

## Today's Rant

I do try not to rant too much but if I am honest, I do rant from time to time, and more so as I get older. There are just some things that are, albeit minor but nevertheless irritating, that I hear or see in the media.

Here are some that set me off.

Something dreadful, even tragic, has happened to someone and they are being interviewed on television or on the radio. A truly appalling question I have heard many times is - "How did you feel?" (for example when someone has suddenly and in a shocking way been bereaved) I always want to scream at the TV or radio - "How do you think he/she felt?" I realise that the interviewees have agreed to be interviewed, but the insensitive and inept way these things are often handled is hard to credit.

Then there is the "S" word. In answer to a question - almost any question - sometimes quite eminent people will begin their answer with the word "so". To me "so" is a connecting word to explain something, not something you start a sentence with. Hey ho!

Then there is the "W" word. People, usually presenters, expressing delight or amazement at something they have seen or experienced usually come out with - "Oh wow" - or talk about "The wow factor". After all this is the language of Shakespeare. It is rich in descriptive words that they could choose, but no - "wow" is the one.

So, there it is. I realise that I am not "down with the kids" or "up with the times" so I suppose that I must accept that I am now just a grumpy old woman, who loves the language she was born to use.