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Mistakes in Text Books

Sir,—I just happened to see in these columns of your paper of March 20 a letter from an anonymous correspondent who has supported the errors, I mentioned in my earlier letter contained in the text book English For Today. They have been sought to be supported under the caption "English as Spoken on the grounds (1) that this writer is an English speaking person, (2) that this writer personally uses such expressions in spoken English and (3) that communication is more important than grammar. Therefore I mention below a different type of mistake and leave aside grammatical mistakes to the bulk of your readers.

The other type of mistakes are found on pages 26 and 27 of the aforesaid textbook where in one Mr. Aziz is narrated to have gone to a shop with his children for Eid shopping. His children Dina and Ali run to small cars. Rina is sitting in the car. She wants the car, and so on. This is absurd. Cars—big, medium or small—are neither displayed nor sold in any shopping area of a market. What are sold there are toy cars and baby cars. No responsible person can introduce to children a baby car as a small car which has been statutorily specified by different governments for the purpose of manufacture as well as assessment of custom duty as distinguished from big and medium cars. Can one assert that such distinctions are of no consequence in speaking English?
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