

## ***Spot the mistakes in the sentences below:***

Eg. *I'd like see him* → I'd like **to** see him.

1. I listen radio every morning.
2. I spend a lot of my time in job.
3. I know what does it mean.
4. I recommend you to visit the castle this weekend.
5. - Was Vaclav Havel a good president?  
- I think, that yes.
6. I wanted continue the class but I didn't have time.
7. He went to Sydney before 5 years.
8. I usually wake up to school at about 7 o'clock.
9. She bought the flowers to my sister.
10. I spoke to him few minutes ago.
11. I'd like to know more about 1950's.
12. I'd like to get job soon.
13. One of my teacher told me to do it.
14. They have luck.
15. I go to fitness once a week.
16. I heard many gossips about it.
17. I got some very good feedbacks from my manager.
18. I'm married since 8 years.
19. - I can't find a job anywhere!  
- Have you tried to ask your friends on LinkedIn?



Answers and notes:

<b>X</b>	<b>✓</b>
1. I listen radio every morning. →	<i>I listen <b>to the</b> radio...</i>
2. I spend a lot of my time in job.	<i>I spend a lot of my time <b>at work</b>.</i>
3. I know what does it mean.	<i>I know what it means.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct question: <i>What does it mean?</i></li> <li>• Indirect question: <i>Can you tell me what it means?</i></li> <li>• Indirect sentence: <i>I know what it means.</i> <i>I know where it is.</i></li> </ul>
4. I recommend you to visit the castle this weekend.	<i>I recommend you <del>to</del> visit the castle this weekend.</i> or <i>I recommend + (that) + you + visit..</i> or <i>I recommend + (that) + you should visit..</i>  When speaking more generally you can say:  <i>I recommend <b>going to</b>...</i>
5. - Was Vaclav Havel a good president?  - I think, that yes.	- <i>I think so.</i>  = <i>Myslím, že ano</i> in Czech
6. I wanted continue the class but I didn't have time.	<i>I wanted <b>to</b>...</i> [ <i>want to do something</i> ]

## Spot the mistake

## Error correction

7. He went to Sydney before 5 years.	<i>He went to Sydney 5 years <b>ago</b>.</i>
8. I usually wake up to school at about 7 o'clock.	<i>I usually wake up <b>for</b> school at about 7 o'clock.</i>
9. She bought the flowers to my sister.	<i>She bought the flowers <b>for</b> my sister.</i> [buy something for someone]
10. I spoke to him few minutes ago.	<i>I spoke to him <b>a few</b> minutes ago.</i>
11. I'd like to know more about 1950's.	<i>I'd like to know more about <b>the</b> 1950's.</i>
12. I'd like to get job soon.	<i>I'd like to get <b>a</b> job soon.</i>
13. One of my teacher told me to do it.	<i>One of my teacher<b>S</b>..</i>
14. They have luck.	We just don't say this. Instead: <i>They're lucky.</i> You can use 'have' with 'luck' but usually it's used in a richer phrase. eg <i>they have a lot of luck.</i> Alternatively you can say: <i>That was good/bad luck.</i>
15. I go to fitness once a week.	<i>I go to the gym once a week.</i> You can also say: <i>I go to a fitness centre.</i>
16. I heard many gossips about it.	I heard a lot of gossip about it. [gossip is uncountable]
17. I got some very good feedbacks from my manager.	<i>I got some very good feedback from my manager.</i> [feedback is uncountable]

18. I'm married since 8 years.	I've been married for 8 years.  We use the present perfect for events which started in the past and are still true now.  <i>since</i> is used for dates/specific times.  eg since last year  <i>for</i> is used for a period of time or duration of time
19. - I can't find a job anywhere!  - Have you tried to ask your friends on LinkedIn?	<i>Have you tried asking your friends on LinkedIn?</i>  Here we use the gerund as we want you to do it and then see if it works or not.  Compare:  <i>I tried to climb the mountain, but it was very tough.</i>  <i>I tried sending her flowers, but she was still very angry.</i>