A Guide to Correct English

MISTAKE IN THE USE OF SOME AND ANY

You must learn to use these words correctly.

SO, SOME, ANY, ANYTHING, SOMEONE, SOMETHING

In English, "some" is used after a plural noun (e.g., "some apples") and after a singular verb (e.g., "I have some apples."). "Any" is used after a singular noun or verb (e.g., "I have any apples."). "Some" means at least one, while "any" means zero or one.

MISTAKES IN THE USE OF MUCH AND MANY

"Much" is used with uncountable nouns (e.g., "much water"). "Many" is used with countable nouns (e.g., "many books").

MISTAKES IN THE USE OF NOT...

Always use the correct form of "not..."

1. Not...is
2. Not...are
3. Not...has
4. Not...have
5. Not...do
6. Not...does
7. Not...am
8. Not...is
9. Not...are
10. Not...has
11. Not...have
12. Not...do
13. Not...does
14. Not...am
15. Not...is
16. Not...are

EXAMPLES:

1. I am not at home.
2. He is not a doctor.
3. They are not students.
4. We are not happy.

IDIOMS (15)

1. All...dressed up to come across an optimist.
2. For the most part...he who has the most to eat, which is not always himself.
3. Lost in thought...John was sitting in the back porch, lost in thought.
4. To do one's utmost...I have done my utmost to teach him, and he has scarcely made any improvement.
5. Refrain from...I cannot refrain from tears.
6. To keep an eye on...You should keep an eye on the children when they are playing.

A GOOD DEED A DAY

Three boyscouts reported to their scoutmaster that they had done a good deed this day. "We helped a little old lady across the street," they told him.

"That is a good deed," said the scoutmaster beaming. "But why did it take three of you to help her across the street?"

"Because," one of the scouts explained, "she didn't want to go."