

Spot the error

Class Objective: To use our knowledge of grammar and find out errors in the given sentences.

Concept A: Errors based on Nouns:

1. Some nouns which are singular in form but are used as plural nouns are followed by a plural verb. These include- Cattle, Peasantry, People, Vermin, Police, Clergy.

Example:

The cattle is grazing near the farm. (Incorrect)

The cattle are grazing near the farm. (Correct)

2. Some nouns which are used as plural nouns are always followed by a plural verb. These include- Scissors, Stockings, Trousers, Specs, Shorts, Goods, Employees.

Example:

Where is my stockings? (Incorrect)

Where are my stockings? (Correct)

3. Some collective nouns are used as both singular and plural depending on the meaning. When these nouns refer to a unit, a singular verb is used, otherwise, plural will be used. These include- Team, Public, Government, Committee, Jury, Audience.

Example:

The company was founded in the year of 1992 (Correct)

The company were founded in the year of 1992 (Incorrect)

4. There are some nouns which are always followed by a singular verb. These include- Poetry, Machinery, Ethics, Mathematics, Physics, Classics, Innings, Stationery, News, Abuse, Economics, Business.

Example:

Ethics are important. (Incorrect)

Ethics is important. (Correct)

Concept B: Errors based on Pronouns:

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of the noun (for example- He, She, They, Someone, Who). Some of the pronouns follow certain rules to complete a sentence which are mentioned below:

1. A pronoun should always agree with its antecedent in person, number, and gender. An antecedent is a noun that a pronoun is replacing or referring to.

Example:

All students must do their homework. (Correct)

Each student must bring their books (Incorrect)

Each student must bring his books. (Correct)

2. The pronoun 'one' should always be followed by one's.

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