

Exercise on Finding and correcting students' common mistakes

Each of the following sentences has four parts underlines and labelled A, B, C and D. One of these parts contains a language mistake.

a. Circle the mistake.

b. On the top of it, write the correction.

1. A student must carry an ID card at university. They need it to access the library and for other purposes.
2. If you needed help with registration, contact your advisor by email and ask for an appointment.
3. Were did you leave your books? They are not on the desk.
4. After revising the essay several time, I typed it and submitted it to my professor by email.
5. The students cannot finish the whole project in two days and has to work longer on it.
6. The children were so scared that they ran away leaving there bags behind.
7. To open a bank account, a client need to take his or her ID card and passport to the bank.
8. A research has shown that the obesity in Bahrain has increased by 15 per cent in the last five years.
9. Another study has proved that children are consuming more carbohydrate than an adult should.
10. A group of scientists have worked on the prototype for six years, and other group have worked on the algorism for the same period of time.
11. Cats normally live longer then dogs do.
12. However, cats are less intelligent than dogs and it understand fewer words than dogs.
13. Although, they both are good pets that many people all around the globe prefer.
14. Each university have different programmes, and you should compare the details of the programmes and the reputation of the universities.
15. This software is very different than the older versions; it has updated features and new tools.
16. You can buy a new book from the bookstore; alternatively, you can buy a used books from a former student.
17. Being an IT student requires a lot of work and dedication. An IT student do more work after class than he or she does in class.
18. Many counties requires foreigners to apply for a visa to entre them.
19. These questions are slightly confused. Many students misunderstood them and made mistakes.
20. There are less free programmes than I expected. I think I have to buy one.
21. Cats are lovely and easy to care for. I have tow of them at home.
22. He lied and told her than he dose not know where her parents left their passports.

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. they → he or she | 9. proved → proven | 16. books → book |
| 2. needed → need | 10. other → another | 17. do → does |
| 3. Were → Where | 11. then → than | 18. requires → require |
| 4. time → times | 12. it → they | 19. confused → confusing |
| 5. has → have | 13. Although, → However, | 20. less → fewer |
| 6. there → their | OR Nevertheless, | 21. tow → two |
| 7. need → needs | 14. have → has | 22. dose → does |
| 8. A research → Research | 15. than → from | |