

Common Mistakes 1

Here are some of the most common mistakes that I see again and again. I really recommend that you learn the correct version.

1: ~~arrive to~~

We need to use 'arrive + in / at / **on** + place'. So, if it's a city, we use 'arrive in' and if it's a building, we use 'arrive at'.

I'll arrive at the airport at 3pm.

She arrived in London last week.

2: ~~explain me~~

We need to use 'explain something to someone' or 'explain how to do something to someone'. The 'to someone' is optional.

Please explain this question (to me).

She explained how to buy a train ticket.

3: ~~think to do~~

We need to say 'think of doing something' or 'think about doing something'.

I am thinking of going to the park later.

She's thinking about quitting her job.

4: ~~go to home~~

Although we usually use 'to' with 'go', 'go home' is an exception.

I'm so tired. I need to go home.

Are you going home now?

5: ~~in Internet~~

We always use 'the' with 'Internet'. And the preposition is 'on'.

I found the information on the Internet.

She likes watching videos on the Internet.

6: ~~listen music~~

We need the preposition 'to' after 'listen'.

She's listening to music.

Why aren't you listening to me?

7: ~~the dinner / lunch / breakfast~~

We don't usually use 'the' with meals.

I usually have breakfast at seven o'clock.

He prepared dinner.

8: ~~one of my best friend~~

When we use the expression 'one of my / the / his + superlative + noun', the noun needs to be plural.

He's one of my best friends.

It's one of the prettiest towns that I know.

9: ~~finish the work / go to the work~~

When we are talking about our job, we don't need 'the' with 'work'.

She goes to work at 9am.

I'll call you when I finish work.

10: ~~search something~~

We usually use 'search + for + something'. (The exception is when you're talking about the area where you're searching, not the thing you're looking for. I searched the car for my purse.)

They searched for information on the internet.

She searched for her glasses.

Let's review! If you don't need anything, put -

1. I'll arrive _____ the airport at 3pm.
2. Please explain this question _____ me.
3. I am thinking _____ (go) to the park later.
4. I'm so tired. I need to go _____ home.
5. I found the information _____ Internet.
6. She's listening _____ music.
7. I usually have _____ at seven o'clock.
8. He's one of my best _____ (friend).
9. She goes _____ work at 9am.
10. They searched for information _____ Internet.

Answers

1. at
2. to
3. of going (or 'about going')
4. -
5. on the
6. to
7. -
8. friends
9. to
10. on the