# Common English Grammar Mistakes Made By Designers & Developers and how to correct 3 of them

Writing grammatical English sentences and phrases can increase perceived professionalism and trustworthiness, which can potentially help increase your sales.

If you're a **graphic, website, or app designer/developer,** improving your grammar will help you **sell your services and products more easily**.

## WHY ELSE should I IMPROVE my ENGLISH GRAMMAR?

- English is the preferred language for international business.
- They may not speak your language, but many potential customers speak English.
- If you're advertising to **potential customers** in **English**, it makes sense to ensure you're writing as grammatically as possible.



# What IMPRESSION does it GIVE?



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#### Professionalism

Because you've taken the time to write grammatically, you will appear more professional, but also as a better communicator who is able to express themselves fluently.

#### Flow

In the same way you need your designs or code to **flow**, so too does **grammatical writing help your thoughts flow smoothly** from your mind to the web, then to **potential customers**, leaving little room for confusion or ambiguity.



#### Trust

You've shown effort in **writing English** grammatically, even if it's not your first-language. Many online scam artists don't know how to do that, so you appear more trustworthy.



## Standing out

With millions of native and non-native English speakers competing with you, stand out from the crowd by writing as gramatically as you possibly can to attract customers to choose you.

## **Research reveals COMMON GRAMMAR MISTAKES**

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	50+	unique sources	
	100s	of <b>sentences</b> analyzed	
	90	sentences containing mistakes	
	123	mistakes discovered	
	17	types of mistakes	

# **Product & Profile DESCRIPTIONS**

from designers and developers were analyzed from 4 prominent online design & development marketplaces

**Creative Market** 

Themeforest

Upwork

Freelance.com

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# Designers and developers from 34 COUNTRIES including 4 native-English speaking countries



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Germany

Greece

India

Croatia

Egypt

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Colombia

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Brazil

Albania

Algeria

Argentina

Australia

Armenia



Norway

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**United States** 

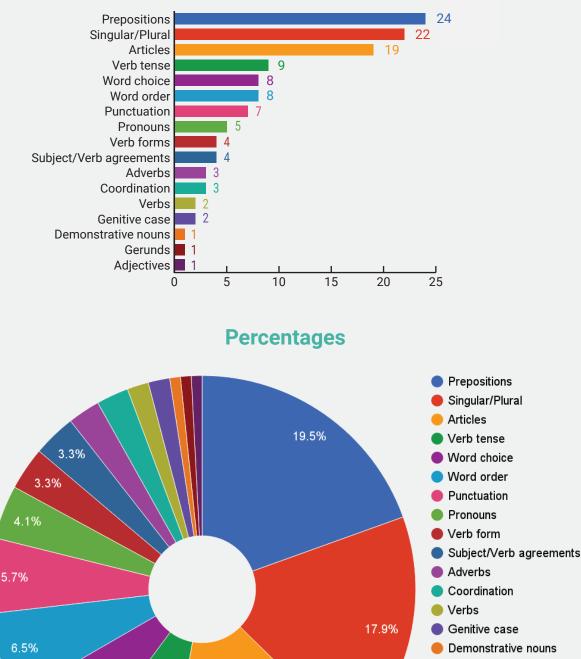
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# **15** different professions

Backend developer Software developer UI/UX Developer 3D designer Type designer WordPress developer Graphic designer Illustrator Pattern designer Website developer Calligrapher Frontend developer Website designer Mobile app developer

# **GRAMMAR MISTAKES DISCOVERED**





# **Mistakes with PREPOSITIONS**

15.4%

- In English, prepositions are used to show relationships between people, objects, and locations as well as to show relationships in space or time.
- **Prepositions** are usually followed by a **noun phrase** or **pronoun**.
- Don't worry, native English speakers often make mistakes with prepositions too!



✓ This results in better performance.

DO

6.5%

7.3%

- Click on all products.
- ✓ I have a passion for letters.
- You don't need to purchase any font from the logo pack.
- Available for a limited time only.
- There's not much else to think of.

× DON'T DO

Gerunds Adjectives



- X This results into better performance.
- 🗙 Click 🛋 all products.
- 🗙 I have a passion of letters.
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## **Mistakes with SINGULAR/PLURAL NOUNS**

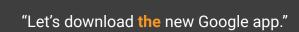
- If there is only one object you need to have a singular form of the noun, e.g. website.
- If there is more than one object you need to use the plural form of the noun, e.g. websites.
- Noncountable nouns cannot be used in plural forms, e.g. passion.
- Some nouns use the same form for both singular and plural, e.g. series and series.



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## **Mistakes with ARTICLES**

- "The" is called the definite article. It's used to refer to specific nouns. It can be used with both
- countable (e.g. logo, laptop) and noncountable nouns (e.g. knowledge, research, reading), or it can be omitted entirely depending on the context.
- "A" and "an" are called indefinite articles. They are used to refer to non-specific nouns. "A/an" can only be used with countable nouns (e.g. logo, laptop). "An" is used before vowel sounds.



The

Here, "the" refers to a **specific** new Google app.

"Let's download a new Google app." Here, "a" refers to **any** new Google app.

A/An



iPhone 7 Plus



Samsung Galaxy S7



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- It's the iPhone 7 Plus.
  Refers to the iPhone above or this specific model in general.
- It's an iPhone 7 Plus.
  Means this could be one of many iPhone 7 Plus's.
- It's the Samsung Galaxy S7.
  Refers to the Samsung S7 above or this specific model in general.
- ✓ It's a Samsung Galaxy S7. Means this could be one of many Samsung Galaxy S7s.
- The hotel app is currently open.
  Refers to the specific app visible in the pictures above.
- A hotel app is currently open.
  Means this could be one of many clothing apps.
- 🗶 It's a iPhone 7 Plus.
- 🗙 It's an Samsung Galaxy S7.
- ★ An hotel app is currently open.

😠 DON'T DO

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I hope you are now more **aware** of why writing **good grammar** is so **important**!



# Thank you!

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