

INTRODUCTION

A few years ago I published a blog post entitled, 'Ten English Mistakes Coach Students Make' which I wrote off the back of several years of teaching English in the Czech Republic. The post proved so popular with Czech teachers that a few weeks later I wrote a second on the same topic. I thought that was the end of it, but then other English teachers in the Czech Republic contacted me with more mistakes. Based on their feedback, I wrote a third and fourth post. Then, when I finally decided to put the book together, I actively asked other teachers for their input. I hope you will find the book a useful resource in sharing their ideas that are close to a native speaker.

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Unlike other English language learning materials, this book focuses only on learners whose native language is Czech. The importance of a learner's native language cannot be overstated. A Czech learner will make different mistakes than a Spanish learner and vice versa. I also wanted to explain why Czechs make these mistakes. My hope is that you recognize the reason behind your mistakes, you will be less likely to continue making them. In this book, I am grateful to Jan Štípanec, a language teacher in the Czech Republic, for his help in writing this book.

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