

**These are sentences from ESL students writing. Two of these sentences have no errors. Find them and put a check beside them. Correct the sentences that do have errors.**

1. Sam don't have time to help me with my homework.
2. Jerry don't know many people in Austin.
3. Bill and Angie doesn't know how to solve the math homework.
4. Bill don't do his job well.
5. Paula doesn't usually have breakfast in the morning.
6. Where does your parents live?
7. Where your parents living?
8. You get up early?
9. How often you watch TV?
10. Turn on oven before start making biscuits.
11. First to do is put rice in boiling water.
12. First, she take a pan and put butter in.
13. I wish she stop talking.
14. I not liking this house very much.
15. In the end, it came out alright.

### **Is it Burn Up or Burn Down?**

We say we burned up all the wood in the fireplace. We wouldn't say we burned down all the wood. On the other hand, our houses burn down, not up.

Burn up comes from the idea that the thing is used up. Fuel is used and is used up. Burn down usually means something has burned down to the ground. All structure and support is gone.

One might say that "all my stuff was burned up in the fire when my house burned down." You'd be less likely to hear "my house burned up," but it is not totally unheard of usage.

There's also a common third option—"burn through"—which evokes the idea of a wave of fire moving across or through something. "I burned through all my money at that casino in about two hours."

### **Fill in the blanks with either "burn up" or "burn down".**

The satellite will \_\_\_\_\_ as it enters the earth's atmosphere.

It is so hot in here. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

The old building \_\_\_\_\_ during the electrical storm.

Jet engines \_\_\_\_\_ all their fuel quickly.

When you are very angry about something, you are burned up not burned down. EX: It just burns me up that Kyle gets to go first every time. It burns me up when others take credit for my design.

### **IN YOUR GROUPS**

**Write a "how to" paragraph on one of the following topics.**

-get fat

-lose your boyfriend/girlfriend

-embarrass your husband/wife

-lose a job

**Before beginning, read and discuss the paragraph below written by another ESL student.**

**How to Annoy Your Teacher by Wahid Sali from Pakistan**

Annoying your teacher is easy if you follow these simple directions. First, go to class late every day. When you are in class, don't pay attention to what the teacher is saying. Instead, look out the window at some beautiful girls, or talk to your friends loudly. Leave class at least twice to smoke a cigarette in the hall. Ask to go to the restroom often. When the teacher is writing on the board, make funny noises, or throw paper. Chew gum in class and stick it on your chair when you leave. If you follow these directions carefully you'll most likely be thrown out of class.

**Read your paragraph to the class. Teachers help the students make corrections where needed.**