

## THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH!

1. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid clichés like the plague. (They're old hat).
6. Who needs rhetorical questions?
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also, too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments. No comma splices, run-ons are bad too.
11. Contractions aren't helpful and shouldn't be used.
12. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. One should never generalise.
15. Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
16. Don't use no double negatives.
17. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
18. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
19. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
20. The passive voice is to be ignored.
21. Eliminate commas, that are, not necessary. Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.
22. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
23. Kill all exclamation points!!!!
24. Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.
25. Understatement is probably not the best way to propose earth shattering ideas.
26. Use the apostrophe in it's proper place and omit it when its not needed.
27. As Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
28. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times: resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
29. Puns are for children, not groan readers.
30. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
31. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
32. Exaggeration is a million times worse than understatement.
33. Proof-read carefully to see if you any words out

## THE ENGLISH...A NATION OF ANIMAL LOVERS?

This guy was lonely and so he decided it would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet shop and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet for a companion.

After some discussion he finally bought a centipede which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took his new friend back home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start to make friends by inviting him to the pub to have a drink.

So he asked the centipede in his little house, "Would you like to go down to the Queens Head with me and have a beer?" But their was no answer from his new pet!

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to the pub for a drink?"

But again there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more thinking about the situation. He

## THE STUPID THINGS PEOPLE DO AND SAY...

**People who point** at their wrist while asking for the time.... I know where my watch is pal, where the hell is yours? Do I point at my trousers when I ask where the toilet is?

**When people say** "Oh you just want to have your cake and eat it too". Damn right! What good is a cake if you can't eat it?

**When people say** "it's always the last place you look". Of course it is. Why the hell would you keep looking after you've found it?

**When people say** while watching a film "did you see that?". No Loser, I paid to come to the cinema and stare at the damned floor.

**People who ask** "Can I ask you a question?".... Didn't really give me a choice there, did ya sunshine?

**When something is** "new and improved!". Which is it? If it's new, then there has never been anything before it. If it's an improvement, then there must have been something before it.

**When people say** "life is short". What the heck?? Life is the longest damn thing anyone ever does!! What can you do that's longer?

**When you are waiting** for the bus and someone asks "Has the bus come yet?". If the bus came would I be standing here?

## BIZARRE BRITISH NEWS BITS

**From the Churchdown Parish Magazine:** "Would the Congregation please note that the bowl at the back of the Church labelled 'For The Sick' is for monetary donations only."

**From The Guardian** concerning a sign seen in a Police canteen in Christchurch, New Zealand:

"Will the person who took a slice of cake from the Commissioner's Office return it immediately. It is needed as evidence in a poisoning case."

**From The Daily Telegraph** in a piece headed Brussels Pays 200,000 Pounds to Save Prostitutes": "... the money will not be going directly into the prostitutes' pocket, but will be used to encourage them to lead a better life. We will be training them for new positions in hotels."

**From The Derby Abbey Community News:**

"We apologise for the error in the last edition, in which we stated that 'Mr. Fred Nicolme is a Defective in the Police Force.' This was a typographical error. We meant of course that Mr. Nicolme is a Detective in the Police Force."

decided to ask him one more time, this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting..."Hey in there! Would you like to go to the Queens Head and have a drink with me?"

A little voice came out of the box.....

"I heard you the first time! I'm putting my f\*cking shoes on!"

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2020, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections, but absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

**P.s...**There's nothing worse than a snotty doctor's receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong in a room full of other patients. I know we all have experienced this, and I love the way this old guy handled it.

An 86 year old man walked into a crowded doctor's office. As he approached the desk, the receptionist said, "Yes sir, what are you seeing the doctor for today?"

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WORD MAKES!

It's the Spring of 1957 and Bobby goes to pick up his date.

He's a pretty hip guy with his own car. When he goes to the front door, the girl's father answers and invites him in.

"Carrie's not ready yet, so why don't you have a seat?," he asks.

"That's cool!" says Bobby. Carrie's father asks Bobby what they're planning to do. Bobby replies politely that they will probably just go to the soda shop or a movie.

Carrie's father responds, "Why don't you two go out and screw?"

I hear all the kids are doing it."

Naturally, this comes as a quite a surprise to Bobby, so he asks Carrie's Dad to repeat it. "Yeah," says Carrie's father, "Carrie really likes to screw; she'll screw all night if we let her."

Well, this just made Bobby's eyes light up, and immediately revised his plans for the evening.

A few minutes later, Carrie comes downstairs in her little mini skirt and announces that she's ready to go.

Almost breathless with anticipation, Bobby escorts his date out the front door.

About 20 minutes later, a thoroughly dishevelled Carrie rushes back into the house, slams the door behind her, screams at her father, and says...

"DAMMIT, DADDY! THE TWIST!  
IT'S CALLED THE TWIST!"

AND FINALLY...MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT MISUNDERSTOOD!

Where am I? How did I get here? Why does my head hurt?

"You're in a hospital, sir. I'm with the police. We weren't sure you were going to wake up. You had a golf club wrapped around your neck. Just tell us everything you remember."

"Well, I was teaching my wife golf. Of course, I won every hole.

But on the little par 3, 17th hole, we both hit right to the green, and we both putted right to the pin.

When I walked to the flag, I saw one putt had overshot, but the other ball had apparently sunk. I didn't know whose it was, so I pulled the flag, looked in, saw it was her Spalding in there, and I said, Looks like your hole, dear.

That was the last thing I remember."

"There's something wrong with my penis," he replied.

The receptionist became irritated and said, "You shouldn't come into a crowded office and say things like that."

"Why not? You asked me what was wrong and I told you," he said.

The receptionist replied, "You've obviously caused some embarrassment in this room full of people.

You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and then discussed the problem further with the doctor in private."

The man walked out, waited several minutes and then re-entered.

The receptionist smiled smugly and asked, "Yes?"

"There's something wrong with my ear," he stated.

The receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice.

"And what is wrong with your ear, Sir?"

"I can't piss out of it," the man replied. The doctor's office erupted in laughter.