

# Word Crimes

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Everybody shut up, WOO!  
Everyone listen up!  
Hey, hey, hey  
Hey, hey, hey  
Hey, hey, hey If you can't write in the proper way  
If you don't know how to conjugate  
Maybe you flunked that class  
And maybe now you find  
That people mock you online Okay, now here's the deal  
I'll try to educate ya  
Gonna familiarize  
You with the nomenclature  
You'll learn the definitions  
Of nouns and prepositions  
Literacy's your mission  
And that's why I think it's a good time  
To learn some grammar  
Now, did I stammer  
Work on that grammar  
You should know when  
It's "less" or it's "fewer"  
Like people who were  
Never raised in a sewer I hate these word crimes  
Like I could care less  
That means you do care  
At least a little  
Don't be a moron  
You'd better slow down  
And use the right pronoun  
Show the world you're no clown  
Say you got a "It"  
Followed by apostrophe, "s"  
Now what does that mean?  
You would not use "it's" in this case  
As a possessive  
It's a contraction  
What's a contraction?  
Well, it's the shortening of a word, or a group of words  
By the omission of a sound or letter Okay, now here's some notes  
Syntax you're always mangling  
No X in "Espresso"  
Your participle's danglin'

But I don't want your drama  
If you really wanna  
Leave out that Oxford comma Just keep in mind that  
"be", "see", "are", "you"  
Are words, not letters  
Get it together  
Use your spellchecker  
You should never  
Write words using numbers  
Unless you're seven  
Or your name is Prince I hate these word crimes  
You really need a  
Full-time proofreader  
You dumb mouthbreather  
Well, you should hire  
Some cunning linguist  
To help you distinguish  
What is proper English One thing I ask of you  
Time to learn your homophones is past due  
Learn to diagram a sentence too  
Always say to whom  
Don't ever say to who  
And listen up when I tell you this  
I hope you never use quotation marks for emphasis  
You finished second grade  
I hope you can tell  
If you're doing good or doing well  
Figure out the difference  
Irony is not coincidence  
And, I thought that you'd gotten it through your skull  
What's figurative and what's literal  
Oh but, just now, you said  
You "literally couldn't get out of bed"  
That really makes me want to literally  
Smack a crowbar upside your stupid head I read your e-mail  
It's quite apparent  
Your grammar's errant  
You're incoherent  
Saw your blog post  
It's really fantastic  
That was sarcastic (Oh, psych!)  
'Cause you write like a spastic I hate these Word Crimes  
Your prose is dopey  
Think you should only  
Write in emoji  
Oh, you're a lost cause  
Go back to preschool  
Get out of the gene pool  
Try your best to not drool Never mind, I give up

Really now, I give up  
Hey, hey, hey  
Hey, hey, hey  
Go Away!

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