

Examples:

Question: Nǐ cānjiā le jǐ ge zhìlì cèyàn?

你参加了几个智力测验？

How many intelligence tests have you participated in?

Answer: Shàng ge xīngqī wǒ cānjiā le yī ge zhìlì cèyàn, dànshì zhè ge xīngqī wǒ duō cānjiā le yī ge.

上个星期我参加了一个智力测验，但是这个星期我多参加了一个。

Last week I participated in one intelligence test, but this week I participated in one more (too many).

(Incorrect: 上个星期我参加了一个智力测验，这个星期我参加多了一个。)

Question: Nǐ yīnggāi gěi wǒ sānshí kuài qián, zěnmē shǎo gěi le wǒ wǔ kuài?

你应该给我三十块钱，怎么少给了我五块？

You should have given me \$30, so how come you've given me \$5 too little?

(Incorrect: 你应该给我三十块钱，怎么给了我少五块？)

Answer: Zhēn duìbùqǐ, wǒ gěi cuò le.

真对不起，我给错了。

I'm really sorry, I gave (it) incorrectly.

Tā píngshí yī cì zhǐ mǎi yī ge wánjù, kěshì gāngcái duō mǎi yī ge.

她平时一次只买一个玩具，可是刚才多买了一个。

She normally buys one toy at a time, but just now she bought one more (too many).

(Incorrect: 她平时一次只买一个玩具，可是刚才买多了一个。)

► **V. More on “Different-Degree Comparisons”**

We briefly introduced “different-degree comparisons” in Grammar Book 1, Lesson 8. To express an exact difference between two things being compared, add the difference to the end of the “A + 比 + B + Adj” pattern. Note that here the “exact difference” should be something measurable or countable.

Sentence structure: A + 比 + B + Adj + Difference