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### Freeze Frames: Signs that make heads turn



It's lingerie!

That's right, people. Lingerie is a collective noun, where the only "s" that should be in there is yours.

Sent in by Amanda Tan

#### When "and" gets in the way

Dear Madam Please clarify when I use :

John and I

John and me  
My brother and I  
My brother and me

Thank you very much.

Sent in by Zachus Tan

John and I saw Zachus today. Zachus saw John and me. You're very welcome.

### Pause for this clause

The feeling, that her life was in danger, encouraged James to pause on the threshold." Is this sentence noun clause?

"That her life was in danger" is a noun clause, but I think James paused because he wanted to give her a goody bag.

### Which extreme is best/worst?

I refer to the editorial in The Straits Times dated Wed, 3rd Jan 2007:-

... "History will record that he (Saddam Hussain) was one of the WORST tyrants of the 20th century – not in the same class as Hitler or Stalin..."

If Saddam Hussain was one of the WORST, he should not be compared to Hitler or Stalin, as this suggests that he was not as bad a tyrant as the two were. However, if he was indeed equally good, the editor should have written:-

... "Saddam Hussain was one of the BEST tyrants of the 20th Century – not in the same class as Hitler or Stalin..."

Sent in by Bhagwan Sadhwani

Thanks for referring us to these tyrants. If you really like Saddam, you will say he's one of the "best", if not, I'd rather you stick to the "worst".

### A "peace" of mind?

hi english experts, do we use 'a' before 'sense of humour' and 'peace of mind'? thanks.

Sent in by lynn

Well Lynn, You need a sense of humour to write this column though I do hope my answers give you peace of mind.