

# Re: English Grammar

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On Fri, 14 Dec 2007 10:19:20 -0800, Peter T. Daniels wrote:

On Dec 14, 12:52 pm, "J. Sommers" <[jsomm...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jsomm...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Fri, 14 Dec 2007 02:34:32 -0800, ad wrote:

Hello,  
I have a question.

A.]  
Consider this statement below:–  
He played music on the Mp3 player in his car, which was  
newly  
purchased.

Now what connotation does this above sentence give , does it  
mean:

1.) that the MP3 player is newly purchased Or 2.) that the car  
is  
newly purchased

This reminds me of the TV show "Special Victims Unit." I guess  
that what is special is the unit, but I can't resist thinking that they  
worded it this way facetiously. How do we know anyway that the  
adjective is supposed to qualify? In this case the context provides the  
clue (unless, like I said, you take it tongue-in-cheek) but a variation  
like, say, "Special holiday gifts" is not unambiguous.

The division that handles sex crimes in NYC is not in fact called the  
SVU! (And no, it's the victims that are special, not the unit.)

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Fancy that! Special, in what sense?

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