

CHEAT SHEET · CHECKING YOUR ENGLISH?

6 mistakes that cost B2 marks.

Each one is common at B2 and quick to fix. Learn the fix, then listen for it in your own English.

1

X NOT ~~discuss about the plan~~

✓ SAY **discuss the plan**

Discuss takes a direct object: no about.

SAME WITH mention it · describe it · emphasise it

EXAMPLE

Let's **discuss the plan** before Friday.

2

X NOT ~~explain me~~

✓ SAY **explain to me**

Explain + thing + to + person.

SAME WITH describe it to me · suggest it to me · say it to me

EXAMPLE

Could you **explain the rule to me**?

3

X NOT ~~I am agree~~

✓ SAY **I agree**

Agree is a verb, not an adjective.

SAME WITH I disagree · it depends · I doubt it

EXAMPLE

I agree with you about the trip.

4

X NOT ~~make a photo~~

✓ SAY **take a photo**

In English you take photos.

SAME WITH take a break · take a seat · take a look

EXAMPLE

Can you **take a photo** of us?

5

X NOT ~~I live here since 2015~~

✓ SAY **I have lived here since 2015**

Since + a starting point needs the present perfect.

SAME WITH for ten years · all my life · ever since

EXAMPLE

We **have known** each other since school.

6

X NOT ~~according to me~~

✓ SAY **in my opinion / in my view**

According to is for other people's views.

SAME WITH as I see it · personally · I believe

EXAMPLE

In my opinion, the city needs more parks.

NEXT STEP

Catch your own mistakes in a B2 mock.

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