



**Common Mistakes in Spelling and Grammar [Mechanics] that cost marks in the Junior Cert exam**

**They're**—they are [ ' stands for 'a' in a short cut version]

**Their**— shows ownership, possession

**There**—points out the location of something, states a fact

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**No**- a refusal or a denial

**Know**- has knowledge of something

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**Allowed**-permitted

**Aloud**- noisy

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**Conscious**-aware of

**Conscience**—your inner voice that tells you right and wrong

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**Ment**—a common misspelling of Meant

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**Were**-past tense or 'are'

**Where**- a question word regarding place

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'i am' is a wrong version of 'I am', where a capital letter is necessary.

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'Im' is a wrong version of 'I'm', where the apostrophe, ', replaces the missing 'a' of 'am'.

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**Your**—meaning what you own

**You're**-meaning 'You are', where ' replaces a missing 'a'.

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**Our** – meaning what belongs to us

**Are**—as in the plural of 'is'.

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**Quiet**—as in silent

**Quite**—meaning 'fairly' or ' a fair amount of something or of a quality'.

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**She**—is the subject, the doer of the action, usually at the start of a sentence.

**Her**—is the object of the action, the person to whom something is done. It is wrong to write 'Her and he ma went to the shop'. It should be 'She and her ma went to the shop'.

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