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Is correctness important? Why? When?

Well now, if you're in your English exam and you have to write an essay about how you would populate the moon, then grammar correction and punctuation being perfect is key to getting a good grade. But it isn't as important. It's the meaning of the sentences and how powerful and meaningful and even how thoughtful it is. One example of a **good and powerful sentence** that isn't filled with correct grammar and punctuation is: "As I turned the corner, I saw my mom, it was the first time in my life, I just thought to myself, this is sunting lv'e wanted to bee ablue tu doo all mi lyfe." Even though that sentence is chockful of inaccuracies, it's a **ba-da-bing sentence filled with power and emotion**, which is acceptable in a case like this. But if you're going to write a sentence that is just **plain and humdrum** without any **meaning, emotion and power**, such as: "When I was five, I saw a dog." That sentence may have good grammar and punctuation, but it's **humdrum and meaningless**. But with the other sentence, it's **meaningful and emotional**, making it a good sentence even though the grammar and punctuation are awful.

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