

## 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

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> > *garbage like ..."*  
> > *So the commas were allowed.*  
> >  
> > *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.*  
> >  
> > *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"*

Yes! LOL! :-))

And remember this one?

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138 threads and stopped counting...

Cheers,  
Dirk Vdm