18 Most Common Grammar Mistakes

**ERROR #1** Run-on Sentence or Comma Splice
Incorrect: “Rachel is very smart, she began reading when she was three years old.”
Correct: “Rachel is very smart. She began reading when she was three years old.”

**ERROR #2** Pronoun Disagreement
Incorrect: “Every boy must bring their own lunch.”
Correct: “Every boy must bring his own lunch.”

**ERROR #3** Mistakes in Apostrophe Usage
Incorrect: “My mother’s cabin is next to his cabin.”
Correct: “My mother’s cabin is next to his cabin.”

**ERROR #4** Lack of Subject/Verb Agreement
Incorrect: “These recipes is good for beginning chefs.”
Correct: “These recipes are good for beginning chefs.”

**ERROR #5** Misplaced Modifiers
Incorrect: “At eight years old, my father gave me a pony for Christmas.”
Correct: “When I was eight years old, my father gave me a pony for Christmas.”

**ERROR #6** Sentence Fragments
Incorrect: “Sharon stayed home from school the other day. Because she was sick.”
Correct: “Sharon stayed home from school the other day because she was sick.”

**ERROR #7** Missing Comma in a Compound Sentence
Incorrect: “Jim went to the store and Ella went with him.”
Correct: “Jim went to the store, and Ella went with him.”

**ERROR #8** No Clear Antecedent
Incorrect: “The dad found the boy, and he was happy.”
Correct: “The dad was happy when he found the boy.”

**ERROR #9** Ending a Sentence in a Preposition
Incorrect: “What reason did he come here for?”
Correct: “For what reason did he come here?”
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1. **Mixing Up Spellings**
   - Incorrect: “There father went to school there.”
   - Correct: “Their father went to school there.”

2. **Confusion Between Fewer and Less**
   - Incorrect: “The store was almost out of dog food. There were less cans on the shelves than there were yesterday.”
   - Correct: “The store was almost out of dog food. There were fewer cans on the shelves than there were yesterday.”

3. **Mixing Up Similar Words**
   - Incorrect: “The rain had a good affect on the farmer’s field.”
   - Correct: “The rain had a good effect on the farmer’s field.”

4. **Mistakes With Well and Good**
   - Incorrect: “I am doing good in math.”
   - Correct: “I am doing well in math.”

5. **Unnecessary Commas**
   - Incorrect: “She had a stomach ache, because she ate too much ice cream.”
   - Correct: “She had a stomach ache because she ate too much ice cream.”

6. **Comparisons That Are Incomplete**
   - Incorrect: “My hair is smoother and softer.”
   - Correct: “My hair is smoother and softer than it was a month ago.”

7. **Mixing Up Adverbs and Adjectives**
   - Incorrect: “Susan gave me a real nice bouquet of flowers.”
   - Correct: “Susan gave me a really nice bouquet of flowers.”

8. **Mixing Up Possessives and Plurals**
   - Incorrect: “The dog’s dish was full of bone’s.”
   - Correct: “The dog’s dish was full of bones.”

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10. **Title Capitalization Problems**
    - Incorrect: “Around the world in 80 days”
    - Correct: “Around the World in 80 Days”