

You Ain't Got No Chance

Who'd have think that poor English could cost you a job?

It seems us Americans ain't talkin' too good, don't write worth a lick and are worsen with e-mails. Our grammar, punctuation and spelling are/is abysmal. Corporate America is saying, "STOP!"

When Texas communications company Valor discovered its workers, including managers, weren't communicating, it enrolled them in remedial business writing class.

A recent survey found Fortune 500 companies spending more than \$3 billion a year retraining employees in basic English.

The language we use says a lot about who we are. Using bad grammar in an interview may ruin your chances as it could be interpreted as laziness or that perhaps, the job doesn't mean all that much to you.

Take a moment and listen to the words that come out of your mouth. How often do you use "like"? Do you say "I seen" or "he don't"? Unbelievable" is one of today's "in" words. But is it overused or used incorrectly? Unbelievable means I didn't believe a word I just said. Anxious — "I am anxious to interview with your company" — means you don't want to interview at all. And irregardless — look it up in the dictionary. You won't find it because it's not a word.

Grammar does matter to people so think about how you speak.. If necessary, carry a tape recorder with you every where you go so you can hear how you sound.

Most employers like to know that the people they are hiring are educated enough to do the tasks.