

Please Join with Me in Seeking a

T Preservation Order

I have had enough! I am fed up to the back teeth with modern language usage today. There seems to be a vendetta against pronouncing or articulating the letter T. Everywhere you listen, people drop their Ts in the way in which people used to drop their H, or aitches. It is especially noticeable when the letter T falls in the middle or at the end of a word. It is getting to a crisis level for me and I am looking for support so please consider joining my newly formed

Campaign for Real T.

I hear people calling my granddaughter Ki - - y. I hear people talking about bu - -er. (replace – or – with t and you get the picture!) They ask for a drink of wa - - er, from a bo - - le. They fall sick and get a le - -er from their uncle Pe – er, hoping that they soon get be - -er.

Imagine a performance of Hamlet, by William Shakespeare, like this...

“
Indeed this counsellor
Is now most still, most secret, and most grave,
Who was in life a foolish pra - ing knave”
Act Four, scene 4, line 213

Or what about Wilfred Owen’s great War Poem, Anthem for Doomed Youth...

“What passing bells for these who die as ca - - le?”

Your windows will not stay securely in place if they are bedded in by a bloke using pu - - y, will they?
And in the world of cricket, who would want to have a place in the ba - - ing order?

The problem even invades Holy Cross Church. I recently heard someone reading from the second book of Samuel where King David, desperate to provide himself with an alibi for Bathsheba’s unfortunate pregnancy, following a lustful encounter at bath time, resorts to some very dir- y tricks:

Chapter 11: 14 In the morning David wro - e a le- - er to Joab, and sent i’ by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the le - - er he wro - e, ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest ba- - le, and then draw back from him, so tha’ he may be struck down and die.’

I immediately thought, “wha - a wally” Er sorry, I mean, “what a wally.”

Not even the cherished 1662 Prayer Book is to be spared humiliation at the hands or mouth of the modern world. Can you imagine the prayer of invitation to communion like this: “Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and chari - y with your neighbours...” Not to mention the many unmentionable Chari- y shops which now li - - er our High Streets!

One of the crunch moments comes when you try and say the word catalytic converter in modern speech – ca – aly – ic conver – er.

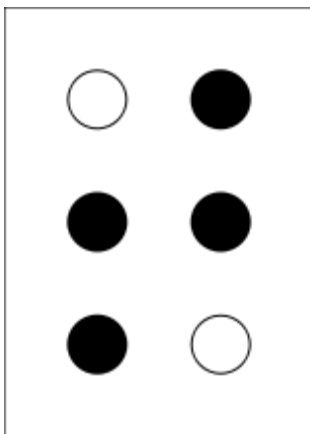
I hope that by now agree that something has got to be done about this issue?

Let us all resist this horrible trend and make a stand for T and all that it stands for! Now is the hour and time for all good men and women to come to the aid of the parT.

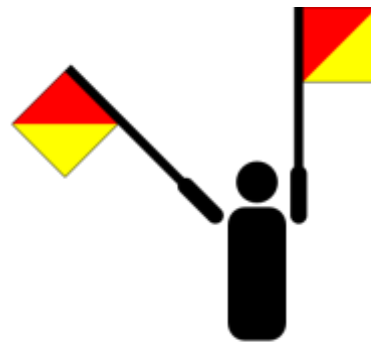
Just pause for a moment to reflect on how important the letter T is in our language and culture. T is the twentieth letter in the alphabet. Its name in English is pronounced **tee**. It is the most commonly used consonant and the second most common letter in the English language.

Louis Braille made a pattern for those who are short of sight to recognise it. Here you see the semaphore signal for it as well as the phonetic flag for military communications.

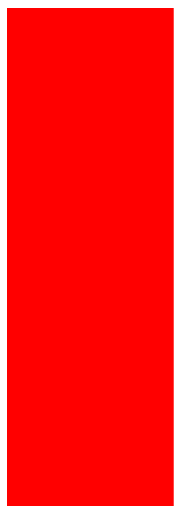
Come on, modern people, the letter T does exist! Please don't ignore it, or pretend it isn't there. It is!



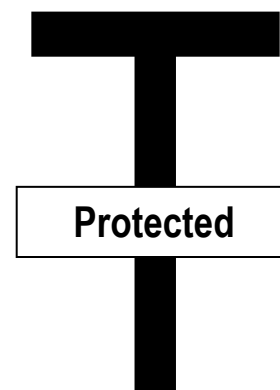
Braille for the letter T



Flag semaphore for the letter T
(flags are coloured red and yellow)



red white blue
Na - o phone - ic flag for the le - - er T
Nato phonetic flag for the letter T



My proposed logo for the newly formed
T preservation society - join today!
See page 97 for details of how to join.

In the light of the above information, I plead with the modern world- Cherish the letter T and above all, USE IT.

Neil Richardson