



TOP 10 GRAMMAR PEEVES

1. **YOUR** refers to a possession E.g. 'Your pen...' **YOU'RE** is a shortened version of **YOU ARE**.
2. **ITS** indicates possession E.g. 'The dog wagged its tail.' **IT'S** is a shortened version of **IT IS**. If you can replace **IT** with 'his' or 'her', then no apostrophe is needed.
3. **THERE** refers to a place. **THEIR** refers to possession. **THEY'RE** is a shortened version of **THEY ARE**.
4. There is no such phrase as ~~**COULD-OF**~~. It is mistakenly used as it sounds similar to **COULD'VE**. This is a shortened version of **COULD HAVE**, which is correct.
5. **AFFECT** is a verb (meaning to influence something). **EFFECT** is a noun (meaning a result or impact that something had).
6. ~~**I SEEN**~~ is incorrect. **I HAVE SEEN** or **I SAW** can be used.
7. ~~**I DONE**~~ and ~~**I HAVE DID**~~ are incorrect. **I DID** or **I HAVE DONE** can be used.
8. **THEM** is always a pronoun E.g. 'I told them...' **THOSE** can act as a pronoun or an adjective E.g. 'Those shoes...' (adjective) or 'Those are the best...' (pronoun)
9. **WHERE** is used when asking a question referring to a location. E.g. 'Where do we go?' **WERE** refers to something that happened in the past E.g. 'When we were in primary school.' **WEAR** refers to clothing. E.g. 'What will I wear?' **WE'RE** is a shortened version of **WE ARE**.
10. Please avoid informal slang terms such as **D'Y'EVER SEE** and too many speech fillers such as **LIKE**.