THINK SIMP LY

If you're worried by the growing erosion of the English language, take heart. You have an unexpected ally, Computers care, too.

Honeywell, the American computer firm, have just devised as an awful warning, what they call a 'jargon kit'. It's based they say, on the Simplified Modular Prose Writing System - SIMP for short - and using it anyone able to count up to ten can write 40,000 well balanced, impressive and quite meaningless sentences.

To Put SIMP to work, arrange the modules in ABCD order. Take any four digit number - 1984 will do - and read phrase 1 off Module A, phrase 9 off Module B, phrase 8 off Module C and phrase 4 off Module D. The result, in all its glory, is a SIMP sentence. You're bound to hear a few in any working week. If you feel up to it, all you need to do is add a few more four digit numbers, and you've got a SIMP paragraph. Try this only if you are feeling strong.

After you've mastered the basic technique, you can realise the full potential of SIMP by arranging the Modules in DACB order and BACD order, as well as ABCD order. "In these advanced configurations", warns Honeywell, "some additional commas may be required." Alternatively you can make up your own SIMP tables. Uncensored, it's amazing what the language can do.

SIMP Table A	
0.	In particular
1.	On the other hand,
2.	However
3.	Similarly,
4.	As a resultant implication
5.	In this regard
6.	Based on integral subsystem considerations
7.	For example,
8.	Thus,
9.	In respect to specific goals,

SIMP Table C	
0.	must utilise and be functionally interwoven with
1.	maximises the probability of project success and minimises the cost and time required for
2.	adds explicit performance limits to
3.	necessitates that urgent consideration be applied to
4.	requires considerable systems analysis and trade off studies to arrive at
5.	is further compounded, when taking into account of
6.	presents extremely interesting challenges to
7.	recognises the importance of other systems and the necessity for
8.	effects a significant implementation
9.	adds overriding performance constraints to

SIMP Table B	
0.	a large portion of the interface co-ordination communication.
1.	a constant flow of effective information
2.	the characterisation of specific criteria
3.	initiation of critical subsystem development
4.	the fully integrated test programme
5.	the product configuration baseline
6.	any associated supporting element
7.	the incorporation of additional mission constraints
8.	the independent functional principle
9.	a primary interrelationship between system and/or subsystem technologies

SIMP Table D	
0.	the sophisticated hardware.
1.	the anticipated fourth generation equipment
2,	the subsystem compatibility testing
3.	the structural design, based on system engineering concepts.
4.	the preliminary qualification limit
5.	the evolution of specifications over a given time period.
6.	the philosophy of commonality and standardisation
7.	the greater fight worthiness concept
8.	any discrete configuration mode
9.	the total system rationale