

Choose the correct verb form:

1. One of my friends has/have been sick recently.
2. Fifty years is/are a long time to live in the same place.
3. Collecting old stamps are/is my friend's hobby.
4. My father's glasses were/was on the desk.
5. None of my friends live/lives in Cambodia.
6. The famous director and actor, Ron Howard, are/is in Japan for a visit.
7. My mother, as well as my father, prefer/prefers coffee to tea.
8. The price of these jeans was/were very expensive.
9. Canadian people are/is generally very friendly.
10. One of the best things about Thailand are/is the food.
11. I need to develop/develops some photos.
12. Tropical fish has/have always been pets that is/are easy to care for.
13. My friend likes/like hip hop music, but I prefers/prefer pop.
14. If students don't understand a word, they should ask/asks someone for help.
15. Last week there was/were many rainy days.

Two common kinds of error when writing paragraphs:

- 1) Subject and verb agreement error
- 2) Singular/Plural error
- 3) Verb tense error

Please read the following sentences carefully. Decide if there are any errors. What kind of errors are they? Rewrite the sentence if necessary.

1) Fraser is born in Nova Scotia, Canada.

2) The aquarium has many kinds of tropical fishes.

3) While he was a high school student, Eric enjoyed playing many kinds of sport.

4) I really love playing team sports, especially basketball.

5) There are always many childs playing in the school yard.

6) My friends often goes to FC Tokyo soccer games.

7) Someday, I hope to run my own daycare center.

8) English is a very difficult language to learn because the grammars are so different from Japanese.

9) Earthquake are very scary experiences for many foreigners who come to Japan.

10) I am looking forward to studying English writing with Fraser this year, and so am my classmates.

Read the short essay about Fraser. The essay has six grammar mistakes (two mistakes in each paragraph). Can you find the mistakes?

All About Me

My full name is Russell Fraser Gould, but most people call me Fraser. I'm an instructor at Musashino and Seisen Universities. I think I'm a nice guy, but some of my students say that I'm too strict. If my friends described my personality, they'd probably says that I'm cheerful, outgoing and energetic. I think I'm also pretty funny. I love to tell joke. Of course I'm not perfect - my girlfriend says that I'm impatient and sometimes very stubborn. I guess I agree.

I have lived in Japan for many years now, so I'm used to standing out in a crowd. I'm tall and have an average build. I have a light complexion, which means that I get sunburned easily in the summer. Ouch! I had short, wavy brown hairs and blue eyes. My hair is becoming thin, and unfortunately, I think I'll be bald in a few years. I am not looking forward to that!

I have many hobbies and interests. Most people know that I am a semi-professional magician. Magic has been a hobby of mine since high school. Perhaps sports are my most important hobby, though. Sports help relieve my stress and keep me in good health. My favorite sport have always been basketball, but recently I have joined a soccer team and a futsal team, so I spend more time playing those sports than basketball. In the winter I also enjoy snowboarding, and when I traveled abroad I often go scuba diving. I hope sports help me stay young and in good shape.

verb-subject agreement mistake	singular/plural mistake	verb tense mistake
1)	1)	1)
2)	2)	2)