

APPENDIX

Explicit vs implicit grammar knowledge in written error correction

In each set below, items 5 and 10 were free from errors.

Group A

test item	correction	generalization
I have a dog. His name is Brutus. I am taking him for a walk every day.	take	simple present for routines
I can't go out now because I have very important exam on Friday.	a very important exam	indefinite article with singular count noun
Thank you for agreeing to look after my dog. If you will have any problems with it, please call me.	If you have any	simple present in conditionals
It was a beautiful day yesterday so I go for a long walk in the forest.	I went	simple past for actions at a specified past time
We're going to buy a new car next month.	-----	-----
I can't go out now. I am waiting to an important phone call.	waiting for	selection of a preposition
Did you go to Warsaw when you was in Poland last year?	you were	subject-verb agreement
I have some informations about your trip to Poland.	information	noncount noun
It was very cold in the mountains so I had to wear a very warm clothes.	wear very warm clothes	no article with plural
The party was great! At 3 o'clock we were still dancing.	-----	-----
When are you usually have your winter holidays in Poland?	do you usually have	do support
Could you help me to look for my passport? I can't found it anywhere.	can't find	infinitive following modal

Group B

test item	correction	generalization
Last year my parents took me to New York. I was very excited because I have never been to America before.	I had never been	past perfect for actions before a point in the past
I've just heard that Tom had the car accident yesterday. Fortunately, he was not injured.	Tom had a car accident	indefinite article with singular count noun
I forgot to set the alarm clock and overslept. If I didn't take a taxi, I would have missed my plane.	If I hadn't taken	III conditional
I suggested to leave very early in the morning.	suggested leaving	verb + gerund
You will soon get used to living here. It's a really nice place.	-----	-----
Since last summer many teenagers has become interested in this new sport.	teenagers have become	subject-verb agreement
This story has happened five years ago. I was in Grade 6 at that time and only 10 years old.	This story happened	simple past for actions at a specified past time
I want to give you an advice: never talk to strangers.	give you some / a piece of advice	non-count noun
I wonder how will your parents feel when they discover what has happened.	how your parents will feel	inversion in embedded questions
If I had more money, I would travel a lot.	-----	-----
During my trip to Italy last summer I broke my leg and must go to hospital, where I spent the rest of my holiday.	and had to go	modal past
My brother was very ill and had to undergo an operation. Fortunately, the operation went good.	went well	adverb of manner

Group C

test item	correction	generalization
The job of a police officer in Poland becomes more and more dangerous at the moment.	is becoming	present continuous for change in progress
In my opinion, a state which gives the gay couples the right to adopt children acts against its citizens.	gives gay couples	no article with general reference plural noun
Wine has a pleasant taste and is a great way of socializing. If that were all it does, it would still be one of our most valued drinks. But it also has beneficial effects on our health.	that were all it did	simple past for non-fact
The borders should be closed and remain under surveillance. This is the most effective method of preventing the country to become infected.	preventing the country (from) becoming	verb + gerund
Since the fall of communism all Polish governments have promised to reduce taxes.	----- ----	-----
Lying is part of human nature. One learns to lie in the early childhood.	in early childhood	no article with general reference non-count noun
A person who works as a foreign affairs reporter has to be accustomed to fly a lot.	to flying	adjective + preposition + gerund
This disease is spread by fleas circulating among rodents. How it is possible then that it can be transmitted to people?	How is it possible	inversion in questions
The most important thing to be considered is whether children raised in gay families will be able to lead normal life both as youngsters and adults.	a normal life / normal lives	article with a singular count noun / no article with plural noun
It is hard to imagine oneself being separated from other people and living alone. People are sociable creatures and the presence of others is essential.	----- ----	-----
Small companies realise that only by a fierce struggle they can defend their position and save the jobs of thousands of employees.	can they defend	inversion following an adverbial expression
Thousands of young people in Poland apply for universities every year. Some of them pass the entrance exams and are accepted.	apply to	selection of a preposition