

Wordworth's Newsletters

Words of Wisdom from The Words Workshop



Wordsworth says, "All I want for Christmas is ..."

At this time of year people everywhere are furiously scribbling Christmas wish lists to give to mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas to prevent the receipt of those presents that curiously find their way into the nearest charity shop come the beginning of January.

We are simple, selfless folk at The Words Workshop. This year we ask not for gifts for ourselves, but gifts to the English language.

This year, all we want for Christmas is:

- **The abolition of management jargon** - no one knows what it means anyway.
- **The correct use of apostrophes** - used only to show where letters have been removed to shorten a word (don't), and that something belongs to someone (Martha's bag).
- **Text speak to be used ONLY in text messages, not in e-mails, newsletters, articles and websites** - tht wld b gr8, thnx.
- **The correct use of the exclamation mark** - used only when genuinely excited or surprised. And just one please.
- **The abolition of the word awesome** - unless talking about something that is actually awesome as in bigger than vast, for example the universe. Not when talking about something like a sandwich that tastes quite nice.
- **For everyone to slow down and check for typos** - Aer you realy in taht mchu of a huryr that yuo cnat tkae the tmie ot chcek?
- **For teenagers who use the word 'like' five times in each sentence to receive nothing but a piece of coal** - harsh but fair, we are sure you'll agree.
- **Oh and peace and goodwill to all men.**

Wordsworth's Christmas translator:

In honour of the festive period, instead of a jargon buster we thought we would bestow upon our loyal readers the gift of knowledge (and no it doesn't come with a gift receipt so you can't get a refund). Here is how to say Merry Christmas in 12 different languages. No, no, you're welcome.

Finnish	Hyvaa joulua
French	Joyeux Noel
German	Fröhliche Weihnachten
Greek	Kala Christouyenna
Hindi	Shub Naya Baras
Hungarian	Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepek
Italian	Buone Feste Natalizie
Norwegian	God Jul or Gledelig Jul
Portuguese	Feliz Natal
Spanish	Feliz Navidad
Thai	Sawadee Pee Mai
Turkish	Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun



As for pronouncing them ... well, that's down to you!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Wordsworth and all at The Words Workshop.