Go to any online news source that has a comments section added to the end of each news story. Local newspaper websites are good choices. Find five (5) online comments in which a commenter attacks another commenter or the main author for their language usage. You will probably have to scan more than one comments section to find five.

1. Please address the following questions for each perceived language error.
   
a. Describe the attack in detail, and document what the victim produced along with what the attacking commenter wrote. If the comments are lengthy, only provide the sentences in which the apparent transgression and response occurred.

b. Is the attack based on spelling? punctuation? word usage? abbreviations? or any combination of these? Could you attribute the victim’s production to homophony (words or parts of words sounding the same, as in bail / bale or pendant / independent?)

c. Does the attacker combine their disdain with a stance on some non-linguistic ideology, or is it just a personal attack?

(15 pts total)

2. Summarize by describing some generalizations you observe among all such commenter attacks. What is typical of their attitudes, their opinions of their victims, and their beliefs about grammar? (5 pts)