

# 5 GRAMMAR

# MISTAKES

# TO AVOID



# *ME VS I*

1. Me and I: To figure out if you should use “me” or “I”, remove the other person’s name from the sentence:

**Incorrect:** John went to the casino with ~~Ally and I~~.

**Correct:** John went to the casino with ~~Ally and~~ me.

# *THAT VS WHICH*

**2. That vs Which:** To figure out if you should use “that” or “which”, check the clause. If it’s restrictive, use “that”; if it’s non-restrictive, use “which”:

**Restrictive:** The car that was parked down the street was stolen.

**Non-restrictive:** The car, which was parked down the street, was stolen.

# *LAY VS LIE*

**3. Lay VS. Lie:** To figure out if you should use “lay” or “lie”, check for a ‘direct object.’

**Direct Object:** She lay her bag on the sofa.

**No Direct Object:** I love to lie in the sun during my summer vacation.

# *THEN VS THAN*

4. **Then vs Than:** To figure out if you should use “then” or “than”, ask if you are comparing two things or do you mean ‘in addition to’:

**Comparing:** Her slice of pie is bigger than mine!

**In Addition To:** We went to lunch, then to the nail salon.

# ***YOUR VS YOU'RE***

**5. Your vs You're:** To figure out if you should use “**your**” or “**you're**”, ask if you are trying to say ‘you are’ or do you want a possessive pronoun?

**You Are:** You're never going to believe who I saw driving a new car!

**Possessive Pronoun:** Your cooking skills have improved!



# Notes



# Thank You!

Thank you so much for grabbing my 5 Grammar Mistakes to Avoid PDF. I hope it's a resource you find yourself reaching for again and again as you polish your writing. Grammar doesn't have to be a stumbling block. With a little awareness and the right tools, it becomes second nature.

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