

# It's not fair [DRAFT]

WHY is there an ebook available for download online  
– that is entitled “10 common mistakes of Germans  
writing english” or “Better English Learning” or “more  
better english”  
or some other little funny anecdote

(how do you get germans to buy something? You  
make them laugh at themselves...)

They are WELL schooled → think about marketing  
implications..

# Introduction

Writing english is hard. It is hard because english is actually a mismash of 10 or so languages all rivaling for pole position.

What we focus on in THIS ebook is WHAT can I do to my english RIGHT NOW that will help me.

# Main Principles

When writing in english – keep it SIMPLE – there is no need to impress anyone just write clear simple sentences one after another.

**DO NOT REPEAT YOURSELF!**

A lot of germans will write the same sentence 2-3 different ways saying the SAME thing – in that hope that “well one of them will be right...”  
(uebersetzung gebraucht)

# “Until/til and by”

Example: “please commit your changes into the repository until 4pm”

“please commit your changes into the repository by 4pm”

or

“you can still commit your changes UNTIL 4pm”

til → is just short for until.. but usually wrong

# Hello Zusammen

Hi All,  
Hello everybody  
Etc... do not work in english...  
“Hi,” or

# Grüß

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Mit Freundliche Grüß

This translates to “Greetings”. We only say that to aliens “Greetings Humanoid”. ORRR we say it on Christmas cards that we are forced to write to our grandmothers. “Seasons Greetings” etc..

Kewl kids use “cheers” or “best regards” (I like this one it's super friendly..) - what I did was copy the very first email I saw from my mentor. (what are the connotations of each..)

# There IS no fetch

Fetch is NO LONGER a word used in the english language. In fact – to use it implies you are calling the person a dog. Because the ONLY remaining use of the word “fetch” is to shout to a dog “here boy! Fetch the stick” ordering him to bring it back to you.

# The fairer sex

In many online forms you will need to enter “Gender” or what sex the person is who is filling in the form – ALWAYS use “GENDER” or even make two check boxes one with “male” and the other with “female” so that you never have to make them READ it – everyone knows what it is.

# Modern Technology

Articles for all common computing terms  
der Server  
der PC/Computer  
der Bug  
der Patch?  
die Mouse  
der Monitor?

# Prepositions and the internet

- I found it online
- I downloaded it off the internet
- I have been surfing the net (not in) or
- I have been surfing on the net... browsing..
- Accessible “at” this page.
- Accessible ON this site.

# Attention

- Paying attention ON that → wrong!
- You should pay attention TO that..
- TOO → think “too much” ZU viel
- TO -> I am going to the shop

# ITS and IT'S

- its and it's sometimes tough to remember just use this rule – if you can replace it with the expansion “it is” then use “it's”
- “It's unfortunate to see...” → “It is unfortunate.”
- “It's a long way...” → “It is a long way...”
- “A cat rolled onto its back”