

AE Academic English UK

Error Correction



Carbon Zero by 2050

Grammar (Gr)

EXAMPLE

Copyright: These materials are photocopiable but please leave all logos and web addresses on handouts. **Please don't post these materials onto the web.** Thank you

Error Correction

Aim: To provide students with the practice on identifying common errors, so they are able to understand the teacher's feedback as well as develop the skills required to edit their own writing. For this session, the focus is on grammar (Gr).

Time: 45-60 minutes

Lead in

- Ask students to discuss the questions in pairs or small groups. If the topic is completely new, allow ten minutes to conduct some research first.

Task 1

- Check students understand what grammar (Gr) means.
- Students complete the sentence-level '**Error Correction Practice: Grammar (Gr)**' individually before comparing their answers with a partner or small group.
- Feedback: Distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

Task 2

There are two options for this task. Decide which one would be better for the level of your students.

- **Option 1 (Worksheet 1):** This is a scaffolded approach in that the text contains the grammar (Gr) code within the article, so the students know exactly where each error is.
- **Option 2 (Worksheet 2):** This is an un-scaffolded approach in that the text does not contain the grammar (Gr) code within the article, so the students will have to conduct a closer analysis to find the errors.

Worksheet 1: Guided (30 minutes)

- Students analyse the ten errors in the given text. They complete the given table of the error, the reason why it is incorrect and the corrected version.
- Allow students time to compare with their partner(s) before giving out the answers.
- Feedback: Distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

Worksheet 2: More challenging (30 minutes)

- Students identify and correct the ten errors in the given text. They complete the given table of the error, the reason why it is incorrect and the corrected version.
- Allow students time to compare with their partner(s) before giving out the answers.
- Feedback: Distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

Differentiation

- For mixed ability classes, students can be provided with the worksheet that suits their ability.

Task 3

- Students look through their previous feedback and identify the errors they have made with grammar (Gr). They then complete the '**Error Correction Diary**' with the error, the reason for the mistake and the correction.

Carbon Zero EXAMPLE

Lead in

Discuss these questions with a partner or small group:

1. *What do you think carbon zero means?*
2. *Why do we [redacted] ?*
3. *How can we become carbon zero?*
4. [redacted] *this goal?*

You are going to read sentences and an article about carbon zero and identify the errors with the grammar (Gr) [redacted], *subject pronouns, gerunds* [redacted]. Look up these words before you start if you are not sure what they are.

Error Correction Practice: Grammar (Gr)

Task 1

Read the following five sentences and identify the ten errors with grammar (Gr). Compare with your partner(s) when you have finished.

	Grammar Errors	Rewrite
1.	To ensure international climate targets is met, [redacted] to 'net zero' by 2050.	
2.	[redacted] between the carbon emitted into the [redacted] from them.	
3.	[redacted] human activity, are causing our climate to change.	
4.	Emissions from transportations, homes, [redacted] order to meet the goal of become carbon zero.	
5.	It is possible to achieve but require huge investments in low carbon technologies.	

Worksheet 1: Carbon Zero by 2050 (Kennedy, 2024) EXAMPLE

Task 2

Read the following text and correct the ten errors. Complete the table below of the error, the reason why it is incorrect and your correction. Compare with your partner(s) when you have finished.

Carbon or net zero is the balance of [redacted] so that it is no more than the amount of carbon that is removed (National Grid, 2024). As the global temperature of the planet is [redacted], carbon emissions need to be reduced if we [redacted] 1.5°C in order to **lessening**^{Gr} the impacts of climate change and preserve our Earth (United Nations, 2023). [redacted] abundant greenhouse gas we use [redacted]. As 75% of carbon emissions **originates**^{Gr} from the energy sector, using more renewable sources instead of fossil fuels would help to lower the amount of carbon in the atmosphere (UN, 2023), [redacted] [redacted] such as transportation, intensive farming and industrial processes through planting more trees (National [redacted] however, would require collaboration from each of the world's countries, of which 107 are responsible for over 80% of greenhouse gas emissions, to first meet the target of halving emissions before 2030 (UN, 2023). [redacted] businesses [redacted] goals in line with climate science (National Grid, 2024), but it [redacted] being implemented quickly enough.

References

National Grid, (2024). *What is net zero?* [online]. Available at: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained/what-is-net-zero> [Accessed 29.01.2025].
 United Nations, (2023). *For a livable climate: Net-zero commitments must be backed by credible action* [online]. Available at: <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/net-zero-coalition> [Accessed 29.01.2025].

	Error	Analysis	Rewrite
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Worksheet 2: Carbon Zero by 2050 (Kennedy, 2024) EXAMPLE

Task 2

Read the following text and identify and correct the ten errors. Complete the table below of the error, the reason why it is incorrect and your correction. Compare with your partner(s) when you have finished.

Carbon or net zero is the balance of [redacted] so that it is no more than the amount of carbon that is removed (National Grid, 2024). As the global temperature of the planet is [redacted] carbon emissions need to be reduced if we wish [redacted] 1.5°C in order to lessening the impacts of climate change and preserve our Earth (United Nations, 2023). [redacted] abundant greenhouse gas [redacted]. As 75% of carbon emissions originates from the energy sector, using more renewable sources instead of fossil fuels would help to lower the amount of carbon in the atmosphere (UN, 2023), [redacted] from [redacted] intensive farming and industrial processes through planting more trees (National [redacted] require collaboration from each of the world's countries, of which 107 are responsible for over 80% of greenhouse gas emissions, to first meet the target of halving emissions before 2030 (UN, 2023). The Science Based [redacted] achieve its net [redacted] science (National Grid, 2024), but it appears that current [redacted] enough.

References

National Grid, (2024). *What is net zero?* [online]. Available at: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained/what-is-net-zero> [Accessed 29.01.2025].

United Nations, (2023). *For a livable climate: Net-zero commitments must be backed by credible action* [online]. Available at: <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/net-zero-coalition> [Accessed 29.01.2025].

	Error	Analysis	Rewrite
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Error Correction Diary (Gr) EXAMPLE

Task 3

Look back on any recent written work that you have received feedback on. Complete the table with at least five mistakes that you have made with grammar (Gr).

	Error	Analysis	Rewrite
1	<p>_____ global issue, the world needs to come together to find _____</p>	<p>_____ the sentence is talking about _____ use the plural form.</p>	<p>_____ global issue, the world needs to come together to find global _____</p>
2			
3			
4			
5			

Error Correction Practice: Grammar (Gr) ANSWERS

Task 1

	Grammar Errors	Rewrite
1.	To ensure international climate targets is met, carbon dioxide emissions needs to be reduced to 'net zero' by 2050.	To ensure international climate targets <i>are</i> met, carbon dioxide emissions <i>need</i> to be reduced to 'net zero' by 2050.
2.	Net zero means achieve a balance between the carbon emitted into the atmosphere, and the carbon removed from them .	Net zero means <i>achieving</i> a balance between the carbon emitted into the atmosphere, and the carbon removed from <i>it</i> .

ALL ANSWERS INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...