

## Puzzle for December 6, 2006

Bureaucracies have their own version of the English language with which you must become familiar. To help you do so, here are some common phrases. See if you can translate them. (The source is unknown.)

### Complex Ways of Saying Simple Things

1. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minikin.
2. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
3. Surveillance should precede saltation.
4. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
6. Freedom from incrustations of grime is contiguous to rectitude.
7. The writing implement is more potent than the épée.
8. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
9. Eschew the implement of correction and vitiate the scion.
10. The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittingly galled saucepan does not reach 212° F.