



■ 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.

➤ 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

🔴 Practice MCQs (Spot the Error)

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*.

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).

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*.

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*.

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*.

🚩 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.

Error Spotting: 20 Questions with Answers

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*

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*

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.



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*

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)

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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

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

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)

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*

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*

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*



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*

Synonyms and Antonyms

Synonyms And Antonyms List		
Words	Synonyms - Same Meaning	Antonyms - Opposites
Abate	Moderate, decrease	Aggravate
Adhere	Comply, observe	Condemn, disjoin
Abolish	Abrogate, annul	Setup Establish
Acumen	Awareness, brilliance	Stupidity, Ignorance
Abash	Disconcert, rattle	Uphold, Discompose
Absolve	Pardon, forgive	Compel, Accuse
Abjure	Forsake, renounce	Approve, Sanction
Abject	Despicable, servile	Commendable, Praiseworthy
Abound	Flourish, proliferate	Deficient, Destitute
Abortive	Vain, unproductive	Productive
Acrimony	Harshness, bitterness	Courtesy, Benevolence
Accord	Agreement, harmony	Discord
Adjunct	Joined, Added	Separated, Subtracted
Adversity	Misfortune, calamity	Prosperity, Fortune
Adherent	Follower, disciple	Rival, Adversary



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Admonish	Counsel, reprove	Approve, Applaud
Allay	Pacify, soothe	Aggravate, Excite
Alien	Foreigner, outsider	Native, Resident
Ascend	Climb Escalate	Descend, Decline
Alleviate	Abate, relieve	Aggravate, Enhance
Allure	Entice, fascinate	Repulse Repel
Arraign	Incriminate, indict	Exculpate, Pardon
Amplify	Augment, deepen	Lessen, Contract
Axiom	Adage, truism	Absurdity, Blunder
Audacity	Boldness, Courage	Mildness, Cowardice
Authentic	Accurate, credible	Fictitious, unreal
Awkward	Rude, blundering	Adroit, clever
Barbarous	Frustrate, perplex	Civilized
Bleak	Grim, Austere	Bright, Pleasant
Bewitching	Alluring, charming	Repulsive, Repugnant
Baroque	Florid, gilt	Plain, unadorned
Brittle	Breakable, crisp	Tough, Enduring
Barrier	Barricade, Obstacle	Link, Assistance



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Bustle	Commotion, Tumult	Slowness, Quiet
Barren	Desolate, Sterile	Damp, Fertile
Bawdy	Erotic, Coarse	Decent, Moral
Bind	Predicament	Release
Batty	Insane, silly	Sane
Benevolent	Benign, Generous	Malevolent, Miserly
Befogged	Becloud, Dim	Clear headed, Uncloud
Base	Vulgar, Coarse	Summit, Noble
Benign	Favorable, friendly	Malignant, Cruel
Busy	Active, Engaged	Idle, Lazy
Bleak	Austere, Blank	Bright, Cheerful
Bold	Adventurous	Timid
Boisterous	Clamorous, rowdy	Placid, Calm
Blunt	Dull, Insensitive	Keen, Sharp
Callous	obdurate, unfeeling	Compassionate, Tender
Capable	competent, able	Incompetent, Inept
Calamity	adversity, misfortune	Fortune
Calculating	Canny, Devious	Artless, honest