

Hamburg International Speakers
Grammar and usage tips
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Spoken English Phrase	Correction
It's feeling great to be here.	It <u>feels</u> great to be here.
Ever since then, I'm addicted to jogging.	Ever since then, I've <u>been</u> addicted to jogging.
Last year I got twins.	Last year, I <u>had</u> twins. Last year, I <u>gave birth to</u> twins (formal).
I went for the first time to a punk rock concert.	I went to a punk rock concert <u>for the first time</u> .
We had a funny time at the party.	We had a <u>fun</u> time at the party.
They had to make steps to solve the problem.	They had to <u>take</u> steps to solve the problem.
Feedback is the game.	Feedback is <u>the name of</u> the game.
The difference to the real world is...	The difference <u>from</u> the real world is... The difference <u>between this</u> and the real world is...
He doesn't eat meat, but only vegetables.	He doesn't eat meat, <u>but rather/but instead</u> only vegetables. (<i>sondern</i>)
The things we are restricted to do	The things we are restricted <u>from doing</u>
And my worst example	And my <u>saddest/most tragic</u> example (the example itself is a good one; rather, it's the facts or circumstances within it that are negative)
Fear brings you nowhere	Fear <u>gets</u> you nowhere
I was at the airport of Bali	I was at the <u>Bali airport</u> .
I've always wanted to go to there	I've always wanted to <u>go there</u> BUT: I've always wanted to go to Bali, etc.
They have a habit to smoke after every meal.	They have a habit <i>of smoking</i> after every meal.
Never say that we cannot discover always something new.	Never say that we cannot <u>always</u> discover something new.
The camera angle is from down	The camera angle is from <u>below</u>
Your behavior can bring you into trouble.	Your behavior can <u>get</u> you into trouble. Your behavior can <u>cause</u> you trouble.
I am a fan of her.	I am a fan of <u>hers</u> .
You had good standing here (body language on stage)	You had a good stance here. good standing = <i>guter Ruf, gutes Ansehen</i>
I would like to say a few aspects about life overseas.	I would like to <i>mention</i> a few aspects of life overseas. I would like to <u>say something/a few things</u> about life overseas.