

14th March, 2005.

Dear Sirs,

At one time the BBC was heralded as the custodian of the English language. Presentation, diction, delivery and pace were perfect. Every word was crystal clear and the flow of words were easily understood. To me, this was **professional** news reading.

Not so today, clarity and diction have been sacrificed to speed of delivery. Listening to the news on Radio 4 is hard work. Serious discussions are conducted much too fast, making the discussion almost impossible to follow in detail, whilst sporting commentary is conducted at a ridiculous pace. Inflexion and verbal punctuation, i.e. short or long pause have disappeared completely, both pauses would be measured in mille-seconds.

Could not the BBC administration be persuaded to return to the original standards?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilfred H. Elvis". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

(W. H. Elvis)

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