

Re: Who will stun the world as next Einstein?

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> [snip]

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>> *Donkeys' years ago, when I had to do a series of programmes for
the*

>> *BBC overseas servic, I was told by the producer that I was to
avoid*

>> *the use of commas entirely, and to place full-stops no further
that 10*

>> *words apart.*

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> *Franz, this is only slightly related to your remark...*

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> *I don't know about Afrikaans, but in Dutch we have some
> kind of rule that tells us where in a sentence we are not
> allowed to insert a comma. The rule is:*

> *"When you *can* replace the comma with a full-stop
> without making the sentence(s) grammatically incorrect,
> you *must* replace the comma with a full-stop in
> order to *make* the sentence(s) grammatically correct".
> Note that the rule does not tell when commas *must* be
> used.*

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> *Examples:*

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> *In this sentence, the commas are allowed, because
> if you replace them with full-stops, you end up with
> garbage like this:*

> *"In this sentence. The commas are allowed. Because
> if you replace them with full-stops. You end up with
> garbage like ..."*

> *So the commas were allowed.*

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- > *In this sentence, the second comma must be replaced*
- > *with a full-stop, the reason is that we *can* replace it,*
- > *and still have correct sentences like this:*
- > *"In this sentence, the second comma must be replaced*
- > *with a full-stop. The reason is that we *can* replace it,*
- > *and still have correct sentences like..."*
- > *So the second comma had to be replaced.*
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- > *It seems that the rule applies in English as well :-)*

It does in Afrikaans too.

Have you ever heard the footballer David Beckman give an interview for the telly?

He uses the novel punctuation style of replacing *every* full stop either with an "and" or a "basically"

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Franz

"The great tragedy of science -- the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact."

T.H. Huxley