

# Composition Weekly



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Perolex

[Perolex] whispers: can u run me thought a dungeon  
To [Perolex]: You didn't ask properly.  
[Perolex] whispers: can u plz run me thought a dungeon  
To [Perolex]: Six errors still.  
[Perolex] whispers: what  
[Perolex] whispers: a lvl like 70 dungeon so i can lvl up  
[Perolex] whispers: anyone  
To [Perolex]: Here, I'll get you started. "U" and "plz" are not words.  
[Perolex] whispers: can you please run me tought a dungeon  
[Perolex] whispers: thought  
[Perolex] whispers: throught  
To [Perolex]: There's an extra letter on the end.  
[Perolex] whispers: there is?  
To [Perolex]: Mhm. "Thought" isn't a word either. :(  
[Perolex] whispers: can you run me through a dungeon please?  
[Perolex] whispers: please  
To [Perolex]: Woo, we're making progress! :) Still two errors though.  
[Perolex] whispers: how  
To [Perolex]: "Can" is not the correct word. Yes, I can, meaning I have the ability. But you seem to be asking if I WILL.  
[Perolex] whispers: will you run me through a dungeon please?  
To [Perolex]: So close. Now let's see that capital letter beginning our sentence.  
[Perolex] whispers: Will u run me through a dungeon please  
To [Perolex]: Ack, we gained two more errors! "U" is not a word and we lost our punctuation at the end of our sentence!  
[Perolex] whispers: Will you run me through a dungeon please.  
To [Perolex]: Veeeery close. We need different punctuation at the end though. A period makes the sentence a statement. You're asking a qesiton. So what do we need?  
[Perolex] whispers: Will you run me through a please?  
To [Perolex]: Bless your heart for sticking with me... we're missing a noun this time though. Will I run you through a what, please?  
[Perolex] whispers: Will you run me through a dungeon please?  
To [Perolex]: Nope, that's what the dungeon finder is for. I hope you learned something about spelling and grammar though! :)  
[Perolex] whispers: f u

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## Inkshedding Time

I came across this image on 9gag.com, but it obviously came from a chat box from an online game. While amusing, I was intrigued by this idea of “grammar policing” in online places – especially places that do not generally emphasize spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or sentence structure.

I'm mostly curious to know how other people respond to this, and whether or not they think the person doing the grammar policing made any impact on this individual or if it fell on deaf ears.

Furthermore, is it appropriate to make everyone conform to standardized American English in all settings, even world-wide settings such as the internet?

Inkshedding is collaborative freewriting (a dialogical transaction) – so go to Write Alaska and search the pages for “inkshedding.” Share how you feel about this particular conversation, or how you feel about grammar/grammar policing in general. What role does grammar play in your class?