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# BE A GRAMMAR NINJA

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**A** GRAMMAR Ninja is swift, sharp and deadly – in pursuit of bad English, that is.

Launched this week in collaboration with the Speak Good English Movement (SGEM), the Grammar Ninja contest puts the power to improve English in Singapore directly into your hands.

Your mission: To snap pictures of poor English use in public places, suggest corrections for them, and post them in Stomp's forum.

The reward: A \$100 Kinokuniya voucher to be awarded each month. For those who don't win, you can still get a sense of satisfaction in helping to improve the standard of English in Singapore.

Chew V Ming, editor of Stomp, explains the mascot: "The ninja evokes speed, power and action. With Grammar Ninja, we give Singaporeans the power to take swift action to correct poor English around them."

SGEM chairman Goh Eck Kheng is positive about the impact of Stomp's Grammar Ninja project.

"Correcting bad English on public signs goes towards creating an environment where Standard English is the norm in Singapore," he commented.

He added: "We look forward to the entries from swift and effective Grammar Ninjas."

To guide you in your quest for better English, a different theme will be announced every month.

March's assignment for aspiring Grammar Ninjas is "At Play". To enter the contest, seek out English mistakes in Singapore's cinemas, sports centres, clubs, nightspots and other recreational places.

Be alert, because bad English can creep in almost anywhere.

As long as an error is found in Singapore, it can be used in the competition.

Signs, advertisements, product labels, menus and even re-

ceipts are all fair game in this contest.

Contestants are free to submit as many entries as they like. The more errors you fix, the better for English in Singapore, after all.

Don't forget to state exactly where you found the error, and provide us with your name and contact details.

At the end of each month, our panel of judges will award a \$100 Kinokuniya voucher to the best Grammar Ninja of the Month – that is, the Stomper who found and fixed the most interesting or significant error.

In addition, the best entries and their corrections will be showcased on Stomp's English As It Is Broken for all to see.

To find out more, go to [www.stomp.com.sg](http://www.stomp.com.sg)

Do your part to eliminate bad English in Singapore – be a Grammar Ninja today.

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