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TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC" THAT'S PERFECTLY AWESOME!



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Here's what provoked me:

A letter writer seemed unnecessarily upset over trivial language abuses that occur in everyday conversation. To which I decided to say "lighten up"! And then it occurred to me

Here's my response:

That's Perfectly Awesome!

The featured letter on April 18 describes being fed up with exaggerated reactions we hear every day like "awesome" and "perfect" ("Use of Language – An interjective invective"). The writer objects to these "over-the-top inaccuracies" and admits feelings of smug satisfaction when undermining the persons expressing themselves. The point is that words have meaning that we understand, and we should use them appropriately.

Since we are talking about meanings and proper use of words, let me explain the meaning of "interjective invective," for those who are curious. Quite simply, this is meant to convey a strong suggestion of insult, by the writer, toward language abusers.

I say, why bother?! With today's real problems, getting exorcised about a little exaggerated commentary seems pretty trivial – and Don Quixote-like. Let's focus on the lighter side of life. Set aside the thin skin and look at the humor in these daily events. Wait, maybe that's exactly what the writer was doing? **If so, that's "perfectly awesome"!**

