

## Grammar Objective of the Week: 'Could of' or 'could have'?

A very common grammatical error at WA is to write 'could of' instead of 'could have' or the contraction 'could've'. For example, the following sentence is incorrect: 'I could **of** told you that.' This should of course read 'I could **have** told you that' or 'I **could've** told you that'. The reason for the mistake is that the pronunciation of **have** in unstressed contexts is the same as that of **of**, and the two words are confused when it comes to writing them down. According to this useful website, <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>, the error was recorded as early as 1837 and, though common, is considered unacceptable in Standard English.

Students make exactly the same mistake when it comes to writing 'should have' and 'would have'. Since the pronunciation of 'have' in these phrases sounds like 'of' students often write 'should of' or 'would of'. These are both grammatically incorrect.

It is essential that we all take care to avoid this inaccuracy, as these mistakes will lead to the loss of important marks (and therefore lower grades) in all subjects. An important way of checking your writing is to read it back silently and slowly to yourself, 'hearing' each word in your mind and ensuring you have spelt the words exactly as they should be spelt (and not simply as they might sound when spoken quickly). Of course, I should **have** told you this earlier, but then I would **have** had nothing to write in this final line....

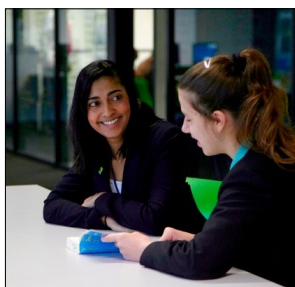
By Mr Harris, Assistant Senior Leader KS4 English

## Message from the Principal, Ms Bora

I was so proud listening to our students on Newsround yesterday! The links to the programmes are:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13877119>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport/30888332>



I hope this will inspire everybody to complete **reading, revising and practising questions** even more passionately this week!

## Politics: Year 7 learn about parliament with Newsround

On Monday 12th January, six Year 7s went to Parliament. When we got to Westminster station, we met Katherine (the BBC School Report correspondent). We started by doing some filming with her for our report: we introduced our feature and explained why we were at Parliament. We then had to go through security and when we finally got into the actual building we met Lizzie (our tour guide), Ben (the camera man), Hannah (the director/producer) and Ayshah (the Newsround presenter).



After meeting everyone we started our tour, which was filmed by Newsround. First, we went to the House of Commons. To be honest, the House of Commons is quite small. On television it seems huge but they just put a camera in the top corner to make it look massive. We did a bit of filming with Lizzie. Unfortunately we had to stand the whole time because we weren't Members of Parliament. ☹️ To demonstrate how laws are made, Newsround made a bill that they wanted to present. The bill said that Newsround should be on all day, every day, forever! 😊😊😊 The best thing was that I was the person chosen to be filmed carrying the bill out of the House of Commons and into the House of Lords.

After our bewildering time at the House of Commons, we went into the House of Lords, and let me tell you, I have never seen so much gold in my life!!! Later, we had the chance to interview our local MP, Karen Buck, which was an honour. When we got outside, we filmed a Q&A with Ayshah. We even took a selfie! Unfortunately it started to pour down with rain and we had to say goodbye to Westminster. ☹️

By Nouzha Noukri, Year 7

This week, the BBC marked 750 years since the first elected parliament at Westminster and 800 years since the signing of the Magna Carta. You can see Year 7 getting involved in Democracy Day on the Newsround website!



## NHS information: 7 day and urgent care access

Residents in Kensington and Chelsea and Queen's Park and Paddington are being reminded that many GP surgeries now offer seven day access as winter pressures continue to affect A&Es across the country.

**Surgeries open 9am - 5pm Saturdays and Sundays:** Knightsbridge Medical Centre, Barlby Surgery, Colville Health Centre, Earls Court Medical Centre. (Patients do not need to be registered with these practices to use this service.)

### Knightsbridge Medical Centre

71-75 Pavilion Road SW1X 0ET

Phone: 0208 237 2600

### Barlby Surgery

St Charles Centre Exmoor St W10 6DZ

Phone: 0208 962 5100

### Colville Health Centre

51 Kensington Park Road W11 1PA

Phone: 0207 727 4592

### Earls Court Medical Centre

248 Earls Court Road SW5 9AD

Phone: 0207 835 1455

**Weekend walk in services:** Half Penny Steps Health Centre (Sat, Sun, 10am to 4pm) and Earls Court Health and Well-being Centre (Saturdays only, 9am to 12pm).

### Half Penny Steps Health Centre

427-429 Harrow Rd, London W10 4RE

Phone: 020 8962 8700

**Urgent Care Centres** treating residents who require care immediately for illnesses or injuries that aren't life-threatening (A&E is for people with major, life-threatening illnesses and injuries): Urgent Care Centre at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital and the Fulham Centre for Health at Charing Cross Hospital (open 24 hours a day, including weekends and public holidays); St Charles Hospital (open 8am-9pm, seven days a week).

### Urgent Care Centre at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital

369 Fulham Road London SW10 9NH

### Urgent Care Centre at St Charles

Exmoor St W10 6DZ

### Fulham Centre for Health at Charing Cross Hospital

Fulham Palace Road London W6 8RF

**NHS 111:** Residents can also call NHS 24 hours a day, seven days a week for advice and details of local health services. Tel: 111.

**More information** about health services in North West London can be found at [www.rightcarenlondon.nhs.uk](http://www.rightcarenlondon.nhs.uk).

**NHS West London Clinical Commissioning Group**

### Day time Arabic Parenting Group for Parents with Teenagers

Understanding teenagers and why they behave as they do! - The best way to develop your children - Looking at positive goals for change - How to deal with teenage emotions - How to get teenagers to problem solve and to take more responsibility - How to manage behaviour - How to deal with risky situations and behaviour - Implementing parent routines and strategies

Certificated Course at WA starting Monday 26 January



## Brand new online service for Westminster residents

A new online service means people living in Westminster can now receive advice by email.



Advice Westminster's Online Advice Service allows resi-

dents to submit a query using a simple online form, which will be answered by email within five working days. Applicants will receive a one-off response from a trained adviser, who, wherever possible, will provide advice or information, or give details of other organisations that may be able to help.

Residents can ask for advice on a range of topics including **benefits, employment rights, access to health, debt and immigration.**

To ask for advice, visit:

<http://advicewestminster.org.uk/get-advice-online/>

For those who choose not to use the email advice service, the **Advice Westminster website** also provides information about a wide range of advice agencies in the borough:

<http://advicewestminster.org.uk/westminster-advice-services/>

Residents can also ask for **help over the phone or face to face** using the Westminster Advice Services Partnership gateway assessment service: <http://www.westminsteradvice.org.uk/getting-advice>

For more information about Advice Westminster, contact Sara Wickert using this online form: <http://advicewestminster.org.uk/contact-us/>

Advice Westminster

## What's on for parents

**FREE IT classes for parents**

**FREE Art classes for parents and community**

**FREE 'Parent Gym' - Wednesdays**

**NEW! FREE Arabic Triple P Parenting Group for parents with teenagers (see below left) - 8 sessions starting Monday 26 January until 16 March 10.30am - 12.50 at WA**

**FREE Adult English classes - every Wednesday**

**To express interest in any of the above, please email Mr Gothard: [AGothard@westminsteracademy.biz](mailto:AGothard@westminsteracademy.biz)**

**Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 29 January**