

5 Grammar Mistakes to Avoid

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

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

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



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2. That VS. Which: To figure out if you should use “**that**” or “**which**”, check the clause; if restrictive, use “that”; if 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.



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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.



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4. **Then VS. Than:** To figure out if you should use “**then**” or “**than**”, are you 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.



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5. Your VS. You're: To figure out if you should use "**your**" or "**you're**", are you 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!

