

How to improve my grammar?

How can I stop making the same mistakes?

1) **Make a note** of what kinds of mistakes you make *frequently*.

When your teacher marks your writing, you can see which types of errors you have made. The mistake is underlined and a **correction code*** is used. Here are some examples:

Example sentence	Correction code	Correction
<i>Last Sunday, my cousin and I <u>go</u> to Disneyland.</i>	T (verb tense)	<i>Last Sunday, my cousin and I <u>went</u> to Disneyland.</i>
<i>My father <u>go</u> to work every day by MTR.</i>	S-V (subject-verb agreement)	<i>My father <u>goes</u> to work every day by MTR.</i>
<i>The show was really <u>excited</u>.</i>	Adj. (adjective form)	<i>The show was really <u>exciting</u>.</i>
<i>We decided to go to <u>the</u> Ocean Park.</i>	Art. (article)	<i>We decided to go to Ocean Park.</i>

*Do you understand the correction codes that your teacher uses? Ask your teacher if you are not sure.

2) **Count** how many times you make types of errors. Keep a record for every written composition, e.g.

T	S-V	Adj.	Art.
8	3	1	2

A high number means that you really need to revise that area of grammar.

3) **Choose** the right level grammar book. In the SALC there are grammar books at elementary, intermediate and advanced levels. Ask the Teaching Assistant for advice if you are not sure of your level. Then look for the correct units to study. You can also try Tense Buster online.

4) **Apply** what you have learnt in your next written composition and **see** if your teacher marks it correct.