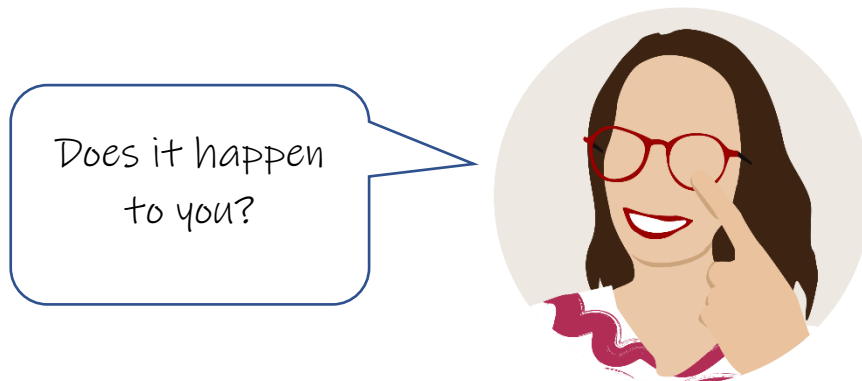


# COMMON MISTAKES

## FROM BASIC TO INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH



### 1. Uso incorrecto del presente simple vs presente continuo

✗ "I am go to school every day."

✓ "I go to school every day."

(El presente continuo se usa para acciones en progreso, no hábitos.)

### 2. Olvidar el pasado simple de los verbos irregulares

✗ "Yesterday I go to the supermarket."

✓ "Yesterday I went to the supermarket."

(A menudo siguen usando la forma base en lugar del pasado irregular.)

### 3. Uso incorrecto de "do/does" en preguntas

✗ "Where you live?"

✓ "Where do you live?"

(Olvidan el auxiliar "do/does" en preguntas del presente simple.)

### 4. Confundir "will" y "going to"

✗ "I going to call you tomorrow."

✓ "I will call you tomorrow." o "I am going to call you tomorrow."

(Eligen mal según el contexto: promesas/spontaneous → "will", planes → "going to".)

### 5. Uso incorrecto de "there is / there are"

✗ "There are a cat on the roof."

✓ "There is a cat on the roof."

(Confusión entre singular/plural.)

### 6. Mal uso del present perfect

✗ "I have seen her yesterday."

✓ "I saw her yesterday."

(Con el present perfect se ve este fallo de usar marcadores de pasado definidos, como "yesterday", cuando se debe usar el pasado simple.)

### 7. Confundir "for" y "since"

✗ "I've lived here since 5 years."

✓ "I've lived here for 5 years."

("For" se usa con duración; "since" con un punto en el tiempo.)

### 8. Omitir el sujeto en las oraciones

✗ "Is raining today."

✓ "It is raining today."

(En inglés siempre se necesita un sujeto explícito, excepto en imperativo.)

### 9. Traducción literal del español

✗ "I have 20 years."

✓ "I am 20 years old."

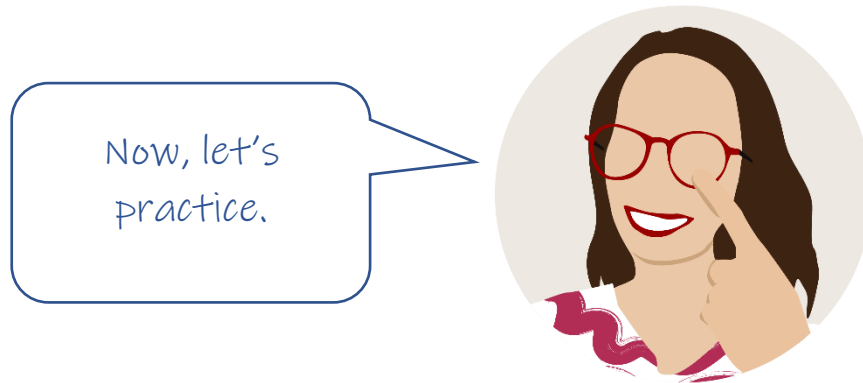
(Influencia directa del español al traducir estructuras.)

**10. Uso repetido de estructuras básicas sin avanzar.** Muchos alumnos se quedan usando:

- solo el presente simple,
- pocas expresiones de tiempo,
- oraciones muy cortas y simples sin usar conectores (because, so, also...).

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**Part 1: Present Simple vs. Present Continuous.** Correct the sentences when necessary.

1. She is play tennis every Saturday.
2. I go to school now.
3. They are studying for the test right now.
4. He drinks coffee every morning.
5. Look! The dog chases the cat!

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**Part 2: Past Simple – Irregular Verbs.** Write the correct past tense of the verb in brackets.

1. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the dentist.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a big lunch.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of fun at the party.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the wrong bus.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that movie last week.

**Part 3: "Will" vs "Going to".** Choose the correct option.

1. I think it \_\_\_\_\_ (will / is going to) rain tonight.
  2. Look at those clouds! It \_\_\_\_\_ (will / is going to) rain!
  3. I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ (will / am going to) help you.
  4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (will / are going to) visit grandma this weekend.
  5. Be careful! You \_\_\_\_\_ (will / are going to) fall!
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**Part 4: There is / There are.** Complete the gaps.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a book on the table.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ many people in the room.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ an apple in my bag.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ two cats in the garden.
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake in this sentence.
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**Part 5: Present Perfect – Common Mistakes.** Rewrite the sentences.

1. I have seen her yesterday.
2. We didn't went to the museum.
3. Have you ever eat sushi?
4. She has just finish her homework.
5. I have been here since two hours.

## Answer Key

### Part 1:

1. ✗ She plays tennis every Saturday. (rutina)
  2. ✗ I am going to school now. (algo que está ocurriendo ahora mismo)
  3. ✓ They are studying for the test right now.
  4. ✓ He drinks coffee every morning.
  5. ✗ Look! The dog **is chasing** the cat! (algo que está ocurriendo ahora mismo)
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### Part 2:

1. went
  2. ate
  3. had
  4. took
  5. saw
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### Part 3:

1. will
  2. is going to
  3. will
  4. are going to
  5. are going to
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### Part 4:

1. There is
  2. There are
  3. There is
  4. There are
  5. There is
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### Part 5:

1. I saw her yesterday.
2. We didn't go to the museum.
3. Have you ever **eaten** sushi?
4. She has just **finished** her homework.
5. I have been here for two hours.