

Unit 1 Informal writing – Correcting mistakes ➔ p13

1 Teachers sometimes use these symbols when correcting written work. Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- 1 I / born in 1991 in ^{WW} one small town in Mexico.
- 2 My father is / diplomat, so ^{WO} my all life I ^T live in ^{Gr} differents countries.
- 3 After ~~the~~ school, I went ^{WO} for four years ^{Prep} in a ^{Sp} busyness college.
- 4 I'm ^T married ^{Prep} since five years. I ^{WW} knew my wife while I was a student.
- 5 My town ^P isnt as exciting ^{WW} than London. / Is very ^{Sp} quite ^{Prep} at the evening.
- 6 I ^T learn English for five years. I ^T start when I ^{WW} had eleven years.
- 7 My father ^{Gr} wants that I work in a bank ^{Sp} becaus / is a good ^{WW} work.
- 8 I ^T do ^{Gr} a evening course in English. I enjoy ^{WO} very much ^{Gr} to learn languages.

WW	Wrong word
Sp	Spelling
T	Tense
Gr	Grammar
/	Word missing
P	Punctuation
Prep	Preposition
WO	Word Order
/	This word isn't necessary

2 Read the email. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where was the email written?
- 2 Who is the guest? Who is the host?
- 3 Which city is described? What is it like?
- 4 What season is it?

3 Use the symbols to mark the mistakes in the email. Then correct them.

4 Write an email (about 250 words).

Either ...

- You are going to stay with a family in an English-speaking country.

Or ...

- An English-speaking guest is coming to stay with you.

Give some information about yourself – your family, interests, school, your town.

Check your work carefully for mistakes!

From: Fernando <fernando367@fsnet.com>
To: James <jsnelling@jonmail.com>

Dear James,

Thank you / your email. I receive it the last week. Sorry I no reply you before, but I've been very busy. It's Christmas soon, and everyone are very exciting!

In two weeks I am with you in England. I can no belief it! I looking forward meet you and your family very much. I'm sure we will like us very well.

My city, São Paulo, is biggest and noisest city in Brasil. Is not really for tourist. Is a centre commercial. Also it have very much pollution and traffic. But there is lot of things to do. I like very much listen music. There are bars who stay open all night!

My friend went in London last year, and he has seen a football match at Arsenal. He said me was wonderfull. I like to do that also.

My plane arrive to Heathrow 3 Janury. Is very early morning.

I hope very much improve during I am with you! and happy New Year!

Fernando



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