

Grammar 2: Usage Assignment 7

- Complete Chapter 7 on case, except the test.
- Take the chapter Test 6, scan it and email to me by **Tuesday morning**.



Remember that I want the answers on *one* page.



- Review your mistakes and please ask any questions that you have next lesson.
- Warning: the rules below are for entertainment value only; do not follow!

Seven Rules on How to Write Good...

1. Prepositions are not good words to end with.
2. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat.)
3. Do not use ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
4. One should never generalize.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Sentence Fragments? Eliminate.
7. Hyperbole is a million times worse than understatement.

More advice from Censor:

Don't say lay for lie. It is true, Byron committed this blunder—"There let him lay"—but poets are not always safe guides. *Lay* expresses transitive action; *lie* expresses rest. "I will lie down"; "I will lay it down."

Don't use them for those. "Them boots," "them bonnets," etc., is so gross an error that we commonly hear it only from the uneducated.

Don't say, "I am through," when you are announcing that you have finished dinner or breakfast. "Are you through?" asked an American of an Englishman when seated at table. "Through!" exclaimed the Englishman, looking in an alarmed way down to the floor and up to the ceiling. "Through what?"

Don't misuse the words lady and gentleman. *Don't say "A nice lady."* If you must use the word *nice* say "A nice woman." *Don't say "A pleasant gentleman,"* say "An agreeable person." Say "What kind of man is he?" not "What kind of gentleman is he?" Say "She is a "good woman," not "a good

lady.” The indiscriminate use of *lady* and *gentleman* indicates want of culture. These terms should never be used when sex pure and simple is meant.

Don't say “I guess” for “I think,” or “I expect” for “I suppose.”

Don't use *plenty* as an adjective, but say *plentiful*. So say the purists, although old writers frequently violated this rule. “If reasons were as plenty as blackberries,” says Falstaff. If we obey the rule, we must say “money is *plentiful*,” not “money is *plenty*.”

Don't use the word *please* too much. Say, “Will you kindly oblige me,” or something equivalent.

Don't fall into the habit of repeating worn-out proverbs and overused quotations. It becomes not a little irritating to have to listen to a person who ceaselessly applies or misapplies a threadbare stock of “wise saws” and stupid sayings.