Common mistakes in the use of nouns and adjectives

Each sentence given below contains one or more grammatical mistakes. Find out the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.

- 1. I heard these news in the morning.
- 2. One of my friend wants to go to France.
- 3. Each of these children know the answer by-heart.
- 4. He is most intelligent boy in our class.
- 5. She is junior than me.
- 6. This fabric is superior than that fabric.
- 7. I went to the store to buy some stationeries.
- 8. Measles are infectious.
- 9. This poem is full of vivid imageries.
- 10. He didn't want to listen to my advices.

Answers

- 1. I heard this news in the morning.
- 2. One of my friends wants to go to France.

3. Each of these children knows the answer by-heart. (The determiners each, every, either and neither take a singular verb.)

- 4. He is the most intelligent boy in our class. (Superlative adjectives take the article the.)
- 5. She is junior to me. (The adjectives junior and senior take the preposition to, not than.)

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6. This fabric is superior to that fabric. (The adjectives superior and inferior take the preposition to, not than.)

7. I went to the store to buy some stationery. (Stationery does not have a plural form.)

8. Measles is infectious. (The names of most illnesses, including those ending in -s, are singular in English.)

9. This poem is full of vivid imagery. (Imagery is uncountable in English and therefore it does not have a plural form.)

10. He didn't want to listen to my advice. (Advice is an uncountable noun and therefore it does not have a plural form. Advice cannot be used with the article an. To show the singular aspect of the noun, use the phrase a piece of advice. To show the plural aspect, use the phrase some advice.)