

# Grammar

## A DANGEROUS NECESSITY

Speaking grammatically is only a necessary condition for clear and precise communication. An entirely grammatical sentence can still be nonsense.

*Meaningfulness* is a sufficient condition for clear communication because it expresses a persuasive relationship between generalizations or claims and specific, observable, measurable evidence.

*A serious problem arises when one considers grammar to be a sufficient condition for meaningfulness.* This is when, for example, a politician speaks in complete sentences and sometimes in complete paragraphs in order to persuade the undiscerning voter that he/she is coherent, cogent, convincing, and "intellectual."