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## SAY IT RIGHT

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Where and whereby

Reader Alvin Poh asked: Is there a difference between "where" and "whereby"? Could you help me with the use of the word "whereby"? Answer: "Whereby" is a formal adverb and you use it when you are indicating according to which ... or by means of which ...For example, "It was a proposal whereby even junior members could be nominated to the committee."

Poor English: This is my one. That is his one. This is her one.

Standard English: This [one] is mine. That is his. This is hers.

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