

# Teacher Training Conference

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# Our first plenary speaker today...

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**Grzegorz  
Śpiewak**

A close-up, high-contrast image of Darth Vader's helmet. The helmet is black and glossy, with the iconic breathing apparatus visible. The background is dark with some light speckles, suggesting a space or night sky theme.

Error's no **terror**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePVZvMjSMvE>





- ☹ I have trouble with ...
- ☹ my problem is ...
- ☹ I can't ...
- ☹ I've a problem with my ...
- ☹ I've got very small ...



**IT'S  
A  
TRAP!**





**Where does it come from ...?!**





A young boy with short brown hair is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark, futuristic visor that covers his eyes and part of his face. The visor has a glowing orange light on the left side. A bright blue energy field or aura surrounds his head and shoulders, with a large, bright blue circular light source in the upper right corner. The background is dark and smoky.

# Exercise 1



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Do you usually think of (and react to!) linguistic mistakes as positive or negative things...??

And what do your students think...??

*'It depends'*



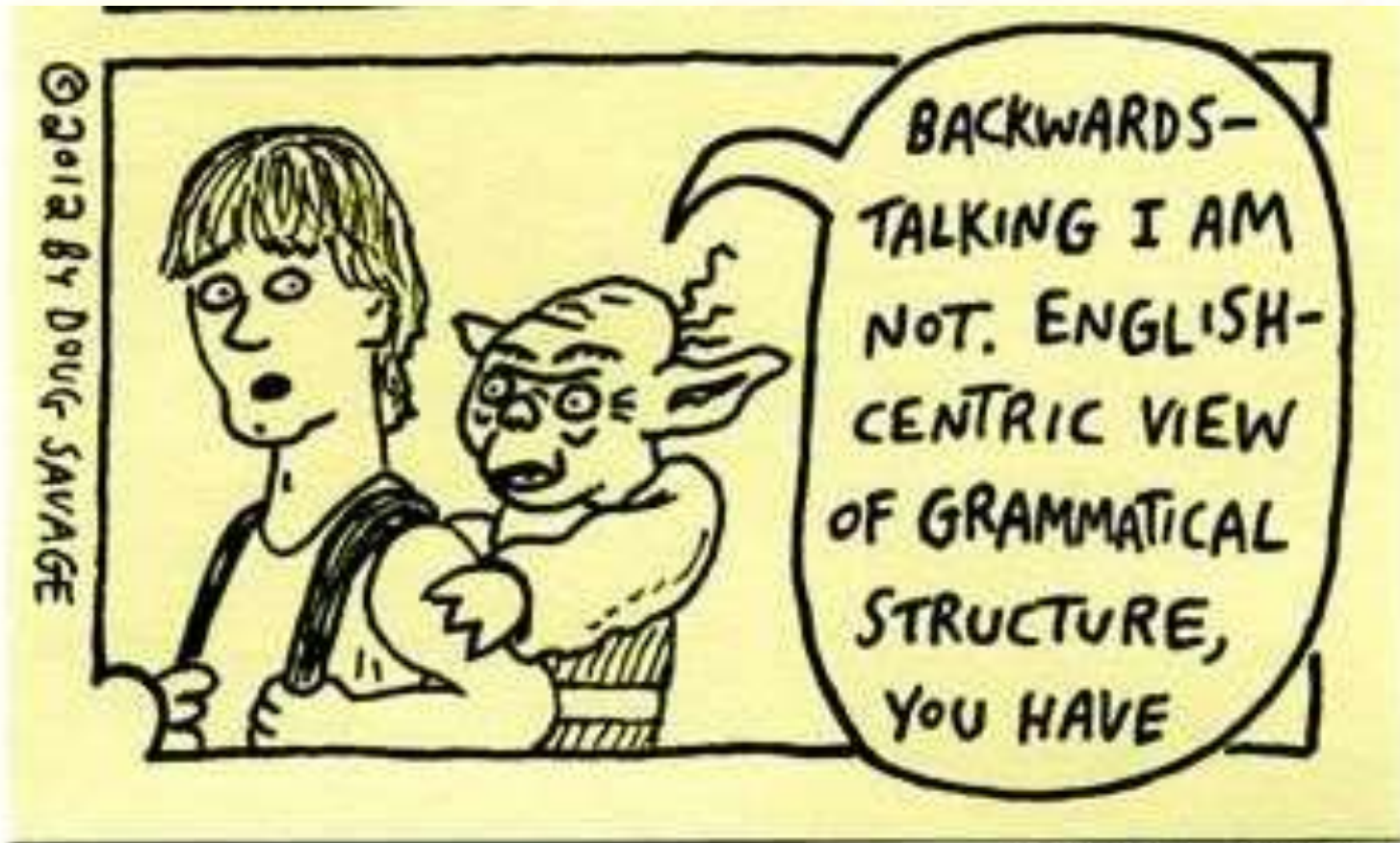
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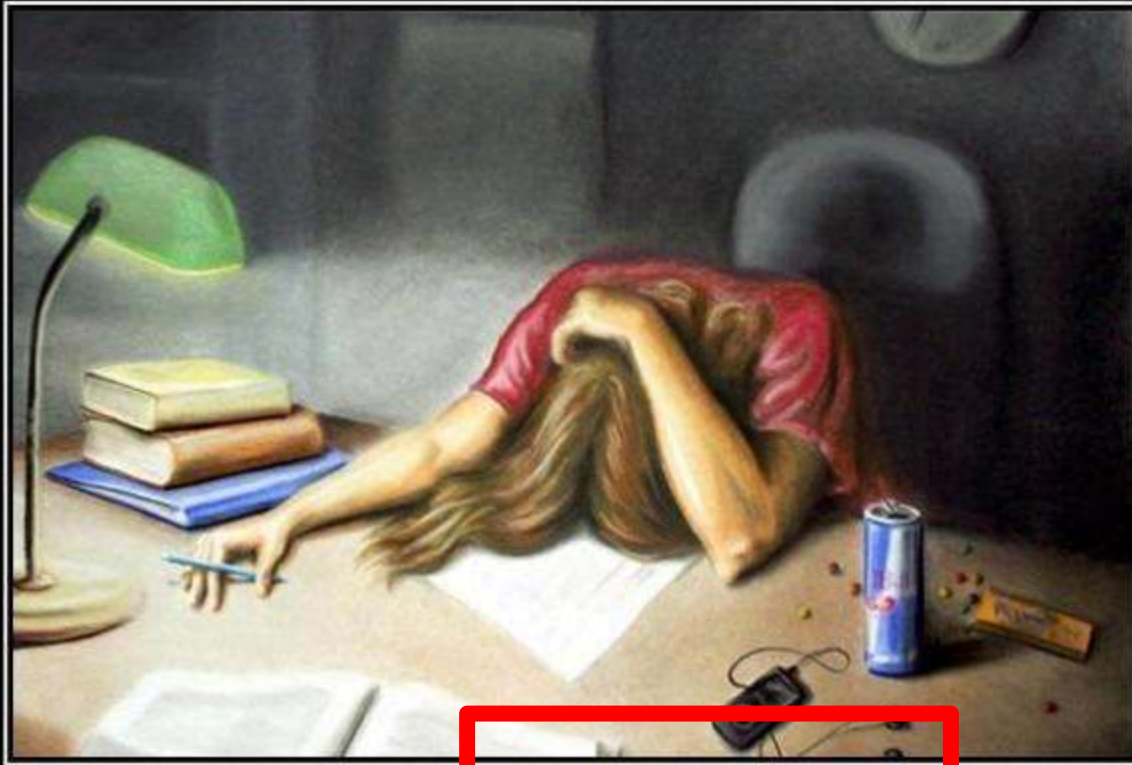
## Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



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STUDYING

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# Exercise 2



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Which of these three best reflects your attitude ...?

*'I correct every wrong use of English. I insist on correct use of English as much as I possibly can.'*

*'Nothing I can do will accelerate the process of improvement. So I correct little.'*

*'I don't correct language errors I hear or see if I feel it discourages my learners.'*

(again, be honest with yourself 😊)



# ... a lesson from Franek...



1.8

c. 7200

**... which results in the following level  
of language competence ...**



***Mama, YouTube !***



*Mama, YouTube*



Mummy, stop working on your report!



Look at me instead.



Open [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)



Find a clip with a steam engine.



My favourite one – you know which.



**NOW !!!**

**... and what about Franek's  
language teachers ?**



# typical feedback for Franek:



*‘Wow, Franek said...’*



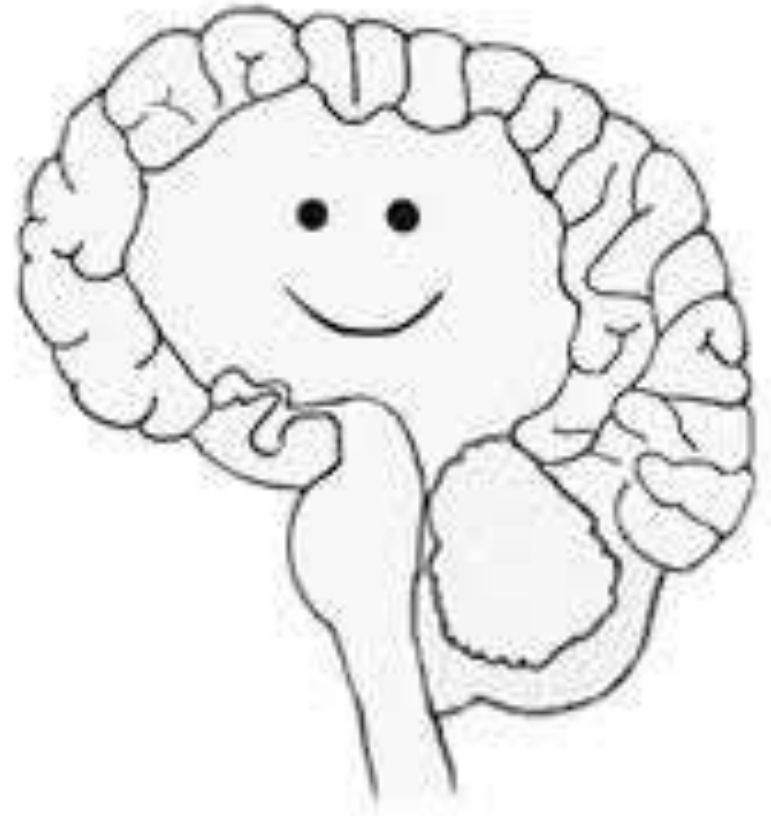
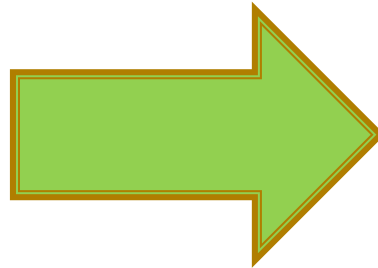
*‘Aren’t you smart, Franek?’*



*‘Why don’t you say it again!’*











Mama, You 



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# Learning





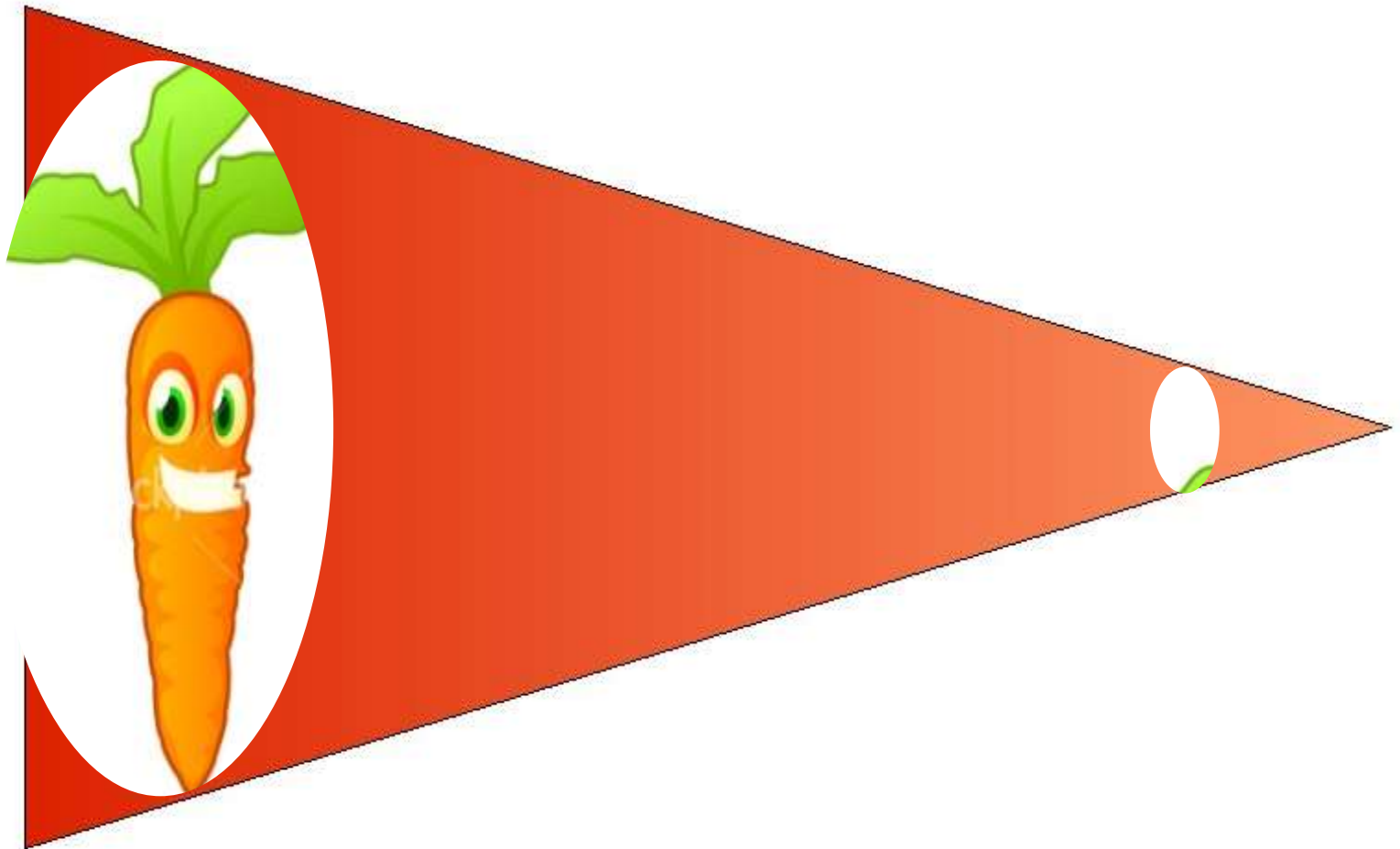
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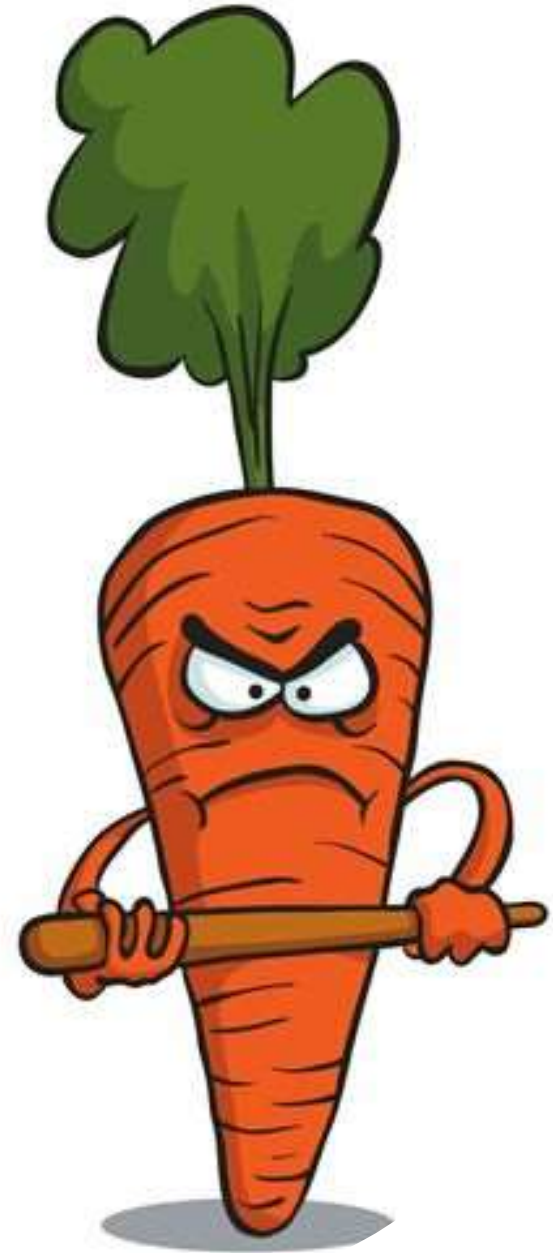
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"Nobody understands the apostrophe."

# Bad news for Franek (et al.) ...



**And then, one day...**





**critical error or partial success?**



*He sorry me*



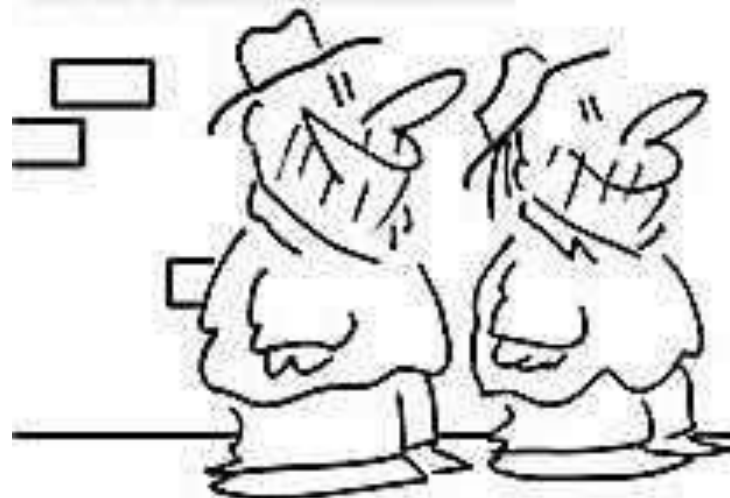
*In summer is a hot*



*How much cost is lesson?*



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LEARN  
FROM YOUR  
MISTAKES!

B. Jay

"I tried that once — there  
was too much information."

h ID:iman5516

A close-up of a child's face wearing a VR headset. The child has short brown hair and is looking down. The background is a vibrant blue with a bright orange light source on the left and a circular lens flare on the right. The text "Exercise 3" is overlaid in the center.

# Exercise 3



or



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*She asked me where I did come from.*

*He's fond of cooking himself and for me.*

*Did you went there alone?*

*I like the city because it's lively and expected about the future.*

*The problem was that the door wasn't keyed.*

*I visit London last weekend.*

*She was about herself very sensible.*

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**Professional attitude:**







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Where are Olive and Anders from?

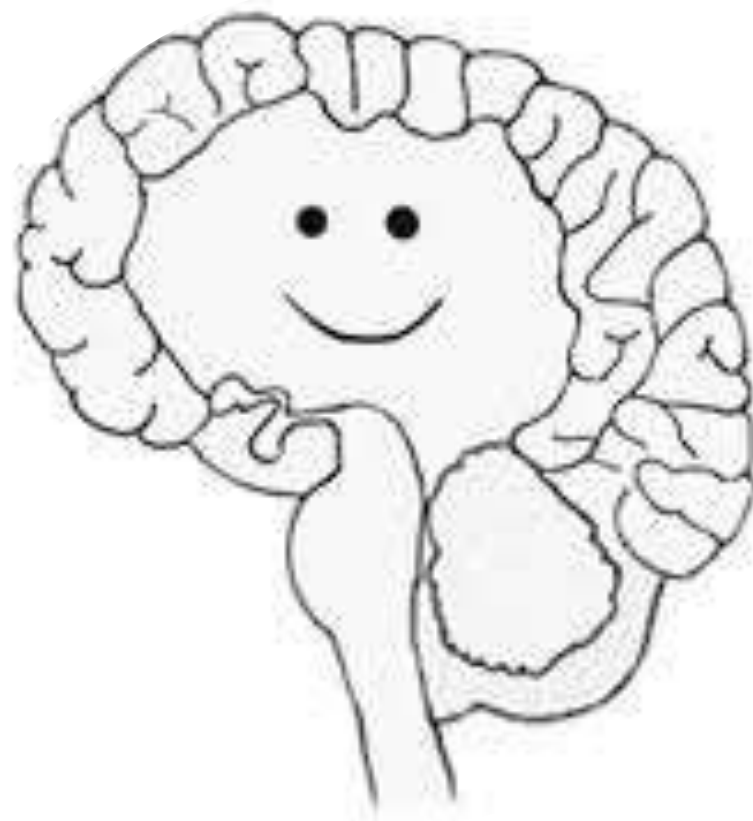
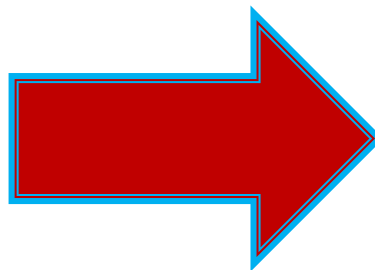
What is Olive's favourite sport?

What does they do at the weekend?

What is Banasil's favourite TV programme?



# Brain-friendly error-correction:





Hi Tom,

I'm writing to say you about a great game of football last Saturday. I went to a stadium with my father which wanted to do something nice to me. There was a lot of people and I met with my friends from school, Maciek and Wojtek. The match was fantastic and my team score 3:1 so I was very exciting. You know, perhaps we should start playing football together after school? You and I need to exercising and we could really have a fun, don't you think?

Write to me soon,

G.

GR

LEX (2x), GR

LEX, SP

GR (tense!), LEX

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GR (Art?!)



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**Professional attitude:**

*Error is ...  
success  
in disguise.*





**or**



**??!**

- *My students make a lot of mistakes when they speak.*
- *I always correct the mistakes as soon as they are made.*
- *My students don't like to make mistakes*

**MISTAKES**





**or**



**??!**

- *My students make a lot of **learning steps** when they speak.*
- *I always correct the **learning steps** as soon as they are made.*
- *My students don't like to make **learning steps***

**MISTAKES**



**LEARNING STEPS**

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# Exercise 4

# **Present Perfect ?**

**A student of yours does something right on Monday, and then something wrong on Tuesday. Now what do you do??**

**→ correct...??**

**→ do nothing...??**

**→ wait until Wednesday at least ...??**



# Professional attitude:

*The possibility of **non correcting** should always be at the front of the teacher's mind.*





# An error **promo** campaign !





i are an  
english  
teacher



Luke...  
... I'm your mother

