

# CORRECTING COMMON ERRORS IN ENGLISH

## Units 1 a, an, the, many, much, a few, etc

### COMMON ERRORS

1. Wrong - He eats apple one day.  
Right - He eats **an** apple **a** day.
2. Wrong - Dog got tail.  
Right - A dog **has a** tail.
3. Wrong - He phoned taxi. Where's taxi?  
Right - He phoned **for a** taxi. Where's **the** taxi?
4. Wrong - I have much money, but not much coins.  
Right - I have **a lot of** money, but not **many** coins.
5. Wrong - Road is clear. There no traffic.  
Right - **The** road is clear. There **isn't any** traffic.

### NOTES ON CORRECT USAGE

1. Use 'a' before a consonant sound.  
He's **a** student.
2. Use 'an' before a vowel sound.  
I sent **an** e-mail.  
Also use 'an' before a silent 'h'.  
He will be here in **an** hour.
3. Use 'the' when referring to a particular thing.  
That's **the** car. That's **the** stolen car.
4. Use these expressions with uncountable nouns:  
**not much** rain, a **great deal** of rain,  
**a little** water, (but drops of water)  
**a lot of** snow, **plenty of** dust
5. For countable nouns, use these expressions:  
**a few** cars, **many** houses  
**a lot of** people, **any** boxes in there?  
**several** boxes, **plenty of** seats