

English-Language Signs by Non-native Speakers

The English language is tough enough for native speakers. Imagine trying to speak it as a second language. The following English-language signs have appeared around the world.

Acapulco hotel: We are pleased to announce that the manager has personally passed all the water served here.

Athens hotel: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.

Bangkok dry cleaners: Drop your trousers here for best results.

Copenhagen airline: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Czech tourist agency: Take one of our horse-driven city tours. We guarantee no miscarriages.

German camping site: It is strictly forbidden on our Black Forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

Japanese hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the women who are employed to clean the rooms.

Japanese hotel: Cold and Heat: If you want to condition the warm in your room, please control yourself.

Leipzig, Germany, elevator: Do not enter the lift backward, and only when lit up.

Moscow hotel: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

Moscow hotel: If this is your first visit to the U.S.S.R., you are welcome to it.

Norwegian lounge: Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk. If you lose them in your room, we are not responsible.

Paris dress shop: Elegant dresses designed for street walking.

Rhodes, Greece, tailor shop: Order your summer suit. Because of the big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

Rome laundry: Ladies, please leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

Swiss mountain inn: Special today — no ice cream.

Tokyo car rental firm: When pedestrian with heavy foot is in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage, then tootle him with vigor.

Tokyo hotel: It is forbidden to steal hotel towels. If you are not a person to do such a thing, please not read this notice.

Yugoslavian hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

Zurich hotel: Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for that purpose.