

Interlanguage or Variety?

Look at the following examples of fossilized errors in Hong Kong English. Write down the type of error and correct each example.

1. _____

- a. One of the team members are going.
- b. It help produce cleaner air.

2. _____

- a. Moreover, can help us to communicate concisely.
- b. Besides, can enhance my English standard.

3. _____

- a. So freedom should grant to the citizens.
- b. It cannot produce by the body.

4. _____

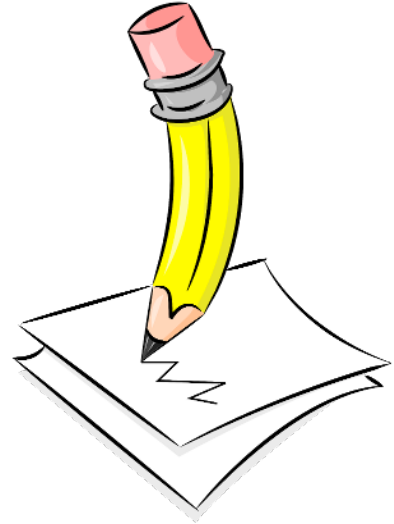
- a. This drug can stop development of cancer.
- b. His father took bath twice a day.

5. _____

- a. Half of them agree that the writing ability is also important.
- b. So we should save the energy to save the coal.

6. _____

- a. We were asked 30 executives about what is the necessary ...
- b. I am agree with you.



Discussion Questions:

- 1. Some researchers believe that Hong Kong English is an interlanguage and not its own variety. What do you think?
- 2. Do you think other outer circle varieties use “bad English”? Why or why not?