

# Grammar Guide

Grammar is the structure of our language and mistakes can cause problems in our communication with each other. It is easy to make mistakes when we are speaking but there are some easy rules that can help.

## Everyday Grammar Rules

'a' usually comes before a consonant sound at the start of the next word.  
*an* instead of *a* if the next sound is a vowel sound.

<u>Vowel</u>	<u>Consonant</u>
A E I O U	B C D F G H J K L M N P Q R S T V W X Z

## Past Tense Phrases

**Seen** should be used in past tense phrases with a verb, such as **have**, before it. **Saw** is used on its own. *For example I have seen or I saw.*

**Done** should also be used with a verb before it. **Did** is used on its own. *For example I have done or I did.*

There is no such thing as 'could of' or 'would of'. Instead it is '**could/would have**'.

## Common Mistakes

Do you want a apple?	✓ Do you want an apple?
I passed all my exams!	✓ I have passed all my exams.
You saw that movie recently.	✓ You have seen that movie recently.
I done that.	✓ I did that.