

Lesson 10—Draft corrections in grammar/mechanics

Goal: 6.01c—Students will identify and correct grammatical and mechanical mistakes within the context of a work of literature. If no correction is necessary, students will mark “make no change” in the answer blank.

Guided Practice:

Below are common mistakes made in writing. As a student reader and writer, go through these steps to make an informed about the clarity of each group of sentences.

In this phrase, the word *peoples* is a possessive noun, thus, it should be written as a possessive noun.
peoples=**people's**

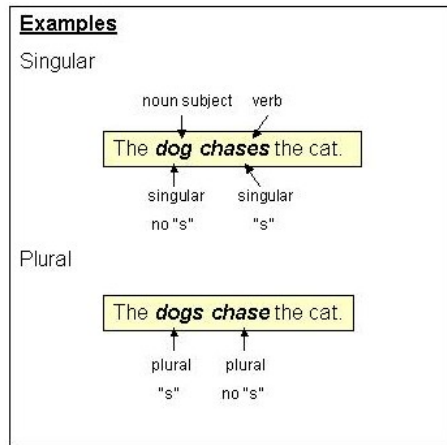
1) Errors in possession

*Finally, by censoring our television shows, the **peoples** right to news is take way by the government.

2) Errors in Subject/Verb agreement

***Subjects** and **verbs** must AGREE with one another in **number** (singular or plural). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular; if a subject is plural, its verb must also be plural.

*In the present tense, nouns and verbs form plurals in opposite ways: **nouns** ADD an **s** to the singular form; **verbs** REMOVE the **s** from the singular form.



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3) Errors in Subjective/Objective case

*By censoring violence, we do not allow people to see for **themselves** that war is horrible. Instead **them** hear about these instances through others, devaluating the lesson in the experience.

themselves functions as the object of the preposition, thus, it must be used in the **objective** form = **themselves**

them functions as the subject of the sentence, thus, it must be in the **subjective** form = **they**

Independent Practice:

Now, after reviewing some common grammatical and mechanical mistakes, refer to the first bit of text and answer questions 1-7 to quiz yourself.

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(Link questions from following page—Questions excerpt)

Closure:

Now, go back and check your answers:

- 1) C
- 2) B
- 3) D
- 4) A
- 5) B
- 6) C
- 7) D

How many did you miss? Did you notice any trends in what you missed? For example, did you miss only the questions involving subject-verb agreement? After you have established your pattern, make a decision as to what you need to practice next.