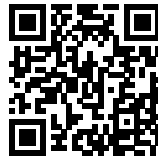


SOLUTION Worksheet 5: Common Mistakes

Arbeitsblatt zum Buch "Pocket Guide: Texte Schreiben im Englisch-Abitur"



1. Spot the mistakes and correct them.

- (a) The story revolves around a muslim girl who lives in England.

The story revolves around a **Muslim** girl who lives in England.

- (b) They discussed over the concept of the freedom.

They discussed ~~over~~ the concept of ~~the~~ freedom.

- (c) The excerpt of Salman Rushdie's "Midnight's Children" can be compared to other post-colonial texts such as "The White Tiger".

The excerpt **from** Salman Rushdie's "Midnight's Children" can be compared to other post-colonial texts such as "The White Tiger".

- (d) It stands in the text that the person was unarmed.

The text says that the person was unarmed.

- (e) The first chapter provides an overview over the major themes of the novel.

The first chapter provides an overview **of** the major themes of the novel.

- (f) In this coming of age novel the author tells the story in the first person.

In this **coming-of-age** novel the **narrator** tells the story in the first person.

2. Choose the correct words.

- (a) Climate change will **affect** (*affect / effect*) everybody.
Its (*It's / Its*) **effects** *affects / effects* will be disastrous.
- (b) The text **reminds** (*remembers / reminds*) me of...
- (c) **In contrast to** (*In contrast to / In contrary to*) Donald Trump, Joe Biden does not deny **climate change** (*climate change / the climate change*).
- (d) People were very dissatisfied with the EU. **Thus,** (*Thus, / Hence,*) many voted in favour of Brexit.
- (e) Romeo speaks of "heavy lightness" (l. 3), **thus** (*thus / therefore*) using an oxymoron to...
- (f) Love and hate are inextricably intertwined in 'Romeo and Juliet', **hence** (*for / hence*) the liberal use of oxymorons.

- (g) If your opponent is _____ **too** _____ (*to / too*) good, you _____ **lose** _____ (*lose / loose*).

3. Translate the sentences into English.

- (a) Das Leben steckt voller Überraschungen.

Life is full of surprises.

- (b) Der Klimawandel wird in höheren Durchschnittstemperaturen resultieren. (to result in)

Climate change will result in higher average temperatures.

- (c) Die Freiheit des Einzelnen ist eine zentrale Säule der Gesellschaft. (Säule = pillar)

Individual liberty is a central pillar of society.

- (d) Die Meinung des Autors wird von vielen Menschen geteilt.

The author's opinion is shared by many (people).

- (e) Die Meinungen der Studenten waren schwer in Einklang zu bringen. (in Einklang bringen = to reconcile)

The students' opinions were difficult to reconcile.

- (f) Ein katholischer Priester sprach mit einem marxistischen Studenten über Premierministerin Liz Truss.

A **C**atholic priest spoke to a **M**arxist student about **P**rieme **M**inister Liz Truss.

- (g) Da Julia Romeo ohne die Zustimmung ihrer Eltern geheiratet hat, könnte man sie als Feministin bezeichnen. (Use a *participle clause*: Having married...)

Having married Romeo without her parents' consent, Juliet might be referred to as a feminist.

- (h) Weniger Leute geben weniger Geld für weniger Informationen aus. Sie haben weniger Argumente und weniger Fragen – und scheinbar weniger Probleme.

Fewer people spend less money on less information. They have fewer arguments and fewer questions – and seemingly fewer problems.