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LEARN GRAMMAR RULES TO RULE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

20 March 2017 - The Speak Good English Movement has published an English grammar guidebook titled "Grammar Rules" which will be distributed free of charge to members of the public. 10 000 copies of the book have been printed.

The pocket-sized guidebook covers major grammar topics: Nouns, pronouns, adjectives, tenses, subject-verb agreement, prepositions, adverbs and conjunctions.

The book also highlights common English language errors made by Singaporeans and examples on how to correct them.

Most of the material in the guidebook originally appeared in notebooks issued by the Movement over the years. The popularity of the notebooks and the grammar tips they contained motivated the Movement to compile the material into one volume. New material has been included to make the guidebook more comprehensive.

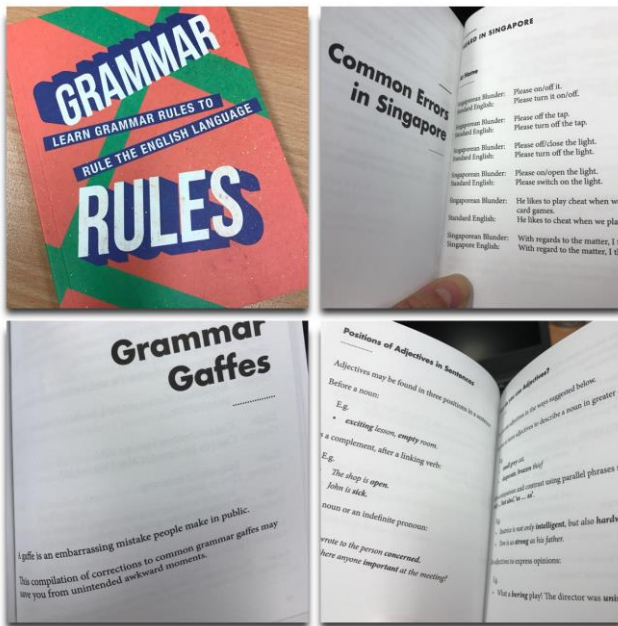
Through *Grammar Rules*, the Speak Good English Movement hopes to draw attention to the importance of grammar so that Singaporeans may be encouraged to improve their standard of spoken and written English.

The pre-publication response to the guidebook has been encouraging. "The Speak Good English Movement *Grammar Rules* book is a useful language resource that everyone should have on file as a handy reference resource. Success depends on knowing, speaking, and writing good English. *Grammar Rules* shows you how to do this," said Dr Margaret Chan, Associate Professor of Theatre and Performance Studies (Practice), Singapore Management University.

A photocopy machine technician, Mr Basheer Ahmed, making a service call to the office of Mr Goh Eck Kheng, Chairman of the Speak Good English Movement, saw copies of the book and asked to buy one. Basheer said that after browsing the book, he realised that he makes many grammar mistakes and that the book will help him correct them. He was very happy to receive a copy free.

According to Mr Derek Hum, a Yale-NUS College student, “The Speak Good English Movement grammar guidebook presents subtleties in English grammar that university students like me may not be aware of. It can certainly be helpful to many.”

Members of the public who would like a copy of *Grammar Rules* may collect it from the **Singapore Philatelic Museum** and **Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall** during opening hours from today. Those who require multiple copies should write to the Speak Good English Movement at nhb_SpeakGoodEnglishMovement@nhb.gov.sg. *Grammar Rules* will be given out free on a first come, first served basis, while stocks last.



About the Speak Good English Movement

Launched in 2000, the Speak Good English Movement is a nationwide movement to encourage Singaporeans to speak Standard English that is universally understood. Standard English is English with correct grammar and pronunciation, and not about accent. The Speak Good English Movement and its partners provide programmes to help people learn to speak good English in fun and interesting ways. To learn more, visit www.goodenglish.org.sg.

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