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RESEARCH UNCOVERS MAJOR TYPES OF WRITING MISTAKES  
KIDS MAKE FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

New Book Features Mistakes from All Over the U.S.

After over a month of seeking information from teachers around the U.S., some initial research findings are emerging on the major types of writing mistakes kids make. Some examples are featured at [www.kidsmistakes.com](http://www.kidsmistakes.com) and 500 of these will be published in *FROM THE PENS OF KID* by author Gini Graham Scott, Ph.D., a sociologist and anthropologist specializing in popular culture. It will be published by Sasquatch Books in the spring of 2006.

Among the most common mistakes are spelling errors that result in substituting one word for another with humorous results, such the student thinking about his future career who wrote: "I'd like to take on the roll of a sturgeon when I graduate." Another common error is substituting a more familiar word for another, especially in the case of proper names, like the student who wrote: "After we relaxed and meditated, I reached the state of Nevada."

Additional mistakes are still being sought until January 15, 2005 on all types of subjects -- from history, science, and literature to personal relationships, everyday life and the way the world works. No names of kids will be used in the books, but a credits section will include anyone submitting a contribution.

Please send examples by e-mail to [kidsmistakes@kidsmistakes.com](mailto:kidsmistakes@kidsmistakes.com) or by mail to Gini Graham Scott, Kids Mistakes, Changemakers, 6114 La Salle, #358, Oakland, CA 94611.