

Engelse taal: Valkuilen en de meest voorkomende fouten in correspondentie

Let op de schrijfwijze van:

too – to

too = te, ook.

It is too hot. (te)

I like coffee, too. (ook)

In de overige gevallen is het to.

I don't want to help.

Met to worden maar weinig fouten gemaakt. Het komt veel vaker wordt dat er to wordt opgeschreven

terwijl het too moet zijn. Vooral wanneer de betekenis te is.

than – then

Je gebruikt than (met een a) alleen maar in vergelijkingen. In alle andere gevallen schrijf je then (met een e).

than = dan

My computer is more expensive than yours.

then = dan, toen

Then he said: 'No way'.

De meest voorkomende fout is dat er na vergelijkingen then i.p.v. than wordt opgeschreven.

there – their – they're

there = er, daar

There weren't many people.

their = hun (bezit)

This is their car.

they're = they are = zij zijn.

They're playing outside.

your - you're

your = jouw, jullie (bezit)

This is your car.

you're = you are = jullie zijn.

You're going to Spain next week, aren't you?

It's – its

it's = it is of it has

It's too early to get up. (It is)

It's been seven week since we met. (It has)

its = van hem, haar

The cat walked back to its basket.

(dieren en dingen)

The castle and its four towers.

where – were – we're

where = waar

Where are you going?

were = was, waren

Where were you last night? (was)

(verleden tijd van are = zijn)

Where were your children last night? (waren)

we're = we are = wij zijn

We're sad because our cat died yesterday.

who's - whose

who's = who is = wie is

Who's going to meet me at the station?

Whose = van wie

Whose book is this?

witch – which

witch = heks

The witch predicted Macbeth's future.

which = die/dat

The building which we painted yesterday collapsed.

welke *Which coat is yours?*

wie *Which of the children knew the answer?*

wat *He sold our car, which I didn't like at all.*

Het woord witch wordt niet vaak fout geschreven. Het woord which wordt wel vaak fout geschreven. Een heel vaak voorkomende fout is dat de h na de w vergeten wordt. I.p.v which wordt er dan wich (= fout) geschreven.