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Subject: Re: sorry I haven't been..

Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 08:27:12 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Thu, 01 June 2006 00:54 What can I even say? Yes, there are a few people on these boards who correct grammar rather obsessively, and yes, it is annoying (however, when attacking this behaviour, I'd recommend picking a target who consistently exhibits it, i.e. not De7).

As for intelligence not having anything to do with English usage:

Hopefully, a knowledgeable--if not intelligent--person would know the difference between, say, the words "your" and "you're." On a message board, such as this, a person is allowed to use any amount of time they please to construct a post. If someone knows a language and is provided with time to construct messages using it, one might expect the words in their messages to be used in a correct fashion. I don't really know why you wouldn't want to use words properly, anyway.

It doesn't bother me that much if people use words correctly or incorrectly; after all, I am still able to read and understand their messages. However, if using words correctly isn't a sign of intelligence, surely using them incorrectly is no better.

Intelligence is the ability to reason, plan, problem solving, think abstractly, comprehend ideas, quickly learn and learn from experience... not the ability to use perfect English grammar.

A person may choose to use short hand or broken English, when they feel like it, as its their freedom or they might be lazy.

This is how language evolves, you think we be using English as we do today in the next 500 years or more? It would had changed.

On the other point, there is nothing wrong with helping people with their English, but its the way some users do it here thats the problem, its rude and desrepectable aswell as being bad manners, if they did it in a polite way, then there wouldnt be a problem.

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