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Citizens must play part in banishing Singlish

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I am **flabbergasted** that the standard of English in Singapore is going from bad to worse.

However, I am pleased to know that the Singlish problem has met its match.

Citizen-journalism website Stomp set up the English As It Is Broken page, where readers are encouraged to send in photographs of signs with **examples** of poor English.

For example, a reader submitted a photo of a banner in a

shopping centre which reads: "All buy 3 free 1". It shows that whoever came up with the sign does not know a thing about English.

I appreciate English As It Is Broken and the Speak Good English Movement **initiated** by the Government.

However, all these would be in vain if citizens do not do their part. I hope business owners would take this message to heart and ensure that their signs are in good English.

Surely they would not want the **reputation** of their business-

es to suffer because of a mere typo or spelling error.

Singapore was founded by the English and ruled by the English, but why can't we speak proper English?

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HELPDESK 我的字典
Flabbergasted: 极度惊讶 jí dù jīng yà
Examples: 例子 lì zǐ
Initiated: 发动 fā dòng
Reputation: 名声 míng shēng