

# Re: I need some help from native speakers of Japanese

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- *From:* "Ray" <[raymondaliasapollyon@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:raymondaliasapollyon@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
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Ray wrote:

Sean wrote:

I read "Aspects of the Theory of Syntax" about 25 years ago. I got an A+ in a course called "Morphology and Syntax," etc. etc. I have a degree in linguistics, believe it or not. Admittedly, I haven't thought much about the abstract theoretical syntax stuff in quite a few years, since my involvement with language is on the ground, teaching a language to teenagers. But I would say I probably don't qualify as a complete idiot or ignoramus in these matters. And I found your question opaque. You came to a group that is all

To Sean:

Judging from your post in which you said my question was opaque and weren't sure whether the (bad) English sentence was intentional, it struck me that it is fair to say you didn't read my question in the beginning of thread, and/or other other exchanges between the group members and me very carefully. In my question as it stands, I explicitly stated that such sentences are ungrammatical. If you had read carefully and applied your deductive faculty, you would not have posted your 2nd post regarding whether my question was opaque or not. Fo