

# MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide

Goal: **Academic skills**

Activity Type: Individual  
Relationship Stage: Any

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**Activity Name:**

"20 Mistakes"

**Objective:**

For the mentee to spot mistakes in a piece of text.

**Preparation Time:**

15 minutes to prepare the text

**Activity Duration:**

10-15 minutes

**Required Material:**

- Prepared text with mistakes
- Pen/pencil for marking mistakes

**Instructions:**

- Write a short piece of text on any topic/idea.
- Make 20 mistakes in the text, such as:
  - Incorrect use of their/they're/there or to/two/too
  - Adding or removing apostrophes or commas
  - Spelling mistakes
  - Incorrectly capitalising (e.g., not capitalising at beginning of sentence)
  - Using text language (e.g., hate=h8, into = in2, because = bc)
- The mentee then goes through the text to find all 20 mistakes.

**Further Notes:**

- Try using text from a book they enjoy, rather than writing one of your own. Or, use text from a book about a topic they find interesting (e.g., sportsperson biography or encyclopaedia entry about their favourite animal or hobby)