Grammar mistakes that are okay to make

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the page and instead check out the guide to spelling in the back of this magazine? That's right, for the price of a single magazine subscription, you can have access to a comprehensive guide to spelling, writing, and grammar. But what about those times when you just can't help but make a mistake? Here are a few common grammar mistakes that are okay to make:

1. "Don't" or "doesn't"

The use of "don't" can be perfectly acceptable in casual conversation. In fact, it's often used in place of "doesn't" when referring to a non-human subject. However, in a formal setting, it's important to use the correct form, "doesn't."

2. "Since" or "because"

While both words are commonly used in everyday speech, they have slightly different meanings. "Since" is used to indicate a reason, while "because" is used to explain a cause. In most cases, "since" is preferred over "because."

3. "Who's" and "whose"

"Who's" is used to ask a question, while "whose" is used to indicate possession. For example, "Who's going to the concert tonight?" and "Whose ticket did you lose?"

4. "Over" or "more than"

Historically, the usage of "over" has been used to indicate distance. However, "more than" has become more common in modern English. For example, "I walked over to the park" versus "I walked more than a mile to the park."

5. "Ending a sentence with a preposition"

Prepositions end a sentence with a preposition. For example, "I ran over to the store to buy some milk." However, it's acceptable to end a sentence with a preposition, as long as it makes sense in the context. For example, "The cat jumped over the fence."

6. "Like" or "as"

When referring to something that is similar, "like" is preferred over "as." For example, "I like the new movie as compared to the old one." However, "as" is acceptable in some cases, such as "I'm as tall as my father."

7. "To" doesn't follow a verb, or splitting an infinitive

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8. "Which" or "that"

The battle over whether to use "which" or "that" is one people struggle with every day. The correct way is "which." However, "that" can be used in some cases, such as "I'm that person over there." Always use "which" in most cases, but "that" can be used in some cases.

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