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Vocabulary and grammar guide

Read the explanations and examples, then complete the practice without looking at the answers.

1. I made a mistake.

Use this after a small error. Made is the past form of make.

Example: I made a mistake with the time.

2. The right cup

Right means correct here. It does not mean the direction right.

Example: Is this the right bus?

3. This cup is for tea.

For tells us the purpose of something.

Example: This room is for students.

4. Can you show me again?

Use this polite question when you need another explanation.

Example: Can you show me again, please?

5. I want to do a good job.

Use want to + verb for a wish or goal.

Example: I want to do a good job at school.

Grammar focus: past made

Say I made a mistake when the mistake happened before now. Do not say I make a mistake for one finished past mistake.

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Vocabulary and grammar practice - answers are on the next page

1. Choose: I (made / make) a mistake yesterday.
2. Complete: The small white cup is ___ coffee.
3. Choose: Right means (correct / left).
4. Put in order: again / show / me / can / you / ?
5. Complete: I want ___ do a good job.
6. Correct: I make a mistake this morning.
7. Choose: “Is this the right bus?” asks about (the correct bus / a fast bus).
8. Complete: This blue cup is ___ tea.
9. Put in order: a / I / made / mistake.
10. Complete: Can you ___ me again?

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Vocabulary and grammar practice - answers

1. made.
2. for.
3. correct.
4. Can you show me again?
5. to.
6. I made a mistake this morning.
7. the correct bus.
8. for.
9. I made a mistake.
10. show.