

FIRST DRAFT (Nov 2012) – Contribute your feedback, if you like
MICHELLE'S EXAMPLE OF A LoM / LIST OF MISTAKES
Mistakes to avoid: check this list before doing your writing/speaking tasks

WRONG	RIGHT
Subject Omission	
Is wrong?	Is this wrong?
Is possible/OK to say...?	Is it possible to say...? / Can we / you say...?
Is raining? / Is very cold?	Is it raining? / Is it very cold?
Word Order (Syntax)	
I like very much chocolate	I like chocolate very much
I like very much	I like it very much
We can say...?	Can we say...? / Can you say...? / Can one say...?
What I am going to say?!	What am I...?
Subjects & Verbs (Tenses)	
She has 24 years	She is 24 (years old)
Do your mum travels a lot of?	Does your mum travel a lot?
I dancing	I'm dancing (now) I dance (I often dance, I dance on Saturdays) I like dancing
Did you went to the party?	Did you go to the party?
Are you agree? Yes, I am agree No, I am not agree	Do you agree? Yes, I agree No, I don't agree
I born in Madrid Where you born? Where were your friend born?	I was born in Madrid Where were you born? /wérweriú/ Where was your friend born?
He have to finish the report	He has to finish the report He's got to finish the report by the 28th (deadline: 28th) (advanced)
You work or you study? What do your aunt do?	What do you do? What does your aunt do?
Have you hear /hier/ the news about...? You hear the news about...?	Did you hear /hier/ the news about ...? (this morning, now it's the afternoon, ie we're in a different chunk of time) – <i>A la gallega</i> past simple, esp. in US English Have you heard /heerd/ the news about...? (today - the day is not over) (In bed, for a good night's sleep) Did you hear the news about...? (today is over)

Infinitives & Gerunds	
I like ski I'd like ski Would you like to ski (now)?	I (don't) like skiing (likes and dislikes) I'd like to be able to ski (I can't, but I'd love to learn) Would you like to ski (now)? (invitation)
You must have a shower <u>before</u> to get into the pool	You have to have a shower <u>before</u> getting into the pool You are not allowed to get into the pool <u>without</u> having had a shower first
Adjectives	
GET + [ADJ] = PROCESS It puts dark	It is getting dark
MODIFYING ADJECTIVES I can't talk to you. I'm so busy	I can't talk to you. I'm very/really busy I can't even talk to you. I'm so busy!!
"too much" that/this; "too many" those/these MODIFYING ADJECTIVES: It's too much expensive for me	That's too much for me Those are too many for me It's too expensive for me
Modals / Language Functions	
GIVING DIRECTIONS Straight! Straight! Right! Right!	Go straight on and then turn right Go straight on and then take the second right Go straight on and it's on the right Go straight on and you'll see/find it on the right
ASKING FOR GOODS/SERVICES, REQUESTS You give me that!	Can I have that, please? Can I have a packet of sanitary pads, please? Can I have a beer, please?
REQUESTS Can you borrow me your car? Lend me your car!	Can I borrow your car?
POLITE REQUESTS Please, lend me a pen!	May I borrow your pen?
POLITE REQUESTS I like a roundtrip ticket to NYC I want a ticket to London, go-come	Can I have a return ticket to London, please? I'd like a roundtrip ticket to NYC I'd like a return ticket to London
SPONTANEOUS DECISIONS. FUTURE IN PRESENT I get it! / I have a beer	I'll get it! / I'll have a beer, thank you
ASKING FOR ADVICE Do I wear the blue dress or my jeans? Should you call him? Do I call her?	Should I wear my blue dress or my jeans? Would you call him? (if you were me? - hypothetical) Should I call her?
OBLIGATION What must you to do? (In class) What must we do?	What do you have to do? (In class) What do we have to do? What have we got to do? (advanced)
OBLIGATION You must have a shower <u>before</u> to	You have to have a shower <u>before</u> getting into the pool / You've got to have a shower... (advanced)

OBLIGATION You must have a shower <u>before</u> to get into the pool	You have to have a shower before getting into the pool / You've got to have a shower... (advanced) You are not allowed to get into the pool without having had a shower first
GIVING INFORMATION You must buy the ticket there!	You can get the ticket over there (possibility "can", pointing) The tickets are sold over there (pasiva)
GIVING INFORMATION (ON A RULE/LAW, TOO) Excuse me, you must not park here VOICING WHAT A SIGN SAYS (Rarely said) You mustn't park...	Excuse me, you can't park here Excuse me, you are not allowed to park here This/That sign says 'You mustn't park here'
We must to learn English to get a better job	We have to learn English to get a better job (obligation) We should learn English to get... (strong obligation) You should learn English if you want to get a better job (advice)
Comparing	
SUPERIORITY This one is more cheaper than that one	This one is cheaper than that one
Today my dog is more happy than yesterday	Today my dog is happier than yesterday
INFERIORITY This article is less interesting that the other	This article is less interesting than the other
EQUALITY – AS + AS That T-shirt is the same than one I have	That T-shirt is (exactly) the same as one I have
Fixed language	
(Answering the phone) Here is (your name)	(Your name) speaking
Articles	
"A/AN" with OCCUPATIONS I am office worker	I am an office worker
NOUN WITH "THE" (definite article) DUE TO ACCOMPANYING DEFINING PHRASE Did you hear a news about...? Most of people in the world are bilingual & trilingual People in class are really nice (✓)	Did you hear the news about...? Most of the people in the world are The people in class are really nice
Prepositions	
On August	In August

He meet his friends every now & then! He meet with his friends every ...	He meets his friends every now and then! He meets up with this friends... (advanced)
She listens music at the weekend	She listens to music at the weekend
At the end they get married	In the end they get married /márid/ At the end of the movie you can see the Cast
Agreement	
SUBJECT-VERB: PEOPLE ARE!! People is having a hard time Most people in Catalunya is bilingual Those people from Kenia is ...	People are having a hard time Most people in Catalunya are bilingual Those people from Kenia are really nice
SUBJECT-VERB He have 30 years The teacher have forgotten her keys!	He is 30 The teacher has forgotten her keys!
FORGETTING 3 RD p.s. -S in the change of TENSES (PAST + PRESENT) When he was 20 he lived in Germany for two years. That's why he speak German	When he was 20 he lived in Germany for two years. That's why he speaks German
THAT/THOSE, THIS/THESE	That house is where I live and this house here is where she lives Those windows are ours but these windows here are theirs.
S's , Singular / Plural / Saxon Genitive	
Two millions dollars	Two million dollars
Can you send me an information?	Could you send me some information ?
I need an advice I need two advices	I need some advice ... I need two pieces of advice
I need two furnitures for my living room - a small table and a bookcase	I need two pieces of furniture for my living room - a small table and a bookcase
This morning I heard a news	This morning I heard a piece of news about...
PLURALS ENDING IN -S + SAXON GENITIVE Every Sunday I have lunch at my parents's house	Every Sunday I have lunch at my parents' house
PLURALS NOT ENDING IN -S + SAXON GENITIVE Feminism is womens's struggle for their <i>human</i> rights The childrens's mother took them to Romania	Feminism includes women's struggle for their <i>human</i> rights The children's mother took them back to Romania
SINGULARS ENDING IN -S + SAXON GENITIVE James' daughter is Linda	James's daughter is Linda

Capital Letters	
Do you speak english? I flunked/failed maths	Do you speak E nglish? I flunked/failed M aths
I go to class on tuesdays	I go to class on T uesdays
My sister's birthday is in april	My sister's birthday is in A pril
Confusing...	
PERSONS/PEOPLE How many persons are there in class now? (✓)	How many people are there in class now?
TRAVEL* (v) / TRIP (n) I want to make a travel to Paris <small>*Exception: Travel Information & <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> ("professional" travel(l)ing person!)</small>	I'd like to make a trip to Paris I want to make a trip ...
SAY/TELL Say me what you think Say we about your trip Could you say to him to call me?	Tell me what you think Tell us about your trip! Could you tell him to call me?
US/UK ENGLISH I like a roundtrip ticket to NYC I want a go come ticket to London	I'd like a roundtrip ticket to NYC I'd like a return ticket to London
Can you repeat, please? (✓)	Can you say that again , please?
Could you repeat it please?	Could you repeat that please?
STAY/SPEND TIME Now I can stay with my family	Now I can spend more time with my family
BE/STAY	