

The Words Worth Times

MODEL THE WAY

“Please off the tap”

“Today is my off day”

Did you spot the grammatical mistakes in these common expressions we hear and use in our everyday lives? How often do you think we have let ungrammatical English slip without realising we spoke “bad English”?

We should really be saying “Please turn off the tap” and “Today is my day off”, but the truth is to the untrained eye, these nuances can be rather hard to catch.

The Speak Good English movement was launched in the year 2000, driven by concerns that “widespread use of broken English involving ‘ungrammatical and truncated’ expressions would affect Singapore’s ability to do business and communicate with the world”, (The Straits Times, 21 March 2017).

In the span of almost two decades, the movement has improved the overall standard of English amongst Singaporeans through reducing the widespread usage of Singlish in formal and official settings. It is now moving towards highlighting the “importance of grammar so that Singaporeans may be encouraged to improve their standard of spoken and written English”, as quoted from a spokesperson for the Grammar Rules, a guidebook published as part of the movement.

This is where teachers and those who are fluent in English play a crucial role in modelling the way for school children and sieving through fine shifts between the grammatical and the ungrammatical.

At Words Worth, our teachers have an excellent command of the English Language, and will be able to correct grammar mistakes that escape daily conversations. The programmes our enrichment centre offers cover the four main skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, to ensure proper, grammatical English when learning the language.

Words Worth capitalizes on concentrated learning through smaller class sizes, where teachers are better able to create opportunities for students to be actively engaged with the language. Our teachers encourage students to put in personal effort to understand and learn the nuanced beats of English.

We believe that teachers hold a special position – they are able to motivate students to learn and improve on their own, and also be able to guide them through class work and discussions – and the educators at Words Worth are well equipped to deliver.



ABOUT WORDS WORTH

We offer enrichment classes for English Language and Literature. We offer English Language Programmes for Primary, Secondary and Junior College students. We also offer IELTS, IGCSE and IB English classes. Other enrichment programmes include Reading and Early Literacy for Pre-School students, Speech and Drama, Public Speaking and Communication Skills.

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