



Absolutely, Prabha! Let's dive into **Error Spotting** — a key part of grammar practice and many competitive exams.

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✔ **Error Spotting**

✳ **Definition:**

**Error Spotting** is an exercise where you are given a sentence, often divided into parts. Your task is to **identify the part that contains a grammatical or usage error**.

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✳ **Common Error Types in Spotting:**

1. **Subject-Verb Agreement**
  2. **Tense Usage**
  3. **Prepositions**
  4. **Articles (a/an/the)**
  5. **Pronoun Reference**
  6. **Adjective/Adverb Confusion**
  7. **Wrong Word Usage**
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📄 **Practice MCQs (Spot the Error)**

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1.

Each of the students / are working / hard to pass / the final exam.

- A) Each of the students
- B) are working
- C) hard to pass
- D) the final exam

✔ **Answer:** B) *are working*

📄 **Explanation:** "Each" is singular, so it should be *is working*.

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2.

She can sing / well and / dances beautiful / as well.

- A) She can sing
- B) well and
- C) dances beautiful
- D) as well



✓ **Answer:** C) *dances beautiful*

📄 **Explanation:** It should be *dances beautifully* (adverb form).

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3.

He is / senior than / most of his colleagues / in the office.

- A) He is
- B) senior than
- C) most of his colleagues
- D) in the office

✓ **Answer:** B) *senior than*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *senior to*, not *senior than*.

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4.

The number of students / have increased / since last year / due to new admissions.

- A) The number of students
- B) have increased
- C) since last year
- D) due to new admissions

✓ **Answer:** B) *have increased*

📄 **Explanation:** "The number" is singular, so it should be *has increased*.

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5.

Neither the teacher / nor the students / was present / in the auditorium.

- A) Neither the teacher
- B) nor the students
- C) was present
- D) in the auditorium

✓ **Answer:** C) *was present*

📄 **Explanation:** With "neither...nor", the verb agrees with the **nearest subject** → *students* (plural) → *were present*.

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🧠 **Tips to Spot Errors Quickly:**

- Check subject-verb agreement first.
- Watch out for incorrect tenses.
- See if comparisons use the right prepositions (e.g., *prefer to*, *superior to*).



- Watch adjective vs. adverb confusion (*quick vs. quickly*).
  - Be alert to singular vs. plural mismatches.
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Great, Prabha! Here are **20 Error Spotting questions with answers and explanations**, perfect for practice and revision. Each sentence is split into parts (A to D), and you have to find the part with the grammatical error.

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**\* Error Spotting: 20 Questions with Answers**

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1.

Each of the players / have been given / a participation certificate / by the principal.

- A) Each of the players
- B) have been given
- C) a participation certificate
- D) by the principal

✓ **Answer:** B) *have been given*

📄 **Explanation:** "Each" is singular → *has been given*

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2.

The man / which was sitting / outside the bank / looked suspicious.

- A) The man
- B) which was sitting
- C) outside the bank
- D) looked suspicious

✓ **Answer:** B) *which was sitting*

📄 **Explanation:** For people, use *who*, not *which*

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3.

She is / more cleverer / than her brother / in solving puzzles.

- A) She is
- B) more cleverer
- C) than her brother
- D) in solving puzzles

✓ **Answer:** B) *more cleverer*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *cleverer* or *more clever*, not both.

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4.

He do not / know the answer / to this question / even after thinking.

- A) He do not
- B) know the answer
- C) to this question
- D) even after thinking

**Answer:** A) *He do not*

**Explanation:** Use *does not* with *he*

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5.

The girls / sang sweet / and danced gracefully / during the program.

- A) The girls
- B) sang sweet
- C) and danced gracefully
- D) during the program

**Answer:** B) *sang sweet*

**Explanation:** Should be *sang sweetly* (adverb)

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6.

Neither the principal / nor the teachers / was happy / with the result.

- A) Neither the principal
- B) nor the teachers
- C) was happy
- D) with the result

**Answer:** C) *was happy*

**Explanation:** Verb agrees with *teachers* → *were happy*

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7.

He is / one of those players / who has won / many awards.

- A) He is
- B) one of those players
- C) who has won
- D) many awards

**Answer:** C) *who has won*

**Explanation:** *Players* is plural → *who have won*

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8.



She prefers / tea than / coffee / in the evening.

- A) She prefers
- B) tea than
- C) coffee
- D) in the evening

✔ **Answer:** B) *tea than*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *prefer tea to coffee*

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9.

They has / finished the project / ahead of time / and submitted it.

- A) They has
- B) finished the project
- C) ahead of time
- D) and submitted it

✔ **Answer:** A) *They has*

📄 **Explanation:** *They takes have, not has*

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10.

One of the books / are missing / from the library shelf / since yesterday.

- A) One of the books
- B) are missing
- C) from the library shelf
- D) since yesterday

✔ **Answer:** B) *are missing*

📄 **Explanation:** *One* is singular → *is missing*

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11.

My friend / who live in Delhi / is coming to visit / me next week.

- A) My friend
- B) who live in Delhi
- C) is coming to visit
- D) me next week

✔ **Answer:** B) *who live in Delhi*

📄 **Explanation:** *Friend* is singular → *who lives*

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12.

This is / the same laptop / that I had seen / it in the showroom.

- A) This is



- B) the same laptop
- C) that I had seen
- D) it in the showroom

✔ **Answer:** D) *it in the showroom*

📄 **Explanation:** *It* is unnecessary; sentence should end at *seen*

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13.

There is / many reasons / why she left / the organization.

- A) There is
- B) many reasons
- C) why she left
- D) the organization

✔ **Answer:** A) *There is*

📄 **Explanation:** *Many reasons* → plural → *There are*

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14.

I have been / knowing him / for ten years / and trust him completely.

- A) I have been
- B) knowing him
- C) for ten years
- D) and trust him completely

✔ **Answer:** B) *knowing him*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *I have known him* instead

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15.

She walks / very fastly / and reaches / school on time.

- A) She walks
- B) very fastly
- C) and reaches
- D) school on time

✔ **Answer:** B) *very fastly*

📄 **Explanation:** *Fast* is already an adverb → no *-ly* form

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16.

My cousin / is living / in Mumbai / since five years.

- A) My cousin
- B) is living



- C) in Mumbai
- D) since five years

✔ **Answer:** D) *since five years*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *for five years* (use *since* with a point in time)

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17.

He gave / me an advice / regarding career / yesterday evening.

- A) He gave
- B) me an advice
- C) regarding career
- D) yesterday evening

✔ **Answer:** B) *me an advice*

📄 **Explanation:** *Advice* is uncountable → use *some advice* or *a piece of advice*

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18.

She is / more intelligent / from all / her classmates.

- A) She is
- B) more intelligent
- C) from all
- D) her classmates

✔ **Answer:** C) *from all*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *than all*, not *from all*

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19.

Despite of / being tired, / he completed / the whole assignment.

- A) Despite of
- B) being tired
- C) he completed
- D) the whole assignment

✔ **Answer:** A) *Despite of*

📄 **Explanation:** Use *Despite* OR *In spite of*, not *Despite of*

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20.

He was / enough kind / to help / the old man.

- A) He was
- B) enough kind
- C) to help
- D) the old man

**Answer:** B) *enough kind*

 **Explanation:** Correct order → *kind enough*

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