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GRAMMAR WORKBOOK

Welcome to the rigmarole! the flapdoodle! the horsefeathered blatherskite!

Read right in, and back the eff up. How many linguists do we have in the audience today. How many semantic hygienists?

> Can yous afford stubborn subject noun agreement? Or parse Beaucoodles? Can strawberry runners, amble.

The truth be: I write this clause on accident, while delusions of grammar suffix every textual nibble. Verbally, I write this stanza by purpose:

The hangman is sorrowful, and the skyline is picturesque, and the novel is expansive, and the spreadsheet is immensely helpful, and the elementary school map is remarkably up-to-date, and one half of the couple is ecstatic, and the dart gun is jammed with peanut butter,



and the upper-case gives us the upper-hand, and a question—dubitably—is a question, and this sentence is ready.

Bees be good.

Now they've Englished all languages, the tourism-constabularies U-Haul superfluous capitalized flotsam.

When he asks, "What's the point of time travel if you can't be bisexual," she laughs duchennely at him, her nape a half-blank canvas, her mouth declaring "faking it" improves democracy, "not as much as abetted masturbation, but," still part of her TO DO list.

Please do not enhance our "Don't Do" list:

- amend hornswoggle typos
- convert scribbles into majuscule
- peel potatoes in your wading pool you're a maximalist, you're agrammatikal
- ram and mar the sociogram
- dig up tulip bulbs

you're a squirrel, you're a root-radical gardener

typists rule the page, margins sink

Oh yes, Dude:

when Detroit fit into a Vancouver-shaped cavity withhold the coppe-spiders, withstand the mute swans.

You withdraw, he withstands, I withtell.

Interrogative bees, being cobwebs gloaming moot gerunds.

B toward thither or B2

steaming succotash: bring me the suffix predicates; bring an ounce of conjunctive spice generously with cinnamon.

Hats on! to those fruitless th-morphemes: a warmth that reaches measures of heighth.

Eating mushrooms and lettuce, you appear more closely related to the mushrooms than to the lettuce. Eating broccoli, you're likely to find caterpillar babies, then raise 'em.

My bureaucracy beats your bureaucracy:

- each cream-tartared page, photocopied circa _____
 be still my <3
- when you pronoun the zig-zag
- you binder the present tense
- when you tense

Don't forget about inert speed, "find what writes you?" OR: drink milk vs evil

good works cause their own rework, parlay good bee-holding.

Affixed aleatory heat blast across
bus poetry
blush verse
bound cranberries, those leftover smugglers
(untoward unwords
lukechilly gooseberry tales
thesaurus reptiles).

Just so many Noah Illusions to tally, to bumble talk to the plant.

Whence glottal stops refurbish my coined mouth, I shall!



She missed her period; doubly disastrous, as it morphed her favourite punctuation. No tiny drops persist, no morphology corrective. No lexical hemoglobin!

Never hesitate to calculate practical time:

- each balderdash blend guzzled © _____
- plus anti-luddite sports bra
- plus the imp in palimpsest
- to simile or not to simile
- surplus once-overs

Barb's your uncle, mortals! the many energied incubi declare, exclamatorily:

All sixes and sevens! A sentence cubed, plus:

That's all she wrote, folk Thanks for flirting!