

# Contents

- 1** Are there any special times I should use *the*? 5
- 2** Singular or plural? 6
- 3** Which nouns don't have a plural form? 7
  
- Test 1** 8
  - 4** When do I use the present simple tense? 10
  - 5** How do I write large numbers? 11
  - 6** *There is / there are* 12
  
- Test 2** 13
  - 7** Which relative pronoun should I use? 15
  - 8** How do I choose between *and, but* and *or*? 16
  - 9** Auxiliary verbs 17
  
- Test 3** 18
  - 10** How do I use modal verbs? 20
  - 11** *-ing* or *to* + infinitive? 21
  - 12** Verbs after adjectives and prepositions 22
  
- Test 4** 23
  - 13** The gerund or infinitive after *allow, advise, make, suggest*? 25
  - 14** *Stop, try, forget* and *remember* 26
  - 15** Prepositions after adjectives and nouns 27
  
- Test 5** 28
  - 16** Prepositions after verbs 30
  - 17** Prepositions of time and place 31
  - 18** The preposition *of* 32

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-69246-5 - Common Mistakes at IELTS Intermediate: And how to Avoid them

Pauline Cullen

Table of Contents

[More information](#)**Test 6** 33**19** How do I make a verb passive? 35**20** When do I use the passive? 36**21** What is register? 37**Test 7** 38**22** Adjectives and adverbs 40**23** Noun or adjective? 41**24** Verb confusion 1 – courses and study 42**Test 8** 43**25** Verb confusion 2 – describing charts and figures 45**26** Verb confusion 3 – money and problems 46**27** Noun confusion 1 – money and work 47**Test 9** 48**28** Noun confusion 2 – advertising, travel and young people 50**29** When do I need to use an apostrophe? 51**30** Common spelling errors 52**Test 10** 53**Answer key** 55