13. Analysis - making the same mistakes!

Often when we get our work back from the teacher, it has the same old mistakes that we make again and again. We missed ‘the’ or ‘a’, we forgot to put a full stop at the end of a sentence or we used the wrong verb tense. We sigh and then just do the same thing again next time!

So, when you get a piece of writing back and it is corrected, look at the mistakes you make and try to see what they are.

This is a correction code that you could use in your writing to identify what the mistakes are….

**Correction Code**

Sp spelling

^ word missing

P punctuation

C capital letter

G grammar

? not clear

**Codes specific to EAL**

T tense

ww wrong word

wo word order

When you have identified your common mistakes, find out the correct way of writing and then make a card to put on your desk as a reminder to include it in your work. If you are not sure, ask your teacher or friend.

You can also find out about common mistakes at

<https://busyteacher.org/18134-10-most-common-writing-mistakes-how-to-bust.html>

You could also have a look at these sentences and try and correct them!

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| 1 | ^ | When I was child, only my father was very, very strict. |
| 2 | ww | I exited with my friends but I had to come home early. |
| 3 | ww | I had friends whose parents weren’t stricter than my father; they were more liberal |
| 4 | G | I couldn’t have a long hair |
| 5 | T | About staying late, I had to stay home early |
| 6 | WO ? | And never you forget of your real name, or you will be invisible |