

1 My history

To show you what this course will teach you take a look at the following text:

Does this English seem familiar to you?

Do you construct sentences like this?

My history

In the last week in my job I was with the headache. It was so painful, so after I had a lunch I went out of my job. I wanted to know my neighborhood so I went on an excited travel!

I walked until a pharmacy, had many medicines but they didn't have nothing for headaches. I couldn't believe!

I saw on internet that in the end of the street near from the 5 stars hotel, have other pharmacy. I was with the headache yet but after more 5 minutes I arrived there and went in the pharmacy.

However, in this moment, I am in my house and I am ok. Everybody know I am very exciting because more late at night I will make a party!

Is this!

Now take a look at this text:

My story

Last week at work I had a headache, it was very painful, so after I had lunch I left work. I wanted to get to know my neighbourhood so I went on an exciting trip! I walked as far as a pharmacy, there was a lot of medicine there but they didn't have anything for headaches.

I couldn't believe it!

I saw on the Internet that at the end of the street near the 5-star Hotel there is another pharmacy. I still had a headache but after 5 more minutes I arrived there and went into the pharmacy.

However, at the moment I am at home and I am ok. Everybody knows I am very excited because later tonight I will have a party!

That's it!

Let's take a look at the first text again in this very short example I have made all 28 of the most common mistakes that Portuguese speakers make.

I have even managed to make 3 extra ones

In this course and in this series of videos I will explain all these very common mistakes and how to correct them. I recommend that you watch each video several times there are lots of exercises that you can do and these exercises are designed for tablets and mobile devices so that you can do them maybe when you're on the bus or traveling or waiting.

I think that if you keep watching the videos that if you return and watch them again and again, you will fix all these points in your mind and it will become a lot more natural to you.

The first text uses typical Portuguese structures and when you use these structures in English it creates an error but of course as a Portuguese speaker this is very very natural so we need to explain why it is a mistake and then show you the correct structure in English

but you can see as well that these are very very common words and common situations

So you are probably making these mistakes quite a lot every day.