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## **Say It Right**

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### **'Then' ... instead of 'and'**

The use of "then" as a conjunction in the place of or excluding the use of "and".

It probably comes as a direct translation from Mandarin. The following sample sentences will illustrate this point.

1a) Ah-lian is always late for school. Then ["immediately afterwards"] she will make all kinds of excuses.

1b) Oh dear, this dress is so expensive. Then ["moreover"] we must pay GST as well.

1c) Ah-beng won't arrive till later in the evening. Then ["till then"] let's go and window shop.

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