different assignment to complete. (*Don't say: ~~Each of students~~ has a different assignment to complete*).

We use **for** (NOT **during**) to say how long something lasts.

I have studied Japanese for 2 months. (*Don't say: I have studied Japanese ~~during~~ 2 months*).

I am on vacation for 3 weeks. (*Don't say: I am on vacation ~~during~~ 3 weeks*).

It hasn't rained for six months. (*Don't say: It hasn't rained ~~during~~ six months*).

We use **how + adjective/adverb + subject + verb**, (NOT **how + subject + verb + adjective/adverb**).

How beautiful she is! (*Don't say: ~~How she is beautiful!~~*).

How excellent you are! (*Don't say: ~~How you are excellent!~~*).

How hot the weather is! (*Don't say: ~~How the weather is hot!~~*).

We use **such a/an (+ adjective) + singular countable noun**, (NOT **a/an such (+ adjective) + singular countable noun**).

It's such a beautiful day. (*Don't say: It's ~~a-such~~ beautiful day*).

She's such a beautiful girl. (*Don't say: She's ~~a-such~~ beautiful girl*).

I've never seen such a wonderful sunset. (*Don't say: I've never seen ~~a-such~~ wonderful sunset*).

We use **such (+ adjective) + uncountable/plural noun**, (NOT **such a/an (+ adjective) + uncountable/plural noun**).

I've never seen such good things. (*Don't say: I've never seen such ~~a~~ good things*).

They are such nice people. (*Don't say: They are such ~~a~~ nice people*).

They're such friendly people that everyone likes them. (*Don't say: They're such ~~a~~ friendly people that everyone likes them*).

We use **hope/expect + to infinitive** (NOT **hope/expect + V-ing**).

I expect to read this book. (*Don't say: I expect ~~reading~~ this book*).

I hope to pass the exam. (*Don't say: I hope ~~passing~~ the exam*).

She hopes to find a job in a hospital because she is a nurse. (*Don't say: She hopes ~~finding~~ a job in a hospital because she is a nurse*).

We say **explain (something) to someone**, (NOT ~~explain (something) someone~~).

I will explain the problem to you. (*Don't say: I will ~~explain you the problem~~*).

It was difficult to explain the problem to him. (*Don't say: It was difficult to ~~explain him the problem~~*).

Explain to me why he isn't here. (*Don't say: ~~Explain me~~ why he isn't here*).

Please explain to me why you were late last night. (*Don't say: Please ~~explain me~~ why you were late last night*).

We say **drive/walk a long way to a place**, (NOT drive/walk ~~far~~ to a place).

I have to drive a long way to my office. (*Don't say: I have to drive ~~far~~ to my office*).

I usually walk a long way to work. (*Don't say: I usually walk ~~far~~ to work*).

We say **get somebody to do something**, (NOT get somebody ~~do~~ something).

It is difficult for me to get her to pronounce French words properly. (*Don't say: It is difficult for me to get her ~~pronounce~~ French words properly*).

I'll get her to phone you as soon as possible. (*Don't say: I'll get her ~~phone~~ you as soon as possible*).

We say **have/get something done**, (NOT have/get something ~~do/to do~~).

I had my house painted. (*Don't say: I had my house ~~to paint/paint~~*).

Tom had his car washed. (*Don't say: Tom had his car ~~to wash/wash~~*).

She is going to get her hair cut tomorrow. (*Don't say: She is going to get her hair ~~to cut/cut~~ tomorrow*).

We say **hear**, (NOT hear ~~to~~).

I heard footsteps behind me. (*Don't say: I ~~heard to~~ footsteps behind me*).

Can you hear me? (*Don't say: Can you ~~hear to~~ me?*).

Can you hear the rain? (*Don't say: Can you ~~hear to~~ the rain?*).

We **don't use progressive forms with "hear"**.

Can you hear me? (*Don't say: ~~Are you hearing~~ me?*)

Do you hear what I'm saying? (*Don't say: ~~Are you hearing~~ what I'm saying?*)

We say **many + plural nouns**, (NOT many + **singular** nouns).

How many brothers do you have? (*Don't say: How many ~~brother~~ do you have?*).

How many children do you have? (*Don't say: How many ~~child~~ do you have?*).

There are many tourists during the summer in Tokyo. (*Don't say: There are many ~~tourist~~ during the summer in Tokyo*).

We say **much + uncountable nouns**, (NOT much + **countable** nouns).

I had spent too much money on my vacation.

How much money did you spend on your house?

We say **If I were you, I would..**, (NOT If I **was** you, I **will**).

If I were you, I would study harder. (*Don't say: If I ~~was~~ you, I ~~will~~ study harder*).

If I were you, I would book a flight now. (*Don't say: If I ~~was~~ you, I ~~will~~ book a flight now*).

If I were you, I would give up smoking. (*Don't say: If I ~~was~~ you, I ~~will~~ give up smoking*).

To talk about the future we use **if only + subject + would + Vo**, (NOT if only + subject + **will** + Vo).

If only Tom would save money. (*Don't say: If only Tom ~~will~~ save money*).