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## ПРЕДИСЛОВИЕ

Предлагаемая хрестоматия представляет собой сборник коротких шутливых рассказов (анекдотов) и юмористических высказываний, отобранных из современных американских источников в Интернете<sup>1</sup>.

Основная задача хрестоматии состоит в том, чтобы обеспечить студентов, изучающих английский язык, речевым материалом бытовой тематики и постепенно сформировать в их сознании банк типичных сценариев современной американской жизни вместе с лексико-грамматическими средствами их выражения и прагматическими принципами речевой деятельности.

Эта задача – как в культурологическом, так и в чисто языковых аспектах – весьма актуальна для студентов, которые не проживали в стране изучаемого иностранного языка и не имеют достаточного опыта общения с носителями этого языка в естественных условиях. Выполнение данной задачи будет способствовать пониманию шутливых высказываний и анекдотов носителей английского языка, а также юмористических фрагментов в развернутых устных выступлениях и письменных текстах на английском языке.

Как известно, юмор и шутки являются заметным и важным компонентом культуры англоязычных народов, чувство юмора считается неотъемлемым качеством образованных носителей английского языка. Поэтому понимание шуток – один из существенных элементов понимания англоязычной культуры и владения английским языком, во многих случаях ключ к установлению дружеских отношений в англоязычном социуме.

Хрестоматия предназначена в первую очередь для студентов-лингвистов и филологов и может быть использована на любом курсе в качестве источника дополнительных учебных материалов в преподавании

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<sup>1</sup> Авторство шуток, как правило, неизвестно, и его едва ли возможно с достоверностью установить.

дисциплин «Практика английского языка» и «Культура речевого общения (на английском языке)», может быть полезной студентам других направлений подготовки и специальностей. Хрестоматию можно использовать и в преподавании теоретико-лингвистических дисциплин – для иллюстрации языковых явлений и теоретических положений (в особенности это касается материала части V). Не исключено, что книга привлечет внимание и более широкого круга читателей, интересующихся английским языком и культурой США.

Наиболее очевидной целью использования хрестоматии на аудиторных занятиях является стимулирование смеха и связанной с ним релаксации после интеллектуального напряжения. Другие цели, возможности и методика применения материала книги на аудиторных занятиях и в самостоятельной работе студента зависят от уровня и тематики осваиваемого языкового материала и определяются преподавателем и студентом.

Критериями отбора юмористических произведений в хрестоматию служили: аутентичность, определенные временные рамки появления в Интернете (1998–2005 гг.), пристойность и, конечно, предпочтения составителя. Первые два критерия достаточно объективны, хотя второй из них, конечно, условен; третий и четвертый критерии субъективны. Пристойной считалась шутка, которая оценивалась как приемлемая для использования преподавателем в работе с учебной группой вуза. В случае сомнений составитель обращался к коллегам-преподавателям или исключал шутку из книги. В своих предпочтениях составитель прежде всего руководствовался собственной оценкой полезности речевого и культурологического материала шутки для русскоязычного студента.

Отобранный материал разделен на пять частей, первые четыре из них поделены на разделы. Тексты внутри одного раздела имеют отдельную нумерацию. Большинство из них имеет и название.

Деление материала на части и разделы отражает одну из возможных классификаций шуток – по их объекту, т.е. по тому, над кем или над чем смеются люди. Смех могут вызывать качества, реакции, действия и высказывания людей, которые входят в различные возрастные, гендерные, социальные и профессиональные группы и находятся в различных типичных ситуациях.

В первую часть хрестоматии включены шутки, объектом насмешки в которых выступает поведение представителей наиболее широких групп людей: детей и родителей, мужей и жен, пожилых людей; во вторую – шутки над различными профессиональными группами: врачами, юристами, политиками, полицейскими и военными.

В третью часть выделены шутки над реакциями, действиями и высказываниями представителей узких, но популярных в качестве объектов насмешки групп: иностранцев, блондинок, глупцов (без различия пола и возраста). Сюда же включены шутки над домашними любимцами – собаками и кошками.

В четвертую часть попали шутки над действиями и высказываниями людей в определенных типичных ситуациях; в пятую – шутки над английским языком и различными речевыми ляпсусами, т.е. чисто языковые шутки.

Немногочисленные краткие комментарии к шуткам и ссылки на авторство отдельных юмористических высказываний принадлежат американским читателям (пользователям Интернета), имена которых не известны составителю. Комментарии и ссылки такого рода приведены в тексте хрестоматии в квадратных скобках и набраны более мелким шрифтом.

Хрестоматия посвящена шуткам лишь одного народа, говорящего на английском языке, – народа Соединенных Штатов Америки. В связи с этим

возникает вопрос: есть ли существенные различия между американскими и британскими шутками, между американским и британским юмором? Не исключено, что такие различия есть, хотя американские юмористические произведения в большинстве случаев понятны британским носителям английского языка (и наоборот). Что же касается специфических признаков американских шуток и американского юмора, если таковые имеются, они в хрестоматии не обсуждаются.

Выражаю искреннюю благодарность кафедре теории и практики английского языка и перевода ФГБОУ ВПО «НГЛУ» (заведующий кафедрой – доктор филологических наук, профессор А.В. Иванов), кафедре английского языка и американистики ФГБОУ ВПО «НГЛУ» (заведующий кафедрой – кандидат филологических наук, доцент Л.М. Левина) и рецензенту кандидату филологических наук, доценту М.С. Красильниковой за полезные замечания и предложения по всему составу работы, а также кандидату филологических наук, доценту А.Н. Кочеткову за ряд ценных замечаний и предложений.

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# **PART I. General Groups**

## **1. CHILDREN**

### **1. GROWING UP**

My son Mark was only 5 feet, 8 inches tall when he left for college in the fall. He worked through the Christmas holidays and didn't return home again until the February break.

When he got off the plane, I was stunned at how much taller he looked. Measuring him at home, I discovered he now stood at 5 feet, 11 inches. My son was as surprised as I. "Couldn't you tell by your clothes that you'd grown?" I asked him.

"Since I've been doing my own laundry," he replied, "I just figured everything had shrunk."

### **2. MY DAD BRAGGING**

Three boys were playing and were bragging about their fathers.

The first boy said: "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper and calls it a poem. He gets \$50 for it."

The second boy said, "That's nothing! My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song and he gets \$100 for it."

The third boy then said to the first two: "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"



### **3. MY DADDY IS FASTER THAN YOUR DADDY!**

Three boys were heading home from school one day when one said, "My dad's way faster than any of yours, he can throw a 90-mph fast ball from the pitcher's mound and run and catch it just after it crosses the plate!"

One of the other boys said, "Oh yeah? Well, my dad can shoot an arrow from his bow and run to the target and hold it up to make sure the arrow hits the bulls eye!"

The last boy said, "Your dads don't even come close to being faster than mine. My dad works for the government, and even though he works every day until 4:00 he gets home at 3:30!"

### **4. BEING POLITE**

While I was working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day I entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her shot.

"NO! NO! NO!" she screamed.

"Lizzie," her mother scolded. "That's not polite behavior."

At that, the girl yelled even louder, "NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU!"

### **5. NATIVITY**

I was sitting with my four-year-old son one night sometime around Christmas. We were reading a book on the nativity story.

When we came to the part where Mary laid the baby Jesus in the manger, I said, "And here's the baby lyin' in the manger."

My son stopped a moment then turned to me with the most quizzical look on his face and said, "But mommy, where's the baby lion?"

## **6. OF TEENAGERS AND CATS**

For all of you with teenagers or who have had teenagers, you may want to know why they really have a lot in common with cats:

1. Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.
2. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all humane efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.
3. You rarely see a cat walking outside of the house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teenager in his or her right mind wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.
4. Even if you tell jokes as well as Jay Leno, neither your cat nor your teen will ever crack a smile.
5. No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.
6. Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.
7. Cats have nine lives. Teenagers carry on as if they did.
8. Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy – a sense of complete and utter boredom.
9. Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.
10. Cats that are free to roam outside sometimes have been known to return in the middle of the night to deposit a dead animal in your bedroom. Teenagers are not above that sort of behavior.

Thus, if you must raise teenagers, the best sources of advice are not other parents, but veterinarians. It is also a good idea to keep a guidebook on cats at hand at all times. And remember, above all else, put out the food and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

## **7. PARENTAL RULES**

A priest at a parochial school, wanting to point out the proper behavior for church, was trying to elicit from the youngsters rules that their parents might give before taking them to a nice restaurant.

"Don't play with your food," one second grader cited.

"Don't be loud," said another, and so on.

"And what rule do your parents give you before you go out to eat?" the priest inquired of one little boy.

Without batting an eye, the child replied, "Order something cheap!"

## **8. PLAYGROUND RULES**

I took my two sons, ages seven and five to the playground at our local park. My seven year old was very proud as he was able to read the sign with all the rules to his brother:

- Do not jump on the merry-go-round when in motion.
- Go down the slide while sitting only.
- Only one child on a swing at a time.

There were about twenty rules and the boys promised to obey them all, if I would trust them and let them play without Daddy standing by. They said that they were too old to be watched and their friends would tease them calling them babies if Dad stayed. I made them promise to be good and obey the rules, and rejoined my wife preparing our picnic lunch.

When it was time to get the children, I decided to watch them at a distance for a while to see how reliable they were in following my instructions. I found that they obeyed most of the printed instructions. That is, all but one. They would get on the tall semicircular slide and go down head first or backward.

Angrily, I picked up the children and took them over to the posted regulations and made my seven year old read it aloud again. Then I asked the boys what they had to say for themselves.

My five year old answered immediately, "Don't be silly, Dad. No one uses a slide rule anymore!"

### **9. PRAY FOR ME!**

One Sunday a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

### **10. QUIET CLASS**

The fourth-grade teacher had to leave the room for a few minutes. When she returned, she found the children in perfect order. Everybody was sitting absolutely quiet.

She was shocked and stunned and said, "I've never seen anything like it before. This is wonderful. But, please tell me, what came over all of you? Why are you so well behaved and quiet?"

Finally, after much urging, little Sally spoke up and said, "Well, one time you said that if you ever came back and found us quiet, you would drop dead."

### **11. REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE**

The Hebrew school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little David interrupted.

"My Mommy looked back once while she was DRIVING," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

## **12. RY GOES TO SCHOOL**

At his request, each morning three-year-old Ry's mother pinned a bath towel to the back shoulders of his size two T- shirt.

Immediately in his young imaginative mind, the towel became a brilliant magic blue and red cape. And he became Superman.

Outfitted each day in his "cape," Ry's days were packed with adventure and daring escapades. He was Superman.

This fact was clearly pointed out last fall when his mother enrolled him in kindergarten class. During the course of the interview, the teacher asked Ry his name.

"Superman," he answered politely and without pause.

The teacher smiled forgivingly, cast an appreciative glance at his mother, and asked again, "Your real name, please."

Again, Ry answered, "Superman."

Realizing the situation demanded more authority, or maybe to hide amusement, the teacher closed her eyes for a moment, then in a voice quite stern, said, "I will have to have your real name for the records."

Sensing he'd have to play straight with the teacher, Ry slid his eyes around the room, hunched closer to her, and patting a corner of frayed towel at his shoulder, answered in a voice hushed with conspiracy: "Clark Kent."

## **13. SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY**

[This really happened...]

My wife and I had taken our two children to a popular children's movie and the theatre was filling up. Just before the movie started, another family with small children came in and the only remaining seats were in the very front row.

As the father was coaxing his children to walk across the row to sit down, a now quiet and dark theatre heard one child plainly say, "But Dad, we can't sit in front. What about the air bags?"

## **14. SEATTLE RAIN**

A newcomer to Seattle arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that.

She goes out to lunch and sees a young kid and, out of despair, asks, "Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?"

The kid says, "How should I know? I'm only 6."

## **15. SHOES ON WRONG FEET**

I have a sister 24 years my junior. One day, I was going to the store, and Thea wanted to go with me. I told her she could go, but she had to put on her shoes.

Being only four years old, she said, "OK, but will you tie them for me?"

"Sure," I replied with a big brother smile.

She bolted into the next room to put on her shoes, returning with a big smile and the shoes on the wrong feet.

Looking at her shoes, I smiled and said, "Thea, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

She looked down, then looked back up at me with a very sad face and replied, "These are the only feet I have."

## **16. SPACE MOUNTAIN**

Our seven-year-old daughter was thrilled when we took her to Disney World for the first time, and she headed straight for Space Mountain. I worried that the roller coaster would be too scary for her, but she insisted. To her delight, we rode it twice.

The next year we returned to Magic Kingdom, and my daughter, now eight, again dragged me to Space Mountain.

As we stood in line, though, I could see her soberly studying the signs that warn about the ride's speed.

"Dad," she said, "I don't think I want to go."

I asked her why she would be nervous when she had enjoyed herself last time.

She replied, "This year I can read better!"

## **17. SUPERVISION**

My grandson, Chris, has worn glasses since the age of three. When he was in the first grade he came home one day very distressed. Wanting to find out what was the matter his mother asked, "Chris, what happened today to upset you so?"

He answered, "It's not fair that I'm not allowed to go to the library."

His mother became very concerned and asked, "Why aren't you allowed to go to the library?"

With a tearful reply he said, "Because, in order to go to the library you have to have super-vision, and I wear glasses!"

## **18. TALLNESS**

I was in the kitchen one day, trying to reach the baking powder on the top shelf of a cabinet. Being only five feet tall, I had to stretch, but still couldn't grab the box.

Fortunately, I have two six-foot-tall sons whom I often call to come to my rescue.

"Hey, Brian!" I yelled to my second son, who was in the living room. "Will you get your tallness in here and get this for me?"

"Sure, Mom," he remarked as he bounded into the kitchen.

"But next time, I'd prefer the title 'Your Highness.'"

## **19. TEACHERS MUST HAVE PATIENCE!**

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his boots? He asked for help and she could see why.

With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on.

When the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."

She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on.

She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on - this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to.

Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off.

He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them."

She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

She said, "Now, where are your mittens?"

He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots... "

## **20. TELEMARKETING... SWEET REVENGE!**

A salesman telephoned a household and a young boy answered.

"May I speak to your mother?" the salesman asked.

The boy replied, "She's not here right now."

The salesman then asked, "Is there anyone else there?"

The boy replied, "My sister."

The salesman asked, "May I speak to her?"

The boy replied, "I guess so."



At this point there was a long period of silence on the phone. Then the boy returned and said, "Hello?"

The salesman responded, "It's you again? I thought you were going to get your sister."

To which the boy replied, "I tried but I can't get her out of the playpen!!!"

## **21 THE DINNER PARTY**

A friend hosted a dinner party for people from work, and everyone was encouraged to bring their children.

All during the sit-down dinner one co-worker's three-year-old girl stared at the man sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food from staring.

The man checked his tie, felt his face for food, patted his hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at him. He tried his best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for him. He asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior and the table went quiet for her response.

The little girl said, "I just want to see how you drink like a fish!"

## **22. THE DIRTY LITTLE BOY**

A very dirty little fellow came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, "Who am I?"

Ready to play the game she said, "I don't know! Who are you?"

"WOW!" cried the child. "Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"

## **23. THE DUEL**

Aaron came home from school one day, all banged up, bloodied, and bruised. His father asked him what on earth had happened.

"Well, dad, it's like this," Aaron began. "I challenged Larry to a duel and you know how that goes... I gave him his choice of weapons."

"Uh huh," said the father. "That seems fair."

"I know ... but I never thought he'd choose his sister!"

## **24. THE NEW LIBRARIAN**

The new librarian decided that instead of checking out children's books by writing the names of borrowers on the book cards herself, she would have the youngsters sign their own names. She would then tell them they were signing a "Contract" for returning the books on time.

Her first customer was a second grader, who looked surprised to see a new librarian. He brought four books to the desk and shoved them across to the librarian, giving her his name as he did so.

The librarian pushed the books back and told him to sign them out. The boy laboriously printed his name on each book card and then handed them to her with a look of utter disgust.

Before the librarian could even start her speech he said, scornfully, "That other librarian we had could write."

## **25. THE NEW NAME**

When Diane found out she was pregnant, she told the good news to anyone who would listen. Diane's 4-year-old son overheard some of his mother's private conversations. One day when Diane and her 4-year-old were shopping, a woman asked the little boy if he was excited about the new baby.

"Yes!" the 4-year-old said, "and I know what we're going to name it, too."

"Really?" asked the lady.

"Yes." said the little boy, "If it's a girl we're going to call her Christina, and if it's another boy we're going to call it quits!"

## **26. THE TOOTH BRUSH & DUMB TEENAGER**

A teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train.

When asked about how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

## **27. VIEW OF A THREE YEAR OLD**

It was late at night and Heidi, who was expecting her second child, was home alone with her 3 year old daughter, Katelyn. When Heidi started to go into labor she called 911.

Due to a power outage at the time, only one paramedic responded to the call. The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked Katelyn to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Katelyn did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed, and after a little while, Connor was born.

The paramedic lifted him by his feet, and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Katelyn for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-year-old Katelyn what she thought about what she had just witnessed.

Katelyn quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place. Spank him again!"

## **28. VISITING GRANDMA**

A grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife:

"You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your

elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?" the grandson asked.

"You're coming empty handed?"

## **29. WALK TO SCHOOL**

Timmy was a little five year old boy that his Mom loved very much and, being a worrier, she was concerned about him walking to school when he started Kindergarten. She walked him to school for a couple of days but when he came home one day, he told his mother that he did not want her walking him to school everyday. He wanted to be like the "big boys." He protested loudly, so she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor, Mrs. Goodnest, if she would surreptitiously follow her son to school, at a distance behind him that he would not likely notice, but close enough to keep a watch on him. Mrs. Goodnest said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well so she agreed.

The next school day, Mrs. Goodnest and her little girl, Marcy, set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, the little friend of Timmy noticed that this same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week.

Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yea, I know who she is."

The little friend said, "Well who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest" Timmy said.

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm with my prayers 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in it, the prayer psalm says, "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life." so I guess I'll just have to get used to it.

### **30. WE LOVE OUR KIDS, KINDA**

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Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children."

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You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut up.

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Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your children.

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Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like cleaning the driveway before it has stopped snowing.

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There is only one pretty child in the world and every mother has it. [Chinese Proverb].

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Mothers of teens know why animals eat their young.

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I asked Mom if I was a gifted child. She said they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

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Children are natural mimics, who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners.

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Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

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The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.

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We child proofed our home three years ago and they're still getting in!

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Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

### **31. WHALES**

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

When the teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?", the little girl replied, "Then you can ask him."

### **32. WHERE ARE YOU DANNY?**

"Oh, No!" he gasped as he surveyed the disaster before him. Never in his 40 years of life had he seen anything like it. How anyone could have survived he did not know.

He could only hope that somewhere amid the overwhelming destruction he would find his 16-year-old son. Only the slim hope of finding Danny kept him from turning and fleeing the scene. He took a deep breath and proceeded.

Walking was virtually impossible with so many things strewn across his path. He moved ahead slowly.

"Danny! Danny!" he whispered to himself. He tripped and almost fell several times. He heard someone, or something, move. At least he thought he

did. Perhaps, he was just hoping he did. He shook his head and felt his gut tighten.

He couldn't understand how this could have happened. There was some light but not enough to see very much. Something cold and wet brushed against his hand. He jerked it away.

In desperation, he took another step then cried out, "Danny!"

From a nearby pile of unidentified material, he heard his son. "Yes, Dad," he said, in a voice so weak it could hardly be heard.

"It's time to get up and get ready for school," the man sighed, "and, for heaven's sake, clean up this room!"

### **33. WHITE HAIR**

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

### **34. WILD CHILD**

A young mother paying a visit to a doctor friend and his wife made no attempt to restrain her five-year-old son, who was ransacking an adjoining room.

But finally, an extra loud clatter of bottles did prompt her to say, "I hope, doctor, you don't mind Johnny being in there."

"No," said the doctor calmly, "He'll be quiet when he gets to the poisons."

### **35. DAY CARE CURRICULUM**

A college student with a young child was pleased when her daughter became eligible to attend the day care center at the University. The director of the day care gave the mother a tour of the facilities. To assure herself of the center's high standards, the young mother asked about the curriculum.

"Well," said the director, eyes twinkling, "today we are studying the children's favorite philosopher: Play-Doh."

### **36. MOTHER'S PATIENCE**

Little Johnny had just been put to bed for the umpteenth time and his mother's patience was wearing thin. "If I hear you call 'Mother' one more time, you will be punished," she warned him sternly.

For a while it was quiet, and then she heard a small voice call from the top of the stairs, "Mrs. Jones? Can I have a drink of water?"

### **37. ONE CALL**

The two teenagers were arrested. The police sergeant told them they were entitled to a phone call. Some time later a man entered the station and asked for them by name.

The sergeant said, "I suppose you're the lawyer?"

"Nope," the chap replied. "I'm just here to deliver their pizza."

### **38. POLITICS AS USUAL**

A newscaster interrupted scheduled programming to announce the outcome of a political election.

"More on candidates at 10 p.m.," he said.

My ten-year-old granddaughter Ashley looked at me in disbelief.

"I didn't know they could call politicians 'morons' on national television!"



### **39. THEY DON'T MESS AROUND**

A seven-year-old comes to class one morning after being absent the day before. His teacher asked, "Why weren't you at school yesterday?"

"Well, my Granddad got burnt," he explains.

"Oh dear. He wasn't too badly hurt was he?" the teacher replies.

"Oh yes, they don't mess around at those crematoriums!"

### **40. TROUBLE AT THE ZOO**

Three mischievous boys went to the zoo one day for an outing, since they had been at school all week.

They decided to visit the elephant cage, but soon enough, they were picked up by a cop for causing a commotion.

The officer hauled them off to security for questioning.

The supervisor in charge asked them to give their names and tell what they were doing at the elephant cage.

The first boy innocently said, "My name is Gary, and I was just throwing peanuts into the elephant cage."

The second added, "My name is Larry, and all I was doing was throwing peanuts into the elephant cage."

The third boy was a little shaken up and said, "Well, my name is Peter, but my friends call me Peanuts."

### **41. TRUE STORY OF A BIG FAMILY**

My sister works as a secretary for a number of medical doctors. One is the father of 10 children. One night it was his turn to stay home and take care of the house and the kids while his wife got out to relax.

The doctor settled down in the living room to read his newspaper and magazines. There were kids running all around, up and down stairs and just having a grand time.

Finally it got to be about 8 p.m. and the doctor calls out with a loud voice, "OK, everybody upstairs and start getting ready for bed!"

There is heard this stampede of kids heading up the stairs as they were ordered. The doctor settles down in his chair with a bit more of peace and quiet. Only a few minutes pass when he hears the distinct foot fall of someone coming down the stairs. He hollers out, "I told you to get upstairs and to get ready for bed."

Next thing heard is the sound of feet running upstairs.

Once again, the doctor settles into his reading. Not two minutes pass but that he hears quite distinctly the steps of someone coming down the stairs. He gets up out of his chair and goes and stands at the bottom of the stairs.

With hands on his hips he looks up at the child and says, "Didn't I tell you to get upstairs and get ready for bed?"

Sheepishly the child looks at the doctor and says, "But mister, I don't even live here!"

## **42. WOMAN WEARING PAJAMAS**

One morning I was called to pick up my son at the school nurse's office. When I walked through the main entrance, I noticed a woman, curlers in her hair, wearing pajamas.

"Why are you dressed like that?" I asked her.

"I told my son," she explained, "that if he ever did anything to embarrass me, I would embarrass him back. He was caught cutting school. So now I've come to spend the day with him!"

## **43. FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD KID**

Being a parent changes everything. But being a parent also changes with each baby. Here are some of the ways having a second and third child is different from having your first.

1) Your Clothes

1<sup>st</sup> baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your OB/GYN confirms your pregnancy.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

## 2) Preparing for the Birth

1<sup>st</sup> baby: You practice your breathing religiously.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8<sup>th</sup> month.

## 3) The Nursery

1<sup>st</sup> baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, color-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You check to make sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

## 4) Worries

1<sup>st</sup> baby: At the first sign of distress – a whimper, a frown – you pick up the baby.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You teach your 3-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

## 5) Pacifier

1<sup>st</sup> baby: If the pacifier falls on the floor, you put it away until you can go home and wash and boil it.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: When the pacifier falls on the floor, you squirt it off with some juice from the baby's bottle.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You wipe it off on your shirt and pop it back in.

## 6) Diapering

1<sup>st</sup> baby: You change your baby's diapers every hour, whether they need it or not.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You change their diaper every 2 to 3 hours, if needed.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You try to change their diaper before others start to complain about the smell or you see it sagging to their knees.

#### 7) Activities

1<sup>st</sup> baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics, Baby Swing, and Baby Story Hour.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You take your infant to the supermarket and the dry cleaner.

#### 8) Going Out

1<sup>st</sup> baby: The first time you leave your baby with a sitter, you call home 5 times.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: Just before you walk out the door, you remember to leave a number where you can be reached.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You leave instructions for the sitter to call only if she sees blood.

#### 9) At Home

1<sup>st</sup> baby: You spend a good bit of every day just gazing at the baby.

2<sup>nd</sup> baby: You spend a bit of everyday watching to be sure your older child isn't squeezing, poking, or hitting the baby.

3<sup>rd</sup> baby: You spend a little bit of every day hiding from the children.

#### 10) Swallowing Coins

1<sup>st</sup> child: when first child swallows a coin, you rush the child to the hospital and demand X-rays.

2<sup>nd</sup> child: when 2<sup>nd</sup> child swallows a coin, you carefully watch for coin to pass.

3<sup>rd</sup> child: when 3<sup>rd</sup> child swallows a coin you deduct it from his allowance!!

#### **44. A LETTER TO GOD**

A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and his mother told him to pray to God for it. He prayed and prayed for weeks, but nothing turned up. He decided to write a letter to God requesting the \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to "God," they opened it and decided to send it to the President. The President was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a check for \$5.00; he thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and sat down to write a thank you letter to God, which was as follows:

"Dear God,

Thank you very much for sending me the money. I noticed that you had to send it through Washington, D.C. As usual, those jerks deducted \$95.00.

#### **45. ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?**

Little Rodney, four years old, walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Do you read your Bible every day?"

She nodded her head, "Yes."

"Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered,

"Yes."

With that he asked his final question, "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"

#### **46. ARE YOU EVER?**

One evening I was driving my eight-year-old daughter to her grandparents' home for an overnight stay. It was late, there was very little traffic, and we were

enjoying a peaceful ride. It was a far cry from the usual chaos surrounding us when I drive her to various activities during rush hour.

My daughter seemed deep in thought when she said, "I have a question."

"What do you want to know?" I responded.

"Mom, when you're driving," she asked, "are YOU ever the idiot?"

#### **47. BABY BOOMERS THEN AND NOW**

Then: Long Hair.

Now: Longing for hair.

Then: The perfect high.

Now: The perfect high yield mutual fund.

Then: Keg.

Now: EKG.

Then: Acid Rock.

Now: Acid Reflux.

Then: Moving to California because it's cool.

Now: Moving to California because it's warm.

Then: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your parents.

Now: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your children.

Then: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor.

Now: Trying not to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor.

Then: Our president's struggle with Fidel.

Now: Our president's struggle with fidelity.

Then: The Grateful Dead.

Now: Dr. Kevorkian.

Then: Getting out to a new, hip joint.

Now: Getting a new hip joint.

Then: Rolling Stones.

Now: Kidney stones.

Then: Being called into the principal's office.

Now: Calling the principal's office.

Then: Parents begging you to get your hair cut.

Now: Children begging you to get their heads shaved.

Then: Passing the driver's test.

Now: Passing the vision test.

Then: "Whatever".

Now: "Depends".

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"Equal" is not always synonymous with "the same." Men and women are created equal. But, boys and girls are not born the same.

1. You throw a little girl a ball, and it will hit her in the nose. You throw a little boy a ball, and he will try to catch it. Then it will hit him in the nose.

2. You dress your little girl in her Easter Sunday best, and she'll look just as pretty when you finally make it to church an hour later. You dress a boy in his Easter Sunday best, and he'll somehow find every mud puddle from your home to the church, even if you're driving there.

3. Boys' rooms are usually messy. Girls' rooms are usually messy, except it's a good smelling mess.

4. A baby girl will pick up a stick and look in wonderment at what nature has made. A baby boy will pick up a stick and turn it into a gun.

5. When girls play with Barbie and Ken dolls, they like to dress them up and play house with them. When boys play with Barbie and Ken dolls, they like to tear off their appendages.

6. Boys couldn't care less if their hair is unruly. If their bangs got cut a quarter-inch too short, girls would rather lock themselves in their room for two weeks than be seen in public.

7. Baby girls find mommy's makeup and almost instinctively start painting their face. Baby boys find mommy's makeup and almost instinctively start painting the walls.

8. If a girl accidentally burps, she will be embarrassed. If a boy accidentally burps, he will follow it with a dozen fake belches.

9. Boys grow their fingernails long because they're too lazy to cut them. Girls grow their fingernails long - not because they look nice - but because they can dig them into a boys arm.

10. Girls are attracted to boys, even at an early age. At an early age, boys are attracted to dirt.

11. By the age of six, boys will stop giving their dad kisses. By the age of six, girls will stop giving their dad kisses unless he bribes them with candy.

12. Most baby girls talk before boys do. Before boys talk, they learn how to make machine-gun noises.

13. Girls will cry if someone dies in a movie. Boys will cry if you turn off the VCR after they've watched "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" movie three times in a row.

14. Girls turn into women. Boys turn into bigger boys.



#### **49. BRUSHING THE DOG'S TEETH**

A father finds his four year old daughter outside brushing their dog's teeth using his toothbrush.

Dad asks, "What are you doing with my toothbrush?"

The daughter replies, "I'm brushing his teeth. But don't worry dad, I'll rinse it out when I'm done just like I always do."

#### **50. BUT DADDY...**

My husband and I took our two-year-old daughter to the home-improvement store. Madison got tired of walking, so my husband let her ride on his shoulders. As he walked, Madison began pulling his hair. Although he asked her to stop several times, she kept on. Getting annoyed, he scolded, "Madison! Stop that!"

"But, Daddy," she replied, "I'm just trying to get my gum back."

#### **51. CAR ACCIDENT**

As my five year old son and I were headed to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for those who might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

From the back seat I heard his earnest request: "Please, God, don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

#### **52. CELEBRATION**

The congregation of First Baptist wanted to give a special thank you to their pastor for his fifteen years of ministry with them. At the end of the morning service, they presented the pastor and his wife with a trip to the Holy Land.

The pastor said some special words and finished with "I thank from the bottom of my heart." His wife wanted to say some words also and finished the same way.

Not to be left out of all the celebration and speeches, their eight-year-old got up and said "I thank you from my bottom also."

### **53. WHAT IS LOVE**

For those who misuse the word "love" even kids have a better understanding than adults. A group of professional people posted this question to a group of four to eight year olds. "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

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When my grandma got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toe nails anymore. So my grandpa does it for her now all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. [Rebecca – age 8]

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When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouths. [Billy – age 4]

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Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving Cologne and they go out and smell each other. [Kari – age 5]

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Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French Fries without making them give you any of theirs. [Chrissy – age 6]

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Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. [Terri – age 4]

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Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a Sip, giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK. [Danny – age 7]

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Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My mommy and daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss. [Emily – age 8]

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Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. [Bobby – age 7]

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If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. [Nikka – age 6]

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Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday. [Noelle – age 7]

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Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. [Tommy – age 6]

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My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. [Clare – age 6]

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Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford. [Chris – age 7]

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Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. [Mary Ann – age 4]

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When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you. [Karen – age 7]

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Love is when mommy sees daddy on the toilet and doesn't think it's gross.

[Mark – age 6]

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You really shouldn't say "I LOVE YOU" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. [Jessica – age 8]

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And the winner was a 4 year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly man who had just lost his wife.

When the child saw the man cry, the little boy went over into the man's yard and climbed on top of the man's lap and just sat there.

When the boy's mother asked him what he'd said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

## **54. CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Christmas Break was over and the teacher was asking the class about their vacations. She turned to little Johnny and asked what he did over the break.

"We visited my grandmother in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania," he replied.

"That sounds like an excellent vocabulary word," the teacher said. "Can you tell the class how you spell that?"

Little Johnny thought about it and said, "You know, come to think of it, we went to Ohio."

## **55. COMPUTER LITERACY**

I was teaching my four year old daughter how to unbuckle her seat belt. She asked, "Do I click the square?"

I said, "Yes."

She asked, "Single click or double click?"

## **56. COW BIRTH**

A rancher was helping one of his cows give birth, when he noticed his four-year-old son standing at the fence, wide-eyed and soaking in the whole event.

The rancher thought to himself, "Great, now I'm gonna have to explain the 'birds and bees'. Well, no need to jump the gun. I'll just let him ask the questions and I'll answer as best I can."

After everything was over, the rancher walked over to his son and said, "Well, son, do you have any questions?"

"Just one," gasped the still wide-eyed lad. "How fast was that calf going when he hit the cow?"

## **57. CURIOSITY**

A teacher was winding up a discussion in her fourth grade class on the importance of curiosity.

Teacher: "Where would we be today if no one had ever been curious?"

Child: "In the Garden of Eden?"

## **58. DELIVERING LUNCH**

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

## **59. DOG CARE**

A little boy was roughhousing with his dog. His mother said to him, "Now, Peter, I know you love Granger, but you're loving him too much. How would

you feel if someone huge picked you up and squeezed you so hard you couldn't breathe?"

The boy thought a moment and then said, "I guess I'd feel like it was my birthday and Aunt Doreen was here!"

## **60. FISHING WITH GRANDPA**

My grandson and I were going fishing down at the river. It is admittedly a poor fishing spot but a good place to be together. As we approached, a young father and his son, about my grandson's age, were walking up the trail. My grandson piped up, "Did ya catch anything?"

Their response was a dejected negative. "My grandpa will. He always catches a fish," came my grandson's reply. I nodded at the young man and did my best to make a humble remark about exaggerated imaginations.

My line had a free running loop in it that I desperately needed to get rid of so I put a large lure on the line and cast out as far as I could. The man's son made a comment about how far out the line went. I remained quiet and reeled in the line watching it as it wound on my reel in proper manner. All of a sudden I got a strike. The first one I had gotten in the river in many years.

I reeled in a nice small mouth bass about 2 or 2 1/2 pounds. The young dad and his son ooohed and aaahed as they saw the fish come in. I knelt down and removed it from the hook and was just about to hand it to the youngster to take home with him when the bass wriggled just right and with a loud splash gained its freedom again.

The young man and his son moaned at the sight of the bass getting away. Just then, in a consoling voice, my grandson piped up, "That's OK. My grandpa always throws the little ones back!" No one spoke a word. The young man and his son quietly left. My tongue is still sore from biting it that day!

## **61. KIDNEYS**

When my family and I lived in South America the grocery store was quite different. They sold things like cow tongue and kidneys.

One night, my dad took us to the grocery store and sent us each to get a different item. My dad went to the back with my 6 year-old sister and on their way they past the meat section and my dad pointed out some of these odd cuts of meat. He specifically pointed out the kidneys. Then they left and went to get whatever item was there to get.

We all met at the check-out line and while my dad purchased the items my sister ran to my brother and me and said with wide eyes "Jessie! They sell kids knees back there!"

## **62. KIDS' DEEP THOUGHTS**

[Apparently from an actual newspaper contest where entrants age 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."]

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I believe you should live each day as if it is your last, which is why I don't have any clean laundry because, come on, who wants to wash clothes on the last day of their life? [Age 15]

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Give me the strength to change the things I can, the grace to accept the things I cannot, and a great big bag of money. [Age 13]

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Democracy is a beautiful thing, except for that part about letting just any old yokel vote. [Age 10]

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For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out. [Age 6]

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Think of the biggest number you can. Now add five. Then, imagine if you had that many Twinkies. Wow, that's five more than the biggest number you could come up with! [Age 6]

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As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. [Age 7]

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Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher. That is, I used to, until she got an unlisted number. [Age 15]

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It would be terrible if the Red Cross Bloodmobile got into an accident. No, wait. That would be good because if anyone needed it, the blood would be right there. [Age 5]

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If we could just get everyone to close their eyes and visualize world peace for an hour, imagine how serene and quiet it would be until the looting started. [Age 15]

### **63. KIDS' SCIENCE THEORIES**

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When they broke open molecules, they found they were only stuffed with atoms. But when they broke open atoms, they found them stuffed with explosions.

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While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifuging.

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There is a tremendous weight pushing down on the center of the Earth because of so much population stomping around up there these days.



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We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.

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To most people solutions mean finding the answers. But to chemists solutions are things that are still all mixed up.

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Rain is often known as soft water, oppositely known as hail.

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Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

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Isotherms and isobars are even more important than their names sound.

#### **64. MAKE-UP GAME**

When my son was around nine, we had a very wet spring causing several of his baseball games to be cancelled or postponed. Finally a make-up game was scheduled for one of the games. I told my six year old daughter that if she had any homework that day she needed to be sure to complete it during aftercare at school because her brother had a make-up game.

That night since it was still too wet for her to play, she moved from lap to lap. While she was in my lap, she looked at her brother's dug-out and then she looked at the other dug-out. She turned to me and asked, "Are we wearing make-up or is the other team?"

#### **65. MARKSMAN**

Salesman is driving down a country road when he sees a young kid in front of a barn. On the barn are five targets with arrows in the bull's eye of each target. Screeching to a stop he runs out to the kid amazed that this kid could shoot so well.

"Son," he says, "how did you hit all those bull's eyes?"

"Well sir," the boy replied, "I take the arrow and lick my fingers like this, then I take my fingers and straiten the feathers like this, take aim with my hand against my cheek, let go and where ever the arrow hits I draw a bull's eye."

## **2. PARENTS**

### **1**

A mother enters her daughter's bedroom and sees a letter on the bed. With the worst premonition, she reads it, with trembling hands:

"Dear Mom,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm telling you that I have eloped with my new boyfriend. I found real passion and he is so nice, even with all his piercing and tattoos, and I love riding on the back of his big motorcycle.

But it's not only that mom, I'm pregnant and Ahmed said that we will be very happy in his trailer in the woods. He wants to have many more children with me and that's one of my dreams. I've learned that marijuana doesn't hurt anyone and we'll be growing it for us and his friends, who are providing us with all the cocaine and ecstasy we may want.

In the meantime, we'll pray for science to find the AIDS cure, for Ahmed to get better, he deserves it.

Don't worry Mom, I'm 15 years old now and I know how to take care of myself. Some day I'll visit so you can get to know your grandchildren.

Your daughter,

Judith

P.S.: Mom, it's not true. I'm next door at Sandy's. I just wanted to show you that there are worse things in life than my report card that's in my desk drawer... I love you!"

## **2. BAD DAY**

You know it's going to be a bad day when your teenager knocks on your bedroom door first thing in the morning and says, "Today is Nerd Day at school, Pop. Can I borrow some of your clothes?"

## **3. BRAGGING ABOUT COLLEGE SON**

One woman was bragging to her next-door neighbor about her son, a college student. "Why, our son is so brilliant, every time we get a letter from him we have to go to the dictionary."

"You're lucky," the neighbor said. "Every time we get a letter from ours, we have to go to the bank!"

## **4. HITTING A NERVE**

Seven months pregnant, my hand on my aching back, I stood in line at the post office for what seemed an eternity.

"Honey," said a woman behind me, "I had back pain during my pregnancy. I was bedridden for four months because my baby was sitting on a nerve."

The man in front of me piped up, "You'd better get used to it now. Once those young 'uns get on your nerves, they can stay there till they're 18."

## **5. MOTHER KNOWS BEST**

A young Jewish man excitedly tells his mother he's fallen in love and going to get married. He says, "Just for fun, Ma, I'm going to bring over three women and you try and guess which one I'm going to marry." The mother agrees.

The next day, he brings three beautiful women into the house and sits them down on the couch and they chat for a while. He then says, "Okay, Ma. Guess which one I'm going to marry."

She immediately replies, "The redhead in the middle."

"That's amazing, Ma. You're right. How did you know?"

"I don't like her."

## **6. WHAT MOTHER TAUGHT ME...**

1. My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION...

"Just wait until your father gets home."

2. My Mother taught me HUMOR...

"When that lawn mower cuts off you toes, don't come running to me."

3. My Mother taught me about RECEIVING....

"You are going to get it when we get home!"

4. My Mother taught me to MEET A CHALLENGE...

"What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you. Don't talk back to me!"

5. My Mother taught me LOGIC...

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My Mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE...

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."

7. My Mother taught me to THINK AHEAD...

"If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job."

8. My Mother taught me ESP...

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you're cold?"

9. My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT...

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

10. My Mother taught me about SEX...

"How do you think you got here?"

11. My Mother taught me about GENETICS...

"You're just like your father."

12. My Mother taught me about my ROOTS...

"Do you think you were born in a barn?"

13. My Mother taught me about WISDOM OF AGE...

"When you get to be my age, you will understand."

14. And my all time favorite... JUSTICE...

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you... Then you'll see what it's like."

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[The following are different answers given by school-age children to the given questions]

*Why did God make mothers?*

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Think about it, it was the best way to get more people.
3. Mostly to clean the house.
4. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

*How did God make mothers?*

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. He made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

*Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?*

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

*What ingredients are mothers made of?*

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string. I think.

*What kind of little girl was your mom?*

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
- 2 I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

*How did your mom meet your dad?*

Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting.

*What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?*

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

*Why did your mom marry your dad?*

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

*What makes a real woman?*

It means you have to be really bossy without looking bossy.

*Who's the boss at your house?*

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

*What's the difference between moms and dads?*

1. Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just got to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power cause that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

*What does your mom do in her spare time?*

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

*What's the difference between moms and grandmas?*

1. About 30 years.
2. You can always count on grandmothers for candy. Sometimes moms don't even have bread on them!

*Describe the world's greatest mom?*

1. She would make broccoli taste like ice cream!

2. The greatest mom in the world wouldn't make me kiss my fat aunts!
3. She'd always be smiling and keep her opinions to herself.

*Is anything about your mom perfect?*

1. Her teeth are perfect, but she bought them from the dentist.
- 2 Her casserole recipes. But we hate them.
3. Just her children.

*What would it take to make your mom perfect?*

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd dye it, maybe blue.

*If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?*

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter .Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

## **8. MONEY FROM MOTHER**

My friend's preparations for a visit from her children included a trip to the bank. Waiting in line at the teller's window, she lamented to the middle-aged man behind her, "My children are in their 20s, and I'm still giving them money. When does it end?"

"I'm not sure I'm the one to ask," the man said while glancing uncomfortably at a paper in his hand, "I'm here to deposit a check from my mother."

## **9. LETTER FROM FATHER'S HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Mr. Cameron:

As a courtesy, we are sending you a copy of this letter we recently wrote to your 15 year old daughter in response to a query we received from her.

Dear Ms. Cameron:

Thank you for your letter. Yes, we are pleased to report, your father's old high school is still standing and our library was able to find yearbooks dating "all the way back" to his graduation. In fact, a few teachers even remember your father, which I will get to in a moment.

In answer to your first question: In every picture extant of your father he is well shod, wearing what I believe were called "earth shoes" back then. Also, the weather here is moderate, with snow generally lasting from December until March – hardly the entire school year.

Thus his descriptions of the conditions under which he "struggled" to school in the morning do, as you suggested, seem a bit exaggerated. In fact, our bus logs are (remarkably) still intact, revealing that not only was your father a registered passenger, but that his parents paid the extra ten dollars a month for door-to-door delivery.

I am sure there were days when your father was very "sharply dressed," as you state he puts it, but in every single photograph I was able to uncover he is wearing exactly the same thing: bell bottom blue jeans with white strings trailing from the edges onto the floor, horizontal rents in the knees, and no belt buckle. His T-shirt displays a message easily communicated with hand gestures. His hair hangs past his shoulders and looks as if it was exposed to a lot of wind – perhaps he rode the school bus with the window open.

As to academics and "concentrating on the basics," one must remember the times. The "basics" back then may very well have embraced some of your father's elective subjects, which included "Personal Citizenship", "Ecology", and one which apparently was called "Relevance." We have no record of what, if anything, was taught in these classes. What records we do have show that your father did indeed take Geometry, just as he claims. In fact, he took it his sophomore year, repeated it his junior year and repeated the course again his senior year – Geometry was required for graduation.

Now as to Mr. Muggins, who had your father in a class called "Problems of Modern Relationships." Mr. Muggins does not wish to dispute the claim that



your father always had his homework done early, he merely wants to point out that no matter when it was done, it was always handed in late. In fact, your father sticks out in Mr. Muggins' mind as having the most outrageous excuses for being unprepared, including having to evacuate his home because it was infected with the China Syndrome.

Your father was not, sad to say, President of the Student Council. Perhaps he is confusing student government with a social group called "The Slackers," which Mr. Muggins recalls was a group of boys who sat in the hallway and made loud groaning noises whenever an attractive girl strode past. Your father was assistant vice president of the club, and, to our knowledge, is the only past member not currently serving time in a federal penitentiary.

One thing IS completely verifiable: your father's name is, indeed, carved above the door to the school. Please advise that, now that we have noticed it, we will need to have it sanded out and refinished, at a cost of approximately three hundred dollars. We would appreciate it if your father would agree to pay for the damage without our having to engage lawyers.

The honor roll to which he apparently referred is not above the door, it hangs outside my office. I will leave unanswered the question as to whether his name is upon it.

Thank you very much for your letter, which we found most amusing. Be sure to tell your father hello from Mr. Muggins.

## **10. MOTHER HAS THE FLU**

[Notes pinned to the pillow of a mother who has the flu by her well-meaning husband.]

### **Monday A.M.**

Dearest: Sleep late. Everything under control. Lunches packed. Kids off to school. Menu for dinner planned. Your lunch is on a tray in refrigerator: fruit cup, finger-sandwiches. Thermos of hot tea by bedside. See you around six.

### **Tuesday A.M.**

Honey: Sorry about the egg rack in the refrigerator. Hope you got back to sleep. Did the kids tell you about the Coke I put in the Thermoses? The school might call you on this. Dinner may be a little late. I'm doing your door-to-door canvas for liver research. Your lunch is in refrigerator. Hope you like leftover chili.

### **Wednesday A.M.**

Dear Doris: Why in the name of all that is sane would you put soap powder in the flour canister! If you have time, could you please come up with a likely spot for Chris's missing shoes? We've checked the clothes hamper, garage, back seat of the car and wood box. Did you know the school has a ruling on bedroom slippers? There's some cold pizza for you on a napkin in the oven drawer. Will be late tonight. Driving eight Girl Scouts to tour meatpacking house.

### **Thursday A.M.**

Doris: Don't panic over water in hallway. It crested last night at 9 P.M. Will finish laundry tonight. Please pencil in answers to following:

1. How do you turn on the garbage disposal?
2. Why would that rotten kid leave his shoes in his boots?
3. How do you remove a Confederate flag inked on the palm of a small boy's hand?
4. What do you do with leftovers when they begin to snap at you when you open the door? I don't know what you're having for lunch! Surprise me!

### **Friday A.M.**

Hey: Don't drink from pitcher by the sink. Am trying to restore pink dress shirt to original white. Take heart. Tonight, the ironing will be folded, the house cleaned and the dinner on time. I called your mother.

## **11. MOTHER'S TRICK**

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his dad's side. "Now maybe mother will do the trick she has been promising us."

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked.

"I heard her tell daddy," the little boy answered, "that she would climb the walls if you came to visit."

## **12. THE NEW FATHER**

The new father was left with the baby all day while mom went shopping for some unmaternity clothes. When she returned she went to check on the baby. The smell was overpowering. She found the disposable diaper full and leaking. She was furious!

She confronted her husband, "Didn't you bother to check the baby's diaper all day?"

The new dad responded, "Well, the box says it's good for up to eight pounds!"

## **13. WELFARE TALE**

A woman walks into the downtown welfare office, trailed by 15 kids...

"WOW," the social worker exclaims, "Are they ALL YOURS???"

"Yep they are all mine," the flustered momma sighs, having heard that question a thousand times before. She says, "Sit down Leroy." All the children rush to find seats.

"Well," says the social worker, "then you must be here to sign up. I'll need all your children's names."

"This one's my oldest – he is Leroy."

"OK, and who's next?"

"Well, this one, he is Leroy, also."

The social worker raises an eyebrow but continues. One by one, through the oldest four, all boys, all named Leroy. Then she is introduced to the eldest girl, named Leighroy!

"All right," says the caseworker, "I'm seeing a pattern here... Are they ALL named Leroy?"

Their Momma replied, "Well, yes – it makes it easier. When it is time to get them out of bed and ready for school, I yell, 'Leroy!' An' when it's time for dinner, I just yell 'Leroy!' an' they all comes arunnin.' An' if I need to stop the kid who's running into the street, I just yell 'Leroy' and all of them stop. It's the smartest idea I ever had, namin' them all Leroy."

The social worker thinks this over for a bit, then wrinkles her forehead and says tentatively, "But what if you just want ONE kid to come, and not the whole bunch?"

"I call them by their last names."

## **14. PARENTHOOD**

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If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!

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Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results.

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The smartest advice on raising children is to enjoy them while they are still on your side.

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Avenge yourself – live long enough to be a problem to your children.

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The best way to keep kids at home is to give it a loving atmosphere – and hide the keys to the car.

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Parents: People who bear infants, bore teenagers, and board newlyweds.

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The joy of motherhood: What a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed.

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Life's golden age is when the kids are too old to need babysitters and too young to borrow the family car.

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Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

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Grandparents are similar to a piece of string – handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.

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There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, hire someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.

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Adolescence is the age when children try to bring up their parents.

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Cleaning your house while your kids are at home is like trying to shovel the driveway during a snowstorm.

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Oh, to be only half as wonderful as my child thought I was when he was small, and half as stupid as my teenager now thinks I am.

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There are only two things a child will share willingly: communicable diseases and his mother's age.

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Adolescence is the age at which children stop asking questions because they know all the answers.

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An alarm clock is a device for awakening people who don't have small children.

## **15. MOTHER'S DAY ONE LINERS**

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If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?

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Personally, I think today's kids ought to do something really special for their Mothers on Mother's Day – like move out!

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Hey guys – looking for a great gift for your Mother-in-Law on Mother's Day? Why not send her back her daughter???

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A single Mom was asked by a friend what her son was taking in college. With a sigh she replied, "Everything I have."

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Fathers – take heart, your day is coming, and you can be sure of getting at least one thing – the bills from Mother's Day.

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Most Mothers are always amazed when their sons/daughters marry a person with much lower mental capacity, ambition and moral standards, yet still manage to have utterly brilliant children.

### **3. HUSBANDS AND WIVES**

#### **1. THE PAINTING**

A woman decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond rings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby broach, and gold Rolex."

"But you are not wearing any of those things," he replied.

"I know," she said. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will remarry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewelry."

#### **2. PROFIT FROM ANOTHER MAN'S MISTAKES**

Morris went to his rabbi for some needed advice. "Rabbi, tell me if it is proper for one man to profit from another man's mistakes."

"No, Morris, a man should not profit from another man's mistakes," answered the rabbi.

"Are you sure, Rabbi?"

"Of course, I'm sure. In fact, I'm positive," exclaimed the Rabbi.

"Ok, Rabbi, if you are so sure, how about returning the two hundred dollars I gave you for marrying me to my wife!"

#### **3. NEW SON-IN-LAW**

A very successful businessman had a meeting with his new son-in-law.

"I love my daughter, and now I welcome you into the family," he said. "To show you how much we care for you, I'm making you a 50-50 partner in my business. All you have to do is go to the factory every day and learn the operations."

The son-in-law interrupted, "I hate factories. I can't stand the noise."

"I see," replied the father-in-law. "Well then, you'll work in the office and take charge of some of the operations."

"I hate office work," said the son-in-law. "I can't stand being stuck behind a desk all day."

"Wait a minute," said the father-in-law. "I just make you half-owner of a moneymaking organization, but you don't like factories and won't work in an office. What am I going to do with you?"

"Easy," said the young man. "Buy me out!"

#### **4. MARITAL ARGUMENT**

A young couple drove several miles down a country road, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument, and neither wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules and pigs, the husband sarcastically asked, "Are they relatives of yours?"

"Yes," his wife replied. "I married into the family."

#### **5. LOST AGAIN**

A man approached a very beautiful woman in a large supermarket and said, "You know, I've lost my wife somewhere in this huge supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?"

"Why?" she asks.

"Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, my wife suddenly appears out of nowhere and I'm tired of looking for her!"

#### **6. GOOD OLD DAVE**

Morris walks out into the street and manages to get a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Dave."

"Who?"

"Dave Aronson. There's a guy who did everything right. Like my coming along when you needed a cab. It would have happened like that to Dave."



"There are always a few clouds over everybody," says Morris.

"Not Dave. He was a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star."

"He was something, huh?"

"He had a memory like a trap. Could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which fork to eat with. He could fix anything. Not like me. change a fuse, and I black out the whole neighborhood."

"No wonder you remember him."

"Well, I never actually met Dave."

"Then how do you know so much about him?" asks Morris.

"Because I married his widow."

## **7. A WELL PLANNED LIFE?**

Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other, "You were always so organized in school. Did you manage to live a well planned life?"

"Yes," said her friend, "My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

## **8**

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-wheel drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where am I gonna find a fake Jeep?"

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A man left work on Friday afternoon, but instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spending his entire paycheck.

When he finally appeared at home Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade of his actions. Finally, his wife stopped the nagging and said to him. "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

To which he replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

## 10

Dear Marty,

I have been unable to sleep since I broke off your engagement to my daughter. Will you forgive and forget?

I was much too sensitive about your Mohawk, tattoo and pierced nose. I now realize motorcycles aren't really that dangerous, and I really should not have reacted that way to the fact that you have never held a job.

I am also very sure that some other very nice people live under the bridge in the park, too. Sure my daughter is only 18 and wants to marry you instead of going to Harvard on full scholarship. After all, you can't learn everything about life from books.

I sometimes forget how backward I can be. I was wrong. I was a fool. I have now come to my senses and you have my full blessing to marry my daughter.

Sincerely,

your future father-in-law

P.S. Congratulations on winning the lottery!

## 11. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MARRIAGE

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Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce. It's TRUE!  
Statistically 100% of all divorces started with marriage!

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I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

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Marriage is a 3-ring circus: Engagement ring, wedding ring, and suffering.

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The last fight was my fault. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

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In the beginning, God created earth and rested. Then God created man and rested. Then God created woman. Since then, neither God nor man has rested.

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Why do men die before their wives? They want to.

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A beggar walked up to a well dressed woman shopping on Rodeo Drive and said, "I haven't eaten anything in four days." She looked at him and said, "I wish I had your willpower."

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Do you know the punishment for bigamy? Two mothers-in-law.

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Young son: Is it true, Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?

Dad: That happens in every country, son.

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A man inserted an 'ad' in the classified: "Wife wanted". Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

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The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

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First guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!"

Second guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

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How do most men define marriage? An expensive way to get laundry done for free.

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Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all!

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If you want your wife to listen and pay undivided attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

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Then there was a man who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and then it was too late."

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A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married? And the father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying.

## **12. RUNAWAY HUSBAND**

This middle aged man was going through his mid-life crisis so he went out and bought him a new bright red Porsche. So he decided to take his new Porsche on a test drive down the interstate one day.

He got up to about 85 mph and all of a sudden he saw this highway patrolman with his blue lights and siren blaring coming toward him. He decided he and his new Porsche would outrun the officer. So the man sped up to 95 mph,

and then to 105 mph, but the patrolman was still coming. The man finally came to his senses and said to himself, "This is crazy, I could go to jail for this," so he pulled over.

The patrolman came to the car and told the man, "It has been a long day and I am tired. If you can give me an excuse no one else has ever given me I will let you go."

So the man told the officer, "Last night my wife ran off with a patrolman and when I saw you chasing me I thought you were trying to bring her back." The officer looked at the man and said, "Have a nice day."

### **13. HOTEL SECURITY**

A honeymoon couple is in the Watergate Hotel in Washington. The bride is concerned, asked "What if the place is still bugged?"

The groom says, "I'll look for a bug." He looks behind the drapes, behind the pictures, under the rug. Finally, he says, "AHA!"

Under the rug was a disc with four screws. He gets his Swiss army knife, unscrews the screws, throws them and the disc out the window.

The next morning, the hotel manager asks the newlyweds, "How was your room? How was the service? How was your stay at the Watergate Hotel?"

The groom says, "Why are you asking me all of these questions?"

The hotel manager says "Well, the room UNDER you complained of the chandelier falling on them."

### **14. MARRIAGE COUNSELLING**

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counselling came up.

"Oh, we'll never need that. My husband and I have a great relationship," the wife explained. "He was a communications major in college and I majored in theater arts. He communicates real well and I just act like I'm listening."

## **15. OLD FRIENDS**

Amy and Jamie are old friends. They have both been married to their husbands for a long time. Amy is upset because she thinks her husband doesn't find her attractive anymore.

"As I get older he doesn't bother to look at me!" Amy cries.

"I'm so sorry for you, as I get older my husband says I get more beautiful every day," replies Jamie.

"Yes, but your husband's an antique dealer!"

## **16. THE DISHES**

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met a young lady of excellent character and virtue that interested him very much. What should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great idea, and a week later, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone.

"I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes."

"What's wrong with that?" asked his mother.

"We hadn't started eating yet."

## **17. DIVORCE?**

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "They're not getting divorced if I have anything to do about it," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own fares. Now what do we tell them for Christmas?"

## **18. GRANDPA'S WISDOM**

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Whether a man winds up with the nest egg or a goose egg depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

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Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earnin' his salt that he forgets his sugar.

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Too many couples marry for better or for worse, but not for good.

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When a man marries a woman, they become one but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

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If a man has enough "horse sense" to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never be an old nag.

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Judgin' from the specimens they pick for husbands, it's no wonder that brides often blush.

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On anniversaries the wise husband always forgets the past... but never the present.

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A foolish husband remarks to his wife: "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna work."

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The bonds of matrimony are a good investment only when the interest is kept up.

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Many girls like to marry a military man – he can cook, sew, make beds, and is in good health and he's already used to taking orders.

## **19. HOW TO BE A GOOD HUSBAND**

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He consistently spills things in the same location so as to avoid making more than one stain in the carpet.

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He sees to it that he doesn't always sit in the same place on the couch, to avoid making those unsightly twin-divots.

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He masters the art of halfway-communication so that he can watch TV and still answer: uh huh, oh, I see what you mean, etc. at the right time.

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He is able to avoid use of the same excuse two times in a row.

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He has learned that a new vacuum cleaner, iron, etc. do not make acceptable anniversary presents.



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Admits with only minor prodding that watching Monday Night Football together does not constitute a "date" or family home evening (where applicable).

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Has learned all of the children's names so that he doesn't have to refer to them as, "Hey, you there..."

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Knows the proper time to give a sincere compliment and also the proper time to say something such as, "It's definitely an interesting dress."

## **20. MARRIAGE SECRET**

A couple had been married for 45 years and had raised a brood of 11 children and were blessed with 22 grandchildren.

When asked the secret for staying together all that time, the wife replies, "Many years ago we made a promise to each other: the first one to pack up and leave has to take all the kids."

## **21. MARRIED COUPLE**

Although this married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who was behind the wheel operating the boat. He was concerned about what might happen in an emergency. So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Please take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it."

So she drove the boat to shore and safely docked it.

Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching television. She sat down next to him, switched the TV channel, and said to him, "Please go into the kitchen, dear. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes."

## **22. THE FIANCÉ**

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother told her father to find out about the young man.

The father invited the fiancé to his study for a talk.

"So what are your plans?" the father asked the young man.

"I am a biblical scholar," he replied.

"A Biblical scholar. Hmmm," the father said. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?"

"I will study," the young man replied, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asked the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replied, "God will provide for us."

"And children?" asked the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replied the fiancé.

The conversation proceeded like this, and each time the father questioned, the young idealist insisted that God would provide.

Later, the mother asked, "How did it go, Honey?"

The father answered, "He has no job and no plans, and he thinks I'm God!"

## **23. WHOSE TOY IS IT?**

Tom had won a toy at a raffle. He called his kids together to ask which one should have the present.

"Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to mother? Who does everything she says?"

Five small voices answered in unison: "Okay, Dad, you get the toy."

## **4. SENIOR CITIZENS**

### **1. OVER THE HILL**

How To Tell If You're Over The Hill:

You no longer laugh at Preparation H commercials.

Your arms are almost too short to read the newspaper.

You buy shoes with crepe rubber soles.

The only reason you're still awake at 2 A.M. is indigestion.

People ask you what color your hair used to be.

You enjoy watching the news.

Your car must have four doors.

You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

You have a dream about prunes.

You browse the bran cereal section in the grocery store.

You start worrying when your supply of Ben Gay is low.

You think a CD is a certificate of deposit.

You have more than two pair of glasses.

You read the obituaries daily.

Your biggest concern when dancing is falling.

You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.

You wear black socks with sandals.

You know all the warning signs of a heart attack.

You dance slow to this song.

If any of the above apply to you, You Are Over The Hill.

## **2. C-NILE VIRUS**

[It's about the latest e-mail virus. Even the most advanced programs, like Norton or McAfee, cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1950.]

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND."
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE."

It is called the "C-Nile Virus."

## **3. A LONG LIFE**

A passer-by noticed an old lady sitting on her front step: "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look! What is your secret for such a long, happy life?"

"I smoke four packs of cigarettes a day", she said. "Before I go to bed, I smoke a nice big joint. Apart from that, I drink a whole bottle of Jack Daniels daily and eat only junk food. On weekends I pop a huge number of pills and do no exercise at all."

"This is absolutely amazing at your age!!!!" says the passer-by. "How old are you?"

"Twenty four."

## **4. I'M FINE – HOW ARE YOU?**

There's nothing the matter with me,

I'm just as healthy as can be,

I have arthritis in both knees,

And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
All my teeth have had to come out,  
And my diet I hate to think about.  
I'm overweight and I can't get thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
And arch supports I need for my feet.  
Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the street.  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm all right.  
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin.  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
Old age is golden I've heard it said,  
But sometimes I wonder, as I go to bed.  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
And my glasses on a shelf, until I get up.  
And when sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,  
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?  
The reason I know my Youth has been spent,  
Is my get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went!  
But really I don't mind, when I think with a grin,  
Of all the places my get-up has been.  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,  
Pick up the paper and read the obits.  
If my name is missing, I'm therefore not dead,

So I eat a good breakfast and jump back into bed.

The moral of this as the tale unfolds,

Is that for you and me, who are growing old,

It is better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,

Than to let people know the shape we are in.

I AM FINE, HOW ARE YOU?

## 5

A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good aftershave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady (mid eighties).

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

## 6

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

## 7

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking,

and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know ... the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

## 8

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman - already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet - who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

## 9

A 60-year-old man went to the doctor for a checkup.

The doctor told him, "You're in terrific shape. There's nothing wrong with you. Why, you might live forever. You have the body of a 35 year-old. By the way, how old was your father when he died?"

The 60 year old responded, "Did I say he was dead?"

The doctor was surprised and asked, "How old is he and is he very active?"

The 60 year old responded, "Well, he is 82 years old and he still goes skiing three times a season and surfing three times a week during the summer."

The doctor couldn't believe it. "Well, how old was your grandfather when he died?"

The 60 year old responded again, "Did I say he was dead?"

The doctor was astonished. He said, "You mean to tell me you are 60 years old and both your father and your grandfather are alive? Is your grandfather very active?"

The 60 year old said, "He goes skiing at least once a season and surfing once a week during the summer. Not only that," said the patient, "my grandfather is 106 years old, and next week he is getting married again."

The doctor said, "At 106 years, why on earth would your grandfather want to get married?"

His patient looked up at the doctor and said, "Did I say he wanted to?"

## **10. AGING**

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids?

If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. How old are you? "I'm four and a half" You're never 36 and a half. You're four and a half going on five!

That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number. How old are you? "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16.

And then the greatest day of your life happens, you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony: You BECOME 21! YES!

But then you turn 30. Ooohhh what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED, we had to throw him out. There's no fun now.

What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Stay over there, it's all slipping away!



You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, you're PUSHING 40, you REACH 50.  
And your dreams are gone.

Then you MAKE IT to 60. You didn't think you'd make it! So you BECOME 21, you TURN 30, you're PUSHING 40, you REACH 50, you MAKE IT to 60. Then you build up so much speed you HIT 70!

After that, it's a day by day thing. After that, you HIT Wednesday.

You get into your 80's, you HIT lunch. My grandmother won't even buy green bananas. It's an investment you know, and maybe a bad one.

And it doesn't end there. Into the 90's you start going backwards.

I was JUST 92.

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again: "I'm 100 and a half!"

## 11

Age 3: Looks at herself and sees a Queen!

Age 8: Looks at herself and sees herself as Cinderella/Sleeping Beauty.

Age 15: Looks at herself and sees herself as Cinderella/ Sleeping Beauty/ Cheerleader or sees herself as Fat/ Pimples/ UGLY ("Mom, I can't go to school looking like this!").

Age 20: Looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly" – but decides she's going anyway.

Age 30: Looks at herself and sees "too fat/ too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly" – but decides she doesn't have time to fix it so she's going anyway.

Age 40: Looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/ too curly" – but says, "At least I'm clean" and goes anyway.

Age 50: Looks at herself and sees "I am" and goes wherever she wants to go.

Age 60: Looks at herself and reminds herself of all the people who can't even see themselves in the mirror anymore. Goes out and conquers the world.

Age 70: Looks at herself and sees wisdom, laughter and ability, goes out and enjoys life.

Age 80: Doesn't bother to look, just puts on a purple hat and goes out. To have fun with the world.

## **12. A.A.A.D.D.**

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. – Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests itself: I decide to wash my car. As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table, and notice that the trash can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the coke a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye - they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one check in my checkbook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Do me a favor, will you? Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent.

Don't laugh – if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!

GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY.

GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.

LAUGHING AT YOURSELF IS THERAPEUTIC!

## 13

An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms – Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

## **14**

A police car pulls up in front of Grandma Bessie's house, and Grandpa Morris gets out.

The polite policeman explained that this elderly gentleman said that he was lost in the park and couldn't find his way home.

"Oh Morris," said Grandma. "You've been going to that park for over 30 years! So how could you get lost?"

Leaning close to Grandma so that the policeman couldn't hear, Morris whispered, "I wasn't lost. I was just too tired to walk home."

## **15. HARD OF HEARING**

An elderly couple was driving across the country. While the woman was behind the wheel, the couple was pulled over by the highway patrol.

"Ma'am, did you know you were speeding?" the officer said.

The woman, hard of hearing, turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

"He said you were speeding!" the old man yelled.

The patrolman then asked, "May I see your license?"

The woman turned to her husband again, "What did he say?"

The old man yelled back, "He wants to see your license!"

The woman then gave the officer her license.

"I see you are from Arkansas," the patrolman said. "I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I've ever seen."

The woman turned to her husband again and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man replied, "He said he knows you!"

## **16. HEARING PROBLEM**

A concerned husband went to a doctor to talk about his wife. "Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and always asks me to repeat things."

"Well," the doctor replied, "go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply move about five feet closer and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness."

Sure enough, the husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some vegetables and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He hears no response.

He moves about five feet closer and asks again. No reply. He moves 5 feet closer. Still no reply. He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth time, vegetable stew!"

## **17. SENIOR CITIZEN**

I'm a senior citizen.

I'm the life of the party... even when it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm usually interested in going home before I get where I'm going.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a damn word you're saying.

I'm very good at telling stories...over and over and over and over.

I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not as bright as mine.

I'm so cared for, long-term care, eye care, private care, dental care...

I'm not a grouch, I just don't like traffic, waiting in lines, children, politicians...

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a secure place.  
I'm having trouble remembering simple words like...  
I'm going to reveal what goes on behind closed doors... absolutely nothing.  
I'm supporting all movements now... by eating bran, prunes and raisins.  
I'm a senior citizen and I think I am having the time of my life!!

## 18

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

# **PART II. Professional Groups**

## **1. DOCTORS**

### **1. SPECIALIST'S FEE**

A man goes to consult a specialist about his medical problem.

After the visit the man asks, "How much do I owe you?"

"My fee is five hundred dollars," replies the physician.

"Five hundred dollars? That's impossible. No one charges that much!"

"In your case," the doctor replies, "I suppose I could adjust my fee to three hundred."

"Three hundred dollars? For one visit? Ridiculous."

"Well, then, could you afford two hundred?"

"Who has that kind of money?"

"Look, replies the doctor," growing irritated, "Just give me fifty bucks and get out."

"I can give you twenty," says the man. "Take it or leave it."

"I don't understand you," says the doctor. "Why did you come to the most expensive doctor in New York if you have no money?"

"Listen, Doctor", says the patient, "When it comes to my health, nothing is too expensive."

## **2**

Mr. Jones gets a call from the hospital. They tell him his wife's been in a terrible car accident. He rushes to the hospital, runs into the ER and says his wife's been in an accident. They tell him Dr. Smith is handling the case. They page the doctor. He comes out to the waiting room to see a terribly upset Mr. Jones.

"Mr. Jones?" the doctor asks.

"Yes sir, what's happened? How is my wife?"

The doctor sits next to him and says, "Not good news. Your wife's accident resulted in two fractures of her spine."

"Oh my God" says Mr. Jones, "what will be her prognosis?"

Dr. Smith says "Well, Mr. Jones, her vital signs are stable. However, her spine is inoperable. She'll have no motor skills or capability. This means you will have to feed her."

Mr. Jones begins to sob.

"And you'll have to turn her in her bed every two hours to prevent pneumonia."

Mr. Jones begins to wail and cry loudly.

"Then, of course," the doctor continued, "you'll have to diaper her as she'll have no control over her bladder and of course these diapers must be changed at least five times a day."

Mr. Jones begins to shake as he cries, sobs, wails.

The doctor continues: "And you'll have to clean up her feces on a regular basis as she'll have no control over her sphincters. Her bowel will engorge whenever and quite often I'm afraid. Of course you must clean her immediately to avoid accumulation of the putrid effluent she'll be emitting regularly."

Mr. Jones was sobbing uncontrollably.

That's when Dr. Smith reached out his hand and patted Mr. Jones on the shoulder. "Hey, relax, guy! I'm just joking with you. Your wife is dead!"

### **3. DOCTOR**

A man returns from a foreign holiday and is feeling very ill. He goes to see his doctor, and is immediately rushed to the hospital to undergo tests.

The man wakes up after the tests in a private room at the hospital, and the phone by his bed rings.



"This is your doctor. We've had the results back from your tests and we've found you have an extremely nasty STD called G.A.S.H. It's a combination of Gonorrhea, AIDS, Syphilis, and Herpes!"

"Oh my gosh," cried the man, "What are you going to do, doctor?"

"Well we're going to put you on a diet of pizzas, pancakes, and pita bread."

"Will that cure me???" asked the man.

The doctor replied, "Well no, but... it's the only food we can get under the door."

#### 4

A man was waiting in the doctor's office. The doctor came in and said, "Well, I've got some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that you have an inoperable brain tumor. The good news is our hospital has just been certified to do brain transplants and there has been an accident right out front and a young couple was killed and you can have whichever brain you like. The man's brain is \$100,000.00 and the woman's brain is \$30,000.00."

The patient could not help but ask, "Why such a large difference between the male and the female brain?"

The doctor replied, "The female brain is used."

#### 5. CALL IN SICK

Early one morning, my husband, who works in a funeral home, woke me, complaining of severe abdominal pains. We rushed to the emergency room, where they gave him a series of tests to determine the source of the pain.

My husband decided not to have me call in sick for him until we knew what was wrong. When the results came back, the nurse informed us that, true to our suspicions, he was suffering from a kidney stone.

I turned to my husband and asked, "Would you like me to call the funeral home now?"

With an alarmed look, the nurse quickly said, "Ma'am, he's not THAT sick!"

## **6. DOCTOR'S VISIT**

I sat there waiting for my new doctor to make his way through the file that contained my very extensive medical history.

After he finished all seventeen pages, he looked at me and said, "You look better in person than you do on paper."

## **7**

Mr. Smith goes to the doctor's office to collect his wife's test results.

Receptionist: "I'm sorry, sir, but there has been a bit of a mix-up and we have a problem. When we sent the samples from your wife to the lab, the samples from another Mrs. Smith were sent as well and we are now uncertain which one is your wife's. Frankly, that's either bad or terrible."

Mr. Smith: "What do you mean?"

Receptionist: "Well, one Mrs. Smith has tested positive for Alzheimer disease and the other for AIDS. We can't tell which is your wife."

Mr. Smith: "That's terrible! Can we do the test over?"

Receptionist: "Normally, yes. But you have an HMO, and they won't pay for these expensive tests more than once.

Mr. Smith: "Well, what am I supposed to do now?"

Receptionist: "The doctor recommends that you drop your wife off in the middle of town. If she finds her way home, don't sleep with her".

## **8. FAINTING**

The man passed out in a dead faint as he came out of his front door onto the porch. Someone called 911.

When the paramedics arrived, they helped him regain consciousness and asked if he knew what caused him to faint.

"It was enough to make anybody faint," he said. "My son asked me for the keys to the garage, and instead of driving the car out, he came out with the lawn mower!"

## **9. FIVE MINUTES**

A hospital posted a notice in the nurse's lounge saying: "Remember, the first five minutes of a human being's life are the most dangerous."

Underneath, a nurse had written: "The last five are pretty risky, too."

## **10. FUNNY DOC STUFF**

[True stories are always, always better than made-up ones. I think you'll agree when you read the following.]

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A man comes into the ER and yells, "My wife's going to have her baby in the cab!" I grabbed my stuff, rushed out to the cab, lifted the lady's dress, and began to take off her underwear. Suddenly I noticed that there were several cabs - and I was in the wrong one.

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One day I had to be the bearer of bad news when I told a wife that her husband had died of a massive myocardial infarct. Not more than five minutes later, I heard her reporting to the rest of the family that he had died of a "massive internal fart".

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I was performing a complete physical, including the visual acuity test. I placed the patient twenty feet from the chart and began, "Cover your right eye with your hand." He read the 20/20 line perfectly. "Now your left." Again, a flawless read. "Now both," I requested. There was silence.

He couldn't even read the large E on the top line. I turned and discovered that he had done exactly what I had asked; he was standing there with both his eyes covered. I was laughing too hard to finish the exam.

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During a patient's two week follow-up appointment with his cardiologist, he informed me, his doctor, that he was having trouble with one of his medications. "Which one?" I asked. "The patch. The nurse told me to put on a new one every six hours and now I'm running out of places to put it!"

I had him quickly undress and discovered what I hoped I wouldn't see... Yes, the man had over fifty patches on his body! Now, the instructions include removal of the old patch before applying a new one.

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While acquainting myself with a new elderly patient, I asked, "How long have you been bedridden?"

After a look of complete confusion she answered... "Why, not for about twenty years – when my husband was alive."

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I was caring for a woman from Kentucky and asked, "So how's your breakfast this morning?" "It's very good, except for the Kentucky Jelly. I can't seem to get used to the taste" the patient replied.

I then asked to see the jelly and the woman produced a foil packet labeled "KY Jelly".

## **11. I'M FAT**

Realizing that I'd put on a pound or two, I lamented to my husband, "I'm fat."

And right on cue he said what all good husbands must: "You're not fat." To support his position, he added, "Just look around you at others, and you will see that you are not fat."

But our daughter, a high schooler, saw through it: "Mom, he's grading you on the curve!"

## **12. SUCK IT IN!**

I noticed my husband standing on the bathroom scale, pulling in his ample stomach.

Thinking he was trying to weigh less with this maneuver, I quipped, "I don't think that is going to help much, hon."

"Sure it does," he said. "How else can I see the numbers?"

## **13. DO DIETS WORK?**

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window I saw a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so prayed, "Lord, it's up to you... if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery." And sure enough, He answered my prayer... on the eighth time around the block there it was!

## **14. BREAD STATISTICS**

1. More than 98 percent of convicted felons are bread users.
2. Fully HALF of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests.
3. In the 18th century, when virtually all bread was baked in the home, the average life expectancy was less than 50 years; infant mortality rates were unacceptably high; many women died in childbirth; and diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever, and influenza ravaged whole nations.
4. More than 90 percent of violent crimes are committed within 24 hours of eating bread.
5. Bread is made from a substance called "dough." It has been proven that as little as one pound of dough can be used to suffocate a mouse. The average American eats more bread than that in one month!

6. Primitive tribal societies that have no bread exhibit a low incidence of cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis.

7. Bread has been proven to be addictive. Subjects deprived of bread and given only water to eat begged for bread after as little as two days.

8. Bread is often a "gateway" food item, leading the user to "harder" items such as butter, jelly, peanut butter, and even cold cuts.

9. Bread has been proven to absorb water. Since the human body is more than 90 percent water, it follows that eating bread could lead to your body being taken over by this absorptive food product, turning you into a soggy, gooey bread-pudding person.

10. Newborn babies can choke on bread.

11. Bread is baked at temperatures as high as 400 degrees Fahrenheit! That kind of heat can kill an adult in less than one minute.

12. Most American bread eaters are utterly unable to distinguish between significant scientific fact and meaningless statistical babbling.

In light of these frightening statistics, we propose the following bread restrictions:

1. No sale of bread to minors.

2. A nationwide "Just Say No To Toast" campaign, with complete celebrity TV spots and bumper stickers.

3. A 300 percent federal tax on all bread to pay for all the societal ills we might associate with bread.

4. No animal or human images, nor any primary colors (which may appeal to children) may be used to promote bread usage.

5. The establishment of "Bread-free" zones around schools.

## **15. DOCTOR'S ORDERS**

A man was showing his friend a new set of matching golf clubs he had just bought.

"Doctor's orders," the man told his friend. "My wife and I have been gaining too much weight and we went to see the doctor about it. He said we needed more exercise, so I joined the country club and bought myself this set of golf clubs."

"What did you buy your wife?" the friend asked.

The man said, "A new matching bicycle and lawn mower."

## **16. EXERCISE**

1. It is well documented that for every mile that you jog, you add one minute to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.

2. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now and we don't know where the hell she is.

3. The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

4. I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.

5. I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

6. I don't exercise at all. If God meant us to touch our toes, he would have put them further up on our body.

7. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

8. I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

9. The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

10. If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

11. I don't jog, it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

## 17. HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable slop.

Q: Is beer or wine bad for me?

A: Look, it goes to the earlier point about fruits and vegetables. As we all know, scientists divide everything in the world into three categories: animal, mineral, and vegetable. We all know that beer and wine are not animal, and they are not on the periodic table of elements, so that only leaves one thing, right? My advice: Have a burger and a beer and enjoy your liquid vegetables.

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body, and you have body fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one. Sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain = Good. Or better yet... No Pain = No Pain.

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: You're not listening. Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?



Q: What's the secret to healthy eating?

A: Thicker gravy.

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach!

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO... Cocoa beans... another vegetable!!! It's the best 'feel-good' food around!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. Glad I could help you out!

[Disclaimer: This is a joke. We do not know anything about health. If you have health concerns, contact a medical doctor!]

## **18. BAD FOOD**

A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

"However there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75-year-old man in the front row stood up and said, "Wedding cake!"

## **19. BRAN MUFFINS**

This 85 year old couple, having been married almost 60 years, had died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St.

Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi.

As they "oohed and aahed" the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "It's free," Peter replied, "this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges everyday and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" Peter's reply: "This is heaven, you play for free."

Next they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisine's of the world laid out. "How much to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter lectured, "That's the best part... you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"

## **20. LIMPING PATIENT**

While making rounds, a doctor points out an X-ray to a group of medical students. "As you can see," she says, "the patient limps because his left fibula and tibia are radically arched. Michael, what would you do in a case like this?"

"Well," ponders the student, "I suppose I'd limp too."

## **21. VISION**

My face in the mirror  
Isn't Wrinkled Or Drawn.  
My House Isn't Dirty.  
The Cobwebs Are Gone.  
My Garden Looks Lovely,  
And So Does My Lawn.  
I Think I May Never...  
Put My Glasses back on.

## **22. AN EMERGENCY DOCTOR VISIT**

A woman rushes to see her doctor, looking very much worried and all strung out.

She rattles off, "Doctor, take a look at me. When I woke up this morning, I looked at myself in the mirror and saw my hair all wiry and frazzled up, my skin was all wrinkled and pasty, my eyes were blood-shot and bugging out, and I had this corpse-like look on my face! What's wrong with me, Doctor?"

The doctor looks her over for a couple of minutes, then calmly says, "Well, I can tell you one thing... there ain't nothing wrong with your eyesight."

## **23. EYE SURGERY**

While my friend was working as a receptionist for an eye surgeon, a very angry woman stormed up to her desk.

"Someone stole my wig while I was having surgery yesterday," she complained.

The doctor came out and tried to calm her down. "I assure you that no one on my staff would have done such a thing," he said. "Why do you think it was taken here?"

"After the operation, I noticed the wig I was wearing was cheap-looking and ugly."

"I think" explained the surgeon gently, "that means your cataract operation was a success."

## **24. THE HEARING AID**

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

## **25. CHEAP HEARING AID**

A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he felt unwilling to spend much money. "How much do they run?" he asked the clerk.

"That depends," said the salesman. "They run from \$2.00 to \$2,000."

"Let's see the \$2.00 model," he said.

The clerk put the device around the man's neck. "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down to your pocket," he instructed.

"How does it work?" the customer asked.

"For \$2.00 it doesn't work," the salesman replied. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder!"

## **26. NEW HEARING AID**

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art."

"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

## **27. MODEL DENTAL PATIENT**

The Hammetts were shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Hammett made it clear he was in a big hurry.

"No expensive extras, Doctor," he ordered. "No gas or needles or any of that fancy stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as stoic as you," said the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Hammett turned to his wife... "Show him your tooth, Honey."

## **28. FORGETFUL**

The man looked a little worried when the doctor came in to administer his annual physical, so the first thing the doctor did was to ask whether anything was troubling him.

"Well, to tell the truth, Doc, yes," answered the patient. "You see, I seem to be getting forgetful. No, it's actually worse than that. I'm never sure I can remember where I put the car, or whether I answered a letter, or where I'm going, or what it is I'm going to do once I get there – if I get there. So, I really need your help. What can I do?"

The doctor mused for a moment, then answered in his kindest tones, "Pay me in advance."

## **29. HE WON'T KNOW A THING**

A hillbilly was making his first visit to a hospital where his teenage son was about to have an operation.

Watching the doctor's every move, he asked, "What's that?"

The doctor explained, "This is an anesthetic. After he gets this he won't know a thing."

"Save your time, Doc," exclaimed the man. "He don't know nothing now."

### **30. FREE ZIMBABWEAN BUS RIDE**

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped.

Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus-stop and offered everyone in the queue a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies.

The deception wasn't discovered for three days.

### **31. SIXTEEN WAYS TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LEVEL OF INSANITY**

1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
2. Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
3. Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that.
4. Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "In".
5. Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
6. In the memo field of all your checks, write "For sexual favors".
7. Finish all your sentences with "In accordance with the prophecy."
8. Don't use any punctuation.
9. As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
10. Specify that your drive-through order is "To go."

11. Sing along at the opera.
12. Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme.
13. Put mosquito netting around your work area and play tropical sounds all day.
14. When the money comes out the ATM, scream "I won!, I won!"
15. When leaving the zoo, start running towards the parking lot, yelling "Run for your lives, they're loose!!"
16. Tell your children over dinner: "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."

### **32. BAD BUG**

A man was sitting at home one evening, when the doorbell rang. When he answered the door, a six foot tall cockroach was standing there. The cockroach immediately punched him between the eyes and scampered off.

The next evening, the man was sitting at home when the doorbell rang again. When he answered the door, the cockroach was there again. This time, it punched him, kicked him and karate chopped him before running away.

The third evening, the man was sitting at home when the doorbell rang. When he answered the door, the cockroach was there yet again. It leapt at him and stabbed him several times before running off. The gravely injured man managed to crawl to the telephone and summoned an ambulance. He was rushed to the emergency room, where they saved his life.

The next morning, the doctor was doing his rounds. He asked the man what happened, so the man explained about the six foot cockroach's attacks, culminating in the near fatal stabbing.

The doctor thought for a moment and said, "Yes, there's a nasty bug going around".

### **33. HE'S A LIGHT BULB**

A doctor of psychology was doing his normal morning rounds when he entered a patient's room. He found a patient sitting on the floor, pretending to saw a piece of wood in half. A second patient was hanging from the ceiling, by his feet.

The doctor asked the first patient what he was doing. The patient replied, "Can't you see I'm sawing this piece of wood in half?"

The doctor inquired of the first patient what the other patient was doing. The first patient replied, "Oh. He's my friend, but he's a little crazy. He thinks he's a light bulb."

The doctor looks up and notices the second patient's face is going all red.

The doctor asks the first patient, "If he's your friend, you should get him down from there before he hurts himself."

The first patient replies, "What? And work in the dark?"

### **34. MENTAL HOSPITAL**

Jones is driving past the state mental hospital when his left rear tire suffers a flat. While Jones is changing the tire, another car goes by, running over the hub cap in which Jones was keeping the lug nuts. The nuts are all knocked into a nearby storm drain.

Jones is at a loss for what to do and is about to go call a cab when he hears a shout from behind the hospital fence, where one of the inmates has been watching the whole thing.

"Hey, pal! Why don't you just take one lug nut off each of the other three wheels? That'll hold your tires on until you can get to a garage or something."

Jones is startled by the patient's seeming rationality, but realizes the plan will work, and installs the spare tire without incident.

Before he leaves, he calls back to the patient. "You know, that was pretty sharp thinking. Why do they have you in there?"



The patient smiles and says, "I'm in here because I'm crazy, not because I'm stupid."

### **35. MENTAL HEALTH**

A transcript of the new answering service recently installed at the Mental Health Institute:

"Hello, and welcome to the mental health hotline.

If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.

If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2 for you.

If you have multiple personalities, press 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want. Stay on the line so we can trace your call.

If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be transferred to the mother ship.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a small voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are a manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, no one will answer.

If you are dyslexic, press 9696969696969.

If you have a nervous disorder, please fidget with the hash key until a representative comes on the line.

If you have amnesia press 8 and state your name, address, phone number, date of birth, social security number and your mother's maiden name.

If you have post-traumatic stress disorder, slowly and carefully press 000=.

If you have bipolar disorder, please leave a message after the beep or before the beep. Or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.

If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.

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If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.

If you have low self esteem. Please hang up. All our operators are too busy to talk to you."

### **36. OLDER MARRIAGE**

Jacob age 85, and Rebecca age 79 are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way go past a drugstore.

Jacob suggests that they go in. He addresses the man behind the counter:

"Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety."

Jacob: "What about vitamins and sleeping pills?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Perfect! We'd like to register here for our wedding gifts."

### **37. TWO CAREERS**

There was once an aspiring veterinarian who put himself through veterinary school working nights as a taxidermist.

Upon graduation, he decided he could combine his two vocations to better serve the needs of his patients and their owners, while doubling his practice and, therefore, his income.

He opened his own offices with a sign on the door saying, "Dr. Jones, Veterinary Medicine and Taxidermy – Either way, you get your dog back!"

### **38. A PIECE OF WORTHLESS ADVICE**

A patient was waiting nervously in the examination room of a famous specialist.

"So who did you see before coming to me?" asked the important doctor.

"My local General Practitioner, Dr. Cohen."

"Your GP?" scoffed the doctor. "What a waste of time. Tell me, what sort of useless advice did Cohen give you?"

"He told me to come and see you."

### **39. ART VALUE**

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death.

When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor."

### **40. HALF PRICE**

He was a good man but a bit stingy. He would bargain and haggle on a price, never paying the price asked. He especially hated paying his medical fees.

One day, while eating fish, a bone became lodged in his throat and within minutes he could scarcely breathe. His wife frantically called the family doctor, who arrived just as the patient's face was turning blue. The physician quickly removed the bone with a pair of forceps.

After he was breathing normally again, although overwhelmed with gratitude to the doctor for saving his life, he began to worry about the medical fees.

Trying his best to keep his costs down, he turned to the good doctor and asked, "How much do I owe you for this small two-minute job?"

The doctor, who knew his patient's miserly habit all too well, replied, "Just pay me half of what you would have when the bone was still stuck in your throat!"

#### **41. HOSPITAL REGULATIONS**

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman – already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet – who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

#### **42. HOSPITAL VISIT**

A lady came to the hospital to visit a friend. She had not been in a hospital for several years and felt very ignorant about all the new technology. A technician followed her onto the elevator, wheeling a large, intimidating looking machine with tubes and wires and dials.

"Boy, would I hate to be hooked up to that thing," she said.

"So would I," replied the technician. "It's a floor-cleaning machine."

### **43. ACTUAL WRITINGS ON CHARTS IN HOSPITALS**

- The patient refused autopsy.
- The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
- She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- Discharge status: Alive, but without my permission.
- Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.
- Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
- The skin was moist and dry.
- Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.
- Skin: somewhat pale, but present.
- Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

### **44. PARAMEDICS ON CALL**

A paramedic was asked on a local TV talk-show program: "What was your most unusual and challenging 911 call?"

"Recently we got a call from that big white church at 11<sup>th</sup> and Walnut," the paramedic said. "A frantic usher was very concerned that during the sermon an elderly man passed out in a pew and appeared to be dead. The usher could find no pulse and there was no noticeable breathing."

"What was so unusual and demanding about this particular call?" the interviewer asked.

"Well," the paramedic said, "we carried out four guys before we found the one who was dead."

#### **45. TRAINING A MEDICAL GROUP RECEPTIONIST**

During my training as a medical-group receptionist, I was told never to recommend one of our doctors over another, but simply state who had available appointments.

One day a woman came in and looked at me conspiratorially. "I'm a nurse," she whispered, "and I know the staff always knows which doctors are good and which aren't. Who do you think I should see?"

Knowing my supervisor was listening close by, I tried to sound most professional. "Oh, I'm sorry," I replied. "I can't recommend any of our doctors."

"Well, you must know!" she said, heading for the door.

#### **46. THE DOCTOR AND THE MECHANIC**

A mechanic was removing the cylinder heads from the motor of a car when he spotted the world-famous heart surgeon in his shop. The heart surgeon was standing off to the side, waiting for the service manager to come to take a look at his car.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hello Doctor, please come on over here for a minute." The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over as requested.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doctor, look at this: I also open hearts, take valves out, grind 'em, put in new parts, and when I finish this will work just like a new one. So how come you get the really big money when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The doctor smiled, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic: "Try doing it with the engine running!"

#### **47. THE MECHANIC AND THE DOCTOR**

A doctor is talking to a car mechanic, "Your fee is several times more per hour than we get paid for medical care."

"Yeah, but you see, doc, you have always the same model, it hasn't changed since Adam; but we have to keep up to date with new models coming every month."

#### **48. THE PHARMACIST**

A lady walks into the drugstore and asks the pharmacist for some arsenic.

"Ma'am, what do you want with arsenic?"

"To kill my husband."

"I can't sell you arsenic to kill a person!"

The lady lays down a photo of a man and a woman in a compromising position. The man is her husband and the woman is the pharmacist's wife. He takes the photo and slowly nods.

"I didn't realize you had a prescription."

## **2. LAWYERS**

### **1. LAWYERS, FARMERS AND COWS**

A farmer named Clyde had a car accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning Clyde.

"Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'" asked the lawyer.

Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule, Bessie, into the... "

"I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?"

Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road... "

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule, Bessie".

Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting, real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road, gun in hand, looked at me, and said "How are you feeling?"

"Now what the hell would you say?"

## 2

A defense attorney was cross-examining a police officer during a felony trial – it went like this:



Q. Officer, did you see my client fleeing the scene?

A. No sir, but I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender running several blocks away.

Q. Officer, who provided this description?

A. The officer who responded to the scene.

Q. A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?

A. Yes sir, with my life.

Q. With your life? Let me ask you this then officer – do you have a locker room in the police station – a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?

A. Yes sir, we do.

Q. And do you have a locker in that room?

A. Yes sir, I do.

Q. And do you have a lock on your locker?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, that you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with those same officers?

A. You see sir, we share the building with a court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.

With that, the courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best comeback" line and we think he'll win.

### 3

A very successful lawyer parked his brand new Lexus in front of the office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he got out, a truck came along, too close to the curb, and completely tore off the driver's door of the Lexus.

The counselor immediately grabbed his cell phone, dialed 911, and it wasn't more than 5 minutes before a policeman pulled up. Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the lawyer started screaming hysterically.

His Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how the body shop tried to make it new again.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disgust and disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer.

The cop replied, "Good grief man, don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It got ripped off when the truck hit you!!!"

"Oh my!" screamed the lawyer, looking down at his missing arm. "Where's my Rolex?"

#### **4. A BRONZE RAT**

A tourist wanders into a back-alley antique shop in San Francisco's Chinatown. Picking through the objects on display he discovers a detailed, life-sized bronze sculpture of a rat. The sculpture is so interesting and unique that he picks it up and asks the shop owner what it costs.

"Twelve dollars for the rat, sir," says the shop owner, "and a thousand dollars more for the story behind it."

"You can keep the story, old man," he replies, "but I'll take the rat." The transaction complete, the tourist leaves the store with the bronze rat under his arm.

As he crosses the street in front of the store, two live rats emerge from a sewer drain and fall into step behind him. Nervously looking over his shoulder,

he begins to walk faster, but every time he passes another sewer drain, more rats come out and follow him.

By the time he's walked two blocks, at least a hundred rats are at his heels, and people begin to point and shout. He walks even faster, and soon breaks into a trot as multitudes of rats swarm from sewers, basements, vacant lots, and abandoned cars. Rats by the thousands are at his heels, and as he sees the waterfront at the bottom of the hill, he panics and starts to run full tilt. No matter how fast he runs, the rats keep up, squealing hideously, now not just thousands but millions, so that by the time he comes rushing up to the water's edge a trail of rats twelve city blocks long is behind him.

Making a mighty leap, he jumps up onto a light post, grasping it with one arm while he hurls the bronze rat into San Francisco Bay with the other, as far as he can heave it. Pulling his legs up and clinging to the light post, he watches in amazement as the seething tide of rats surges over the breakwater into the sea, where they drown.

Shaken and mumbling, he makes his way back to the antique shop. "Ah, so you've come back for the rest of the story," says the owner.

"No," says the tourist, "I was wondering if you have a bronze lawyer."

## **5. ANOTHER LAWYER**

Defendant: Your Honor, I want you to appoint me another lawyer.

Judge: And why is that?

Defendant: Because the Public Defender isn't interested in my case.

Judge (to Public Defender): Do you have any comments on the defendant's motion?

Public Defender: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I wasn't listening.

## **6. CRAZY LAW SUITS**

Let's say your wedding ring falls into your toaster, and when you stick your hand in to retrieve it, you suffer "Pain and Suffering" as well as "Mental Anguish." You would sue:

- The toaster manufacturer, for failure to include, in the instructions section that says you should never never never ever stick your hand into the toaster, the statement "Not even if your wedding ring falls in there".
- The store where you bought the toaster, for selling it to an obvious cretin like yourself.
- Union Carbide Corporation, which is not directly responsible in this case, but which is feeling so guilty that it would probably send you a large cash settlement anyway.

Or you could just go to McDonald's, have a Big Mac and sue because the pickle was hot!

## **7. LAWYER FEES**

A lawyer had successfully handled a difficult law case for a wealthy friend. Following the happy outcome of the case, the friend and client called on the lawyer, expressed his appreciation of his work and handed him a handsome Moroccan leather wallet.

The lawyer looked at the wallet in astonishment and handed it back with a sharp reminder that a wallet could not possibly compensate him for his services. "My fee for that work," acidly snapped the attorney, "is five hundred dollars."

The client opened the wallet, removed a one-thousand dollar bill, replaced it with a five-hundred dollar bill and handed it back to the lawyer with a smile.

## **8. MURDER TRIAL**

In a murder trial, the defense attorney was cross-examining a pathologist. Here's what happened:

Attorney: Before you signed the death certificate, had you taken the pulse?

Coroner: No.

Attorney: Did you listen to the heart?

Coroner: No.

Attorney: Did you check for breathing?

Coroner: No.

Attorney: So, when you signed the death certificate, you weren't sure the man was dead, were you?

Coroner: Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk. But I guess it's possible he could be out there practicing law somewhere.

## **9. THE DIVORCE LAWYER**

A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them.

His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer and business has been slow," the man replies.

## **10. YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!**

It seems that a lawyer had a little bit too much to drink and on his way home and rear-ended the car in front of him. The lawyer got out of his car, walked over to the driver of the other car and said, "Boy, are you in trouble! I'm a lawyer!"

The driver looked out his window and said, "No, you're in trouble. I'm a judge."

## **11. ALL LAWYERS ARE JERKS**

Having many legal problems, including a divorce, a man had become thoroughly disgusted with lawyers in general. One evening in a cafe, the conversation got around to his pet peeve and he started "venting." "All lawyers are jerks," he loudly proclaimed.

Another man nearby heard this, looked disturbed, and sauntered over to him. "Look, I heard what you said, and I am highly offended by it."

"Why is that – are you a lawyer?" he asked.

"No, I'm not; I'm a jerk!"

## **12. REASONABLE DOUBT**

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But, you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we looked, but your client didn't."

### **13. SATISFACTION FROM A LAWYER'S OFFICE**

A guy phones a law office and says, "I want to speak to my lawyer." The receptionist replies, "I'm sorry but he died last week."

The next day he phones again and asks the same question. The receptionist replies, "I told you yesterday, he died last week."

The next day the guy calls again and asks to speak to his lawyer. By this time the receptionist is getting annoyed and replies, "I keep telling you that your lawyer died last week. Why do you keep calling?"

The guy responds, "Because I just love hearing it."

### **14. THE KIND LAWYER**

One afternoon, a wealthy lawyer was riding in the back of his limousine when he saw two men eating grass by the road side. He ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate.

"Why are you eating grass?" he asked one man.

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied.

"Oh, come along with me then."

"But sir, I have a wife with two children!"

"Bring them along! And you, come with us too!" he said to the other man.

"But sir, I have a wife with six children!" the second man answered.

"Bring them as well!"

They all climbed into the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limo. Once underway, one of the poor fellows said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The lawyer replied, "No problem; the grass at my home is about two feet tall!"

[These are from a book called "Disorder in the Court", and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters.]

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Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

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Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A: Yes.

Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A: I forget.

Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

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Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-five years.

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Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.



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Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

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Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

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Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

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Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes.

Q: How many were boys?

A: None.

Q: Were there any girls?

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Q: How was your first marriage terminated?

A: By death.

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

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Q: Can you describe the individual?

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male, or a female?

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Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

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Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

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Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

A: Oral.

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Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

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Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

## **16. JACK'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

Jack has died. His lawyer is standing before the family and reads out Jack's last will and testament.

"To my dear wife Esther, I leave the house, 50 acres of land, and one million dollars. To my son Barry, I leave my big Lexus and the Jaguar. To my

daughter Suzy, I leave my yacht and \$250,000. And to my brother-in-law Jeff, who always insisted that health is better than wealth, I leave my sun lamp."

## 17

A judge was instructing the jury that a witness was not necessarily to be regarded as untruthful because he changed his statement after he gave it to the police. "For example," he said, "when I entered my chambers today, I was positive that I had my gold watch in my pocket. But then I remembered that I left it on my nightstand in my bedroom."

When the judge returned home that evening, his wife asked him "Why so much urgency for your watch? Isn't sending three men to pick it up for you a bit extreme?"

"What?" said the judge, "I didn't send anyone for my watch, let alone three people. What happened?"

"I gave it to the first one," said the wife. "He knew exactly where it was, so I figured you sent him."

## 18

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The Post Office just recalled their latest stamps. They had pictures of lawyers on them, and people couldn't figure out which side to spit on.

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How can a pregnant woman tell that she's carrying a future lawyer? She has an uncontrollable craving for baloney.

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How does an attorney sleep? First he lies on one side, and then he lies on the other.

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How many lawyer jokes are there? Only One. The rest are true stories.

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How many lawyers does it take to change a light bulb? How many can you afford?

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How many lawyers does it take to screw in a light bulb? Three. One to climb the ladder, one to shake it, and one to sue the ladder company.

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If a lawyer and an IRS agent were both drowning, and you could save only one of them, would you go to lunch or read the paper?

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What did the lawyer name his daughter? Sue.

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What do you call 25 skydiving lawyers? Skeet.

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What do you call a lawyer gone bad? Senator.

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What do you call a lawyer with an IQ of 50? Your honor.

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What do you throw to a drowning lawyer? His partners.

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What does a lawyer use for birth control? His personality.

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What's the difference between a lawyer and a vulture? The lawyer gets frequent flyer miles.

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What's another difference between a lawyer and a vulture? Removable wing tips.

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Why does California have the most lawyers in the country while New Jersey has the most toxic waste sites? New Jersey got first choice.

[Why lawyers should never ask a witness a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.]

In a trial, a southern small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand – a grandmotherly, elderly woman.

He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?" She again replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. Yes, I know him."

The defense attorney almost died!

At this point, the judge brought the courtroom to silence, called both counselors to the bench, and in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you bastards asks her if she knows me, you'll be jailed for contempt."

## **20. ELOQUENT PLEA**

The lady lawyer approached the jury box and began an eloquent plea for her client:

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I want to tell you about this man. There's so much to say that is good: he never beat his mother; he was always

kind to little children; he never did a dishonest thing in his life; he has always lived by the golden rule; he is a model of everything decent, forthright, and honest. Everyone loves him and..."

Her client leaned over to the attorney's assistant and said, "How do you like that babe? I pay her good dough to defend me, and she's telling the jury about some other guy!"

## **21. THE ENGINEER, THE DOCTOR AND THE LAWYER**

NASA was interviewing professionals they were planning on sending to Mars. The touchy part was that only one guy could go and it would be a one way trip, the guy would never return to Earth.

The interviewer asked the first applicant, an engineer, how much he wanted to be paid for going.

"One million dollars," the engineer answered. "And I want to donate it all to my alma mater – Rice University."

The next applicant was a doctor, and the interviewer asked him the same question.

"Two millions dollars," the doctor said. "I want to give a million to my family and leave the other million for the advancement of medical research."

The last applicant was a lawyer. When asked how much money he wanted, he whispered in the interviewer's ear, "Three million dollars."

"Why so much more than the others?" the interviewer asked.

The lawyer replied, "You give me three million, I'll give you one million, I'll keep a million, and we'll send the engineer."

## **22**

On trial for theft, Pat and Mike rejoice to be found not guilty. Then Pat asks the judge, "Does that mean we get to keep the money?"

### **23. THE BEST LAWYER STORY OF THE YEAR (2003)**

A Charlotte, NC, lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued... and won!

In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

NOW FOR THE BEST PART... After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

[This is a true story and was the first place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest. ONLY IN AMERICA!!! NO WONDER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES THINK WE'RE NUTS!!!]

### **3. POLITICIANS**

#### **1. BUSH VISITING ENGLAND**

President Bush is representing the United States of America on a highly formal, carefully orchestrated state visit to England.

Air Force One lands and comes to a stop at one end of a bright red carpet along which the President strides to join Queen Elizabeth II in a beautiful, ornate 17<sup>th</sup>-century coach hitched to six enormous matched white horses. The coach proceeds through the streets of London en route to Buckingham Palace. The Queen and the President all-the-while waving to the cheering crowds.

Then suddenly the right rear horse produces a thunderous, cataclysmic fart that reverberates through the air and rattles the door latches on the coach. Uncomfortable, the reaction of the two powerful figures is to focus their attentions elsewhere and behave as if nothing extraordinary had happened.

But the Queen is the first to realize that ignoring what had just happened is ridiculous. She explains, "Mr. President, please accept my regrets. I'm sure you understand that there are some things which even a Queen cannot control."

President Bush replies, "Your Majesty, please don't give the matter another thought. If you hadn't said something I would have thought it was one of the horses."

#### **2**

Before the 2001 inauguration of George Bush, he was invited to a get acquainted tour of the White House. After drinking several glasses of iced tea, he asked Bill Clinton if he could use his personal bathroom.

When he entered Clinton's private toilet, he was astonished to see that President Clinton had a solid gold urinal. That afternoon, George told his wife, Laura, about the urinal. "Just think," he said, "when I am president, I could have a gold urinal too. But I wouldn't do something that self-indulgent!"



Later when Laura had lunch with Hillary at her tour of the White House, she told Hillary how impressed George had been at his discovery of the fact that, in the President's private bathroom, the President had a gold urinal.

That evening, when Bill and Hillary were getting ready for bed, Hillary smiled, and said to Bill, "I found out who pissed in your saxophone."

### **3. MORAL QUESTION**

[This is an imaginary situation, but I think it is fun to decide what one would do.]

The situation: You are in the Midwest, and there is a huge flood in progress. Many homes have been lost, water supplies compromised and infrastructures being destroyed. Let's say that you're a photographer out getting still photos for a news service, traveling alone, looking for particularly poignant scenes.

You come across George W. Bush, and Al Gore, who have been swept away by the floodwaters. They are barely hanging on to a tree limb and are about to go under.

You can either put down your camera and save them, or take a Pulitzer Prize winning photograph of them as they lose their grip on the limb.

So, here's the dilemma and think carefully before you answer the question below.

Which lens would you use?

### **4. BUSH LETTER TO HINCKLEY**

[July 2, 2004. Most of you may already know they've released John Hinckley from the mental facility for unsupervised visits to his parents home on weekends. For those of you who may not remember, John Hinckley shot President Ronald Reagan to impress the actress Jodie Foster. On the day of his release, this nice letter was sent to John Hinckley from President Bush:]

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON D.C.

Mr. John Hinckley

St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Washington, DC

Dear John:

Laura and I hope that you are continuing your excellent progress in recovery from your mental problems. We were pleased to hear that you are now able to have unsupervised visits with your parents. The staff at the hospital reports that you are doing fine. I have decided to seek a second term in office as your president and I would appreciate your support and the support of your fine parents. I would hope that if there is anything that you need at the hospital, you would let us know.

By the way, are you aware that John Kerry is sleeping with Jodie Foster?

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

## **5. BUSH AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Secretary: - Mr. President, Condoleeza Rice is here to see you.

George Bush : - Good, send her in.

Secretary: - Yes, sir.

(Hangs up. Condi enters.)

Condoleeza Rice : - Good morning, Mr. President.

George Bush : - Oh Condoleeza, nice to see you. What's happening?

C. : - Well, Mr. President, I have the report here about the new leader in China.

B. : - Great, Condi. Lay it on me.

C. : - Mr. President, Hu is the new leader of China.

B. : - Well, that's what I want to know.

C : - But that's what I'm telling you, Mr. President.

B. : - Well, that's what I'm asking you, Condie. Who is the new leader of China?

C : - Yes.

B. : - I mean the fellow's name.

C : - Hu.

B. : - The guy in China.

C : - Hu.

B. : - The new leader of China.

C : - Hu.

B. : - The Chinaman!

C : - Hu is leading China , Mr. President .

B. : - Whaddya' asking me for?

C : - I'm telling you Hu is leading China .

B. : - Well, I'm asking you, Condie. Who is leading China?

C : - That's the man's name.

B. : - That's whose name?

C : - Yes.

(Pause.)

B. : - Will you or will you not tell me the name of the new leader of China?

C : - Yes, sir.

B. : - Yassir? Yassir Arafat is in China? I thought he was in the Middle East.

C : - That's correct.

B. : - Then who is in China?

C : - Yes, sir.

B. : - Yassir is in China?

C : - No, sir.

B. : - Then who is?

C : - Yes, sir.

B. : - Yassir?

C : - No, sir.

(Pause. Crumples paper)

B. : - Condi, you're starting to piss me off now, and it's not 'cause you're black neither. I need to know the name of the new leader of China. So why don't you get me the Secretary General of the United Nations on the phone.

C : - Kofi Annan?

B. : - No, thanks. And Condi, call me George. Stop with that ebonics crap.

C : - You want Kofi?

B. : - No.

C : - You don't want Kofi.

B. : - No. But now that you mention it, I could use a glass of milk. And then get me the U.N.

C : - Yes, sir.

B. : - Not Yassir! The guy at the United Nations.

C : - Kofi?

B. : - Milk! Will you please make that call?

C : - And call who?

B. : - Well, who is the guy at the U.N?

C : - No, Hu is the guy in China .

B. : - Will you stay out of China?!

C : - Yes, sir.

B. : - And stay out of the Middle East! Just get me the guy at the U.N.

C : - Kofi.

B. : - All right! With cream and two sugars. Now get on the phone.

(Condi picks up the phone.)

C : - Hello. Rice, here.

B. : - Rice? Good idea. And get a couple of egg rolls, too, Condi. Maybe we should send some to the guy in China. And the Middle East. Can you get Chinese food in the Middle East? I don't know.

## 6

Question: What do Martha Stewart and George W. Bush have in common?

Answer: They're both afraid of long sentences.

## 7

As the President is getting off the helicopter in front of the White House, he has a baby pig under each arm. The Marine guard snaps to attention, salutes, and says, "Nice pigs, sir!"

The President replies, "These are not pigs, these are authentic Texas Razorback Hogs. I got one for Vice President Cheney, and I got one for Defense Secretary Rumsfeld."

The Marine again snaps to attention, salutes, and says, "Nice trade, sir!"

## 8. PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

[For those who didn't have time to watch the presidential debate, we've prepared this transcript of what was said. October 19, 2000]

Jim Lehrer: Welcome to the second presidential debate between Vice President Al Gore and Gov. George W. Bush. The candidates have agreed on these rules: I will ask a question. The candidate will ignore the question and deliver rehearsed remarks designed to appeal to undecided women voters. The opponent will then have one minute to respond by trying to frighten senior citizens into voting for him. When a speaker's time has expired, I will whimper softly while he continues to spew incomprehensible statistics for three more minutes.

Let's start with the vice president. Mr. Gore, can you give us the name of a downtrodden citizen and then tell us his or her story in a way that strains the bounds of common sense?

Gore: As I was saying to Tipper last night after we tenderly kissed the way we have so often during the 30 years of our rock-solid marriage, the downtrodden have a clear choice in this election.

My opponent wants to cut taxes for the richest 1% of Americans. I, on the other hand, want to put the richest 1% in an ironclad lockbox so they can't hurt old people like Roberta Frampinhamper, who is here tonight.

Mrs. Frampinhamper has been selling her internal organs, one by one, to pay for gas so that she can travel to these debates and personify problems for me. Also, her poodle has arthritis.

Lehrer: Gov. Bush, your rebuttal.

Bush: Governors are on the front lines every day, hugging people, crying with them, relieving suffering anywhere a photo opportunity exists. I want to empower those crying people to make their own decisions, unlike my opponent, whose mother is not Barbara Bush.

Lehrer: Let's turn to foreign affairs. Gov. Bush, if Slobodan Milosevic were to launch a bid to return to power in Yugoslavia, would you be able to pronounce his name?

Bush: The current administration had eight years to deal with that guy and didn't get it done. If I'm elected, the first thing would do about that guy is have Dick Cheney confer with our allies. And then Dick would present me several options for dealing with that guy. And then Dick would tell me which one to choose. You know, as governor of Texas, I have to make tough foreign policy decisions every day about how we're going to deal with New Mexico.

Lehrer: Mr. Gore, your rebuttal.

Gore: Foreign policy is something I've always been keenly interested in. I served my country in Vietnam. I had an uncle who was a victim of poison gas in World War I. I myself lost a leg in the Franco-Prussian War. And when that war was over, I came home and tenderly kissed Tipper in a way that any undecided woman voter would find romantic. If I'm entrusted with the office of

president, I pledge to deal knowledgeably with any threat, foreign or domestic, by putting it in an ironclad lockbox. Because the American people deserve a president who can comfort them with simple metaphors.

Lehrer: Vice President Gore, how would you reform the Social Security system?

Gore: It's a vital issue, Jim. That's why Joe Lieberman and I have proposed changing the laws of mathematics to allow us to give \$50,000 to every senior citizen without having it cost the federal treasury a single penny until the year 2250. In addition, my budget commits \$60 trillion over the next 10 years to guarantee that all senior citizens can have drugs delivered free to their homes every Monday by a federal employee who will also help them with the child-proof cap.

Lehrer: Gov. Bush?

Bush: That's fuzzy math. I know, because as governor of Texas, I have to do math every day. I have to add up the numbers and decide whether I'm going to fill potholes out on Rt. 36 east of Abilene or commit funds to reroof the sheep barn at the Texas state fairgrounds.

Lehrer: It's time for closing statements. Mr. Gore, you can start.

Gore: I'm my own man. I may not be the most exciting politician, but I will fight for the working families of America, in addition to turning the White House into a lusty pit of marital love for Tipper and me.

Bush: It's time to put aside the partisanship of the past by electing no one but Republicans.

Lehrer: Good night.

## **9. CLINTON**

Every morning Bill Clinton takes a jog in his new home town of Chappaqua. Each day he passes a hooker on a particular street corner and, as he goes by, she shouts out, "fifty dollars", and he replies, "no, five dollars!"

This continues for several days. He runs by, she says, "fifty dollars", and he says, "no, five!"

One day, Hillary decides that she wants to go jogging with Bill. As they are approaching the now infamous street corner, Bill suddenly realizes that the hooker will bark out her \$50 offer and that he will have some explaining to do with the junior Senator.

As they turn the corner, Bill is still in a quandary as to what to do. Sure enough there is the hooker.

The hooker looks up as Bill and Hillary jog by and yells to Bill, "See what you get for five dollars!"

## **10**

Bill, Hillary and Kerry are flying on Kerry's wife's private jet. Bill looks at Hillary, chuckles and says, "You know, I could throw a \$100.00 bill out the window right now and make somebody very happy."

Hillary shrugs her shoulders and says, "Well, I could throw ten \$10.00 bills out the window and make 10 people very happy."

Kerry says, "Of course then, I could throw one-hundred \$1.00 bills out the window and make a hundred people very happy."

The pilot rolls his eyes, looks at all of them and says to his co-pilot, "Such big-shots back there... I could throw all of them out the window and make millions happy."

## **11. CRIME OF PASSION**

During a recent publicity outing, Hillary took off to visit a fortune teller of some local repute. In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the mystic delivered grave news. "There's no easy way to say this, so I'll just be blunt: Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."



Visibly shaken, Hillary stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself. She simply had to know. She met the fortuneteller's gaze, steadied her voice, and asked her question.

"Will I be acquitted?"

## **12. BUMPER STICKER**

"Run Hillary Run!" bumper stickers are selling like hotcakes in New York. Democrats put them on their rear bumpers, Republicans put them on the front.

## **13. RIDDLE ME THIS**

Q: If Bill and Hillary Clinton were on a sinking ship, who would be saved???

A: The United States of America.

## **14. EVEN IN ETERNITY**

The Clintons were in a terrible plane crash and all three died.

When they got to heaven they approached the Throne of God and God said to Chelsea, "Why should I let you in heaven?" Chelsea answered, "I am the daughter of the President, a representative of all the children in America." God said, "Very well, you may sit on my right side."

Then he said to Bill, "Why should I let you in heaven?" Bill answered, "I am the President of the United States, a representative of all the people in America." God said, "Very well, you may sit on my left side."

Then he said to Hillary, "Why should I let you in heaven?" Hillary answered, "I don't know, but you're in my seat!"

## **15. FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

On the Listening Tour, Hillary was pleased and proud that the local sandwich shop in a town she was visiting had named a sandwich after her.

She was somewhat less pleased after she found out what was in it. "Mostly baloney," said the proprietor.

## **16. SEASON OPENER**

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton were invited to a baseball game. Immediately after the conclusion of the National Anthem, the President grabbed Hillary, and with some strain, heaved her over the railing, dropping her flat onto the playing field. The umpires ran up to the President, and quietly stated: "No, No, Mr. President, we told you to throw out the "First PITCH."

## **17. LYING CONTEXT**

President Clinton noticed a group of boys surrounding a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is a neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the president was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten minute sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the president was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog".

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Chrysler Corporation is adding a new car to its line to honor Bill Clinton. The Dodge Drafter will begin production in Canada this year.

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When Clinton was asked what he thought about foreign affairs, he replied:  
"I don't know, I never had one."

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If you came across Bill Clinton struggling in a raging river and you had a choice between rescuing him or getting a Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph, what shutter speed would you use?

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Chelsea asked her dad, "Do all fairy tales begin with 'once upon a time'?"  
Bill Clinton replied, "No, some begin with 'After I'm elected'."

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Clinton's mother prayed fervently that Bill would grow up and be president.  
So far, half of her prayer has been answered.

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Revised judicial oath: "I solemnly swear to tell the truth as I know it, the whole truth as I believe it to be, and nothing but what I think you need to know."

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Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.

## **19. LYING CHEAT**

[August 2, 2001]

Dear Abby,

My husband is a lying cheat. He tells me he loves me, but he has cheated our entire marriage. He is a good provider and has many friends and supporters. They know he is a lying cheat, but they just avoid the issue.

He is a hard worker but many of his coworkers are leery of him. Every time he gets caught, he denies it all. Then he admits that he was wrong and begs me

to forgive him. This has been going on for so long, everyone in town knows he is a cheat. I don't know what to do.

Signed,

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

You should dump him. Now that you are finally a New York Senator, you don't need him anymore.

## **20. GENEALOGY**

An amateur genealogical researcher discovered that NY Senator Hillary Clinton's great-great uncle, Remus Rodham, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture is this inscription:

"Remus Rodham; horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889."

In Hillary's Family History, her staff of professional image consultants, cropped Remus's picture, scanned it in as an enlarged image, and edited with image processing software so that all that's seen is a head shot.

The accompanying biographical sketch is as follows:

"Remus Rodham was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency.

In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

## **21. AL GORE**

Given that Al Gore has no job, he decided to take a sightseeing vacation to Europe. While visiting Europe, he is invited to tea with the Queen. He asks her what her leadership philosophy is. She says that it is to surround herself with intelligent people. He asks how she knows if they're intelligent. "I do so by asking them the right questions," says the Queen. "Allow me to demonstrate."

She phones Tony Blair and says, "Mr. Prime Minister, please answer this question: Your mother has a child, and your father has a child, and this child is not your brother or sister. Who is it? Tony Blair responds, "It's me, ma'am."

"Correct. Thank you and goodbye, sir," says the Queen. She hangs up and says, "Did you get that, Mr. Gore?"

"Yes ma'am. Thanks a lot. I'll definitely be using that!"

Upon returning home, he decides he'd better put some of his old friends to the test. He calls Bill Clinton and says, "Hi, Bill, I wonder if you can answer a question for me."

"Why, of course, Al. What's on your mind?" "Uhh, your mother has a child, and your father has a child, and this child is not your brother or sister. Who is it?" Clinton hems and haws and finally asks, "Can I think about it and get back to you?" Gore agrees and Clinton hangs up.

Clinton immediately calls members of his old staff, and they puzzle over the question for several hours, but nobody can come up with an answer.

Finally, in desperation, Clinton calls Colin Powell at the State Department and explains his problem. "Now look here, your mother has a child, and your father has a child, and this child is not your brother or sister. Who is it?" Powell answers immediately, "It's me, of course, you idiot."

Much relieved, Clinton rushes back to call Gore and exclaims. "I know the answer Al! I know who it is! It's Colin Powell!!

And Gore replies in disgust, "Wrong, it's Tony Blair."

## **22. HILLARY**

Bill and Hillary Clinton are driving in the country near Hillary's hometown. They are low on fuel, so Bill stops at a gas station.

The man at the gas station comes out and looks into the window. "Hey, Hillary! We used to date in high school, do you remember me?" he asks. They talk merrily for a few minutes. Bill pays, and they leave.

As they drive, Bill is feeling very proud of himself and looks over at Hillary. "You used to date that guy? Just think what life would be if you hadn't married me," he says.

Hillary looks at Bill and says to him, "Well, I guess you'd be pumping gas and he'd be President".

## **23**

The Kerry folks asked the local priest to mention in his homily that Kerry is a saint.

The priest began his homily by saying, "John Kerry is a crook. John Kerry is a liar. John Kerry is a fraud. John Kerry is an adulterer. John Kerry is one of the worst Catholics I have ever met.

But, compared to Ted Kennedy, he's a saint!"

## **24. LITTLE RED HEN**

Once upon a time, on a farm in Texas, there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered quite a few grains of wheat. She called all of her neighbors together and said, "If we plant this wheat, we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?"

"Not I," said the cow.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Not I," said the pig.

"Not I," said the goose.

"Then I will do it by myself," said the little red hen. And so she did. The wheat grew very tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap my wheat?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Out of my classification," said the pig.

"I'd lose my seniority," said the cow.

"I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the goose.

"Then I will do it by myself," said the little red hen, and so she did.

At last it came time to bake the bread. "Who will help me bake the bread?" asked the little red hen.

"That would be overtime for me," said the cow.

"I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the duck.

"I'm a drop out and never learned how," said the pig.

"If I'm to be the only helper, that's discrimination," said the goose.

"Then I will do it by myself," said the little red hen.

She baked five loaves and held them up for all of her neighbors to see. They wanted some and, in fact, demanded a share. But the little red hen said, "No, I shall eat all five loaves."

"Excess profits!" cried the cow.

"Capitalist leech!" screamed the duck.

"I demand equal rights!" yelled the goose.

The pig just grunted in disdain. And they all painted "Unfair!" picket signs and marched around and around the little red hen, shouting obscenities.

Then a government agent came, he said to the little red hen, "You must not be so greedy."

"But I earned the bread," said the little red hen.

"Exactly," said the agent. "That is what makes our free enterprise system so wonderful. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. But under our modern government regulations, the productive workers must divide the fruits of their labor with those who are lazy and idle."

And they all lived happily ever after, including the little red hen, who smiled and clucked, "I am grateful, for now I truly understand."

But her neighbors became quite disappointed in her. She never again baked bread because she joined the "party" and got her bread free. And all the Democrats smiled. 'Fairness' had been established. Individual initiative had died but nobody noticed; perhaps no one cared, as long as there was free bread.

Bill Clinton is getting \$12 million for his memoirs. His wife Hillary got \$8 million for hers. That's \$20 million for memories from two people who for eight years repeatedly testified, under oath, that they couldn't remember anything.

God Bless America!

## 25

A man takes the day off work and decides to go out golfing. He is on the second hole when he notices a frog sitting next to the green. He thinks nothing of it and is about to shoot when he hears, "Ribbit 9 Iron." The man looks around and doesn't see anyone. Again, he hears, "Ribbit 9 Iron." He looks at the frog and decides to prove the frog wrong, puts the club away, and grabs a 9 iron. Boom! He hits it 10 inches from the cup. He is shocked. He says to the frog, "Wow that's amazing. You must be a lucky frog, eh? The frog replies, "Ribbit Lucky frog."

The man decides to take the frog with him to the next hole. "What do you think frog?" the man asks. "Ribbit 3 wood." The guy takes out a 3 wood and, Boom! Hole in one. The man is befuddled and doesn't know what to say. By the



end of the day, the man golfed the best game of golf in his life and asks the frog, "OK where to next?" The frog replies, "Ribbit Las Vegas."

They go to Las Vegas and the guy says, "OK frog, now what?" The frog says, "Ribbit Roulette." Upon approaching the roulette table, the man asks, "What do you think I should bet?" The frog replies, "Ribbit \$3000, black 6."

Now, this is a million-to-one shot to win, but after the golf game the man figures what the heck. Boom! Tons of cash comes sliding back across the table.

The man takes his winnings and buys the best room in the hotel. He sits the frog down and says, "Frog, I don't know how to repay you. You've won me all this money and I am forever grateful." The frog replies, "Ribbit Kiss Me."

He figures why not, since after all the frog did for him, she deserves it. With the kiss, the frog turns into a gorgeous 15-year-old girl.

And that, your honor, is how the girl ended up in my room. So help me God or my name is not William Jefferson Clinton."

## **26. THE BET**

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president of the United States, was popularly known as "Silent Cal." One time at a party, a woman walked up to him and said, "My husband bet me I couldn't get three words out of you."

Coolidge replied, "You lose."

## **27. BEST PATIENTS**

Five surgeons are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on.

The first surgeon says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered."

The second responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded."

The third surgeon says, "No, I really think librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

The fourth surgeon chimes in, "You know, I like construction workers. Those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end, and when the job takes longer than you said it would."

But the fifth surgeon shut them all up when he observed: "You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains and no spine, and the head and the ass are interchangeable."

## **28. NEWS FLASH JUST IN FOR THE YEAR 2029**

- White minorities still trying to have English recognized as California's third language.
- Iraq still closed off; physicists estimate it will take at least ten more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.
- France pleads for global help after being overtaken by Jamaica.
- Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.
- George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.
- Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative.
- Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.
- Congress authorizes direct deposit of illegal political contributions to campaign accounts.
- Florida Democrats still don't know how to use a voting machine.

## **29. OBSERVATIONS ABOUT POLITICS & GOVERNMENT**

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Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. [Mark Twain]

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I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. [Winston Churchill]

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A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. [George Bernard Shaw]

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A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. [G. Gordon Liddy]

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Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. [James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)]

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Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. [Doug Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University]

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Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. [Frederic Bastiat, French Economist (1801-1850)]

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Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. [Ronald Reagan (1986)]

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I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. [Will Rogers]

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If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free. [P.J. O'Rourke]

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In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. [Voltaire (1764)]

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Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you. [Pericles (430 B.C.)]

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No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.  
[Mark Twain (1866)]

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Talk is cheap... except when Congress does it. [Unknown]

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The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. [Ronald Reagan]

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The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. [Winston Churchill]

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The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. [Mark Twain]

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The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools. [Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)]

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There is no distinctly native American criminal class... save Congress.  
[Mark Twain]

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What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. [Edward Langley, Artist (1928 - 1995)]

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A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. [Thomas Jefferson]

## **4. POLICEMEN**

### **1**

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about six years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing

the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

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It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

### 3. DEPUTY SHERIFF INTERVIEW

Simple Simon applied for a deputy sheriff's job. In the interview, the sheriff asked him, "What's one and one?" Simon answered, "Eleven." This wasn't what the sheriff meant, but he had to admit the boy was right.

Next question: "What two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?" "Today and tomorrow." The sheriff was impressed by the way Simon thought outside the box, so he challenged him.

"Who killed Abraham Lincoln?" Simon looked surprised and admitted, "I don't know."

"Well, go home and work on that for a while," replied the sheriff, satisfied that he'd stumped him.

Simon went home and told his mother, "The interview went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"

### 4. HOW LONG?

The company I work for offers tours through the historic district of Annapolis, Maryland, led by guides dressed in Colonial clothing. While leading a group, Felix, one of our guides, tripped and fell, breaking his wrist.

He went to the hospital, and as he sat waiting in the emergency room, a policeman walked by. Doing a double take at Felix in his 18th-century garb, he asked, "Just how long have you been waiting?"

## **5. PET PENGUIN**

Did you hear about the man that had a pet penguin? Soon after he got his penguin, he was driving in town one day with the penguin sitting on the front seat next to him.

A policeman noticed the penguin in the car and motioned for the man to pull over.

The officer says, "What are you doing with that penguin?"

The man replies, "We are just going for an afternoon drive."

The officer says, "I want you to take that penguin to the zoo right away, or you will be in big trouble."

The man replies, "No problem, I can do that," and the policeman let them go on their way.

Two days later, the man and his penguin are going for a drive again with the penguin sitting in the front seat. This time the penguin has on dark sunglasses. When they pass through town, the same policeman spots the penguin in the car. He furiously motions for the man to pull over.

As soon as the car stops, he marches right up to the man and demands, "You are the same guy I saw two days ago with a penguin. What are you trying to do now? Don't you think that I can still recognize a penguin even if it has sunglasses on? I thought I told you to take that penguin to the zoo right away?"

The man replied, "Yes sir you did. I took him to the zoo yesterday. We had so much fun at the zoo that today I thought we would go to the beach today!"

## **6. PSYCHIC PHENOMENA**

We were listening to a lecture on psychic phenomena in our Comparative Religions course. Our instructor told us about a woman who contacted police

working on a missing-persons case. "She gave eerily detailed instructions on where to find the body," the teacher said. "In fact, the detectives did find the body just as she had described. Now what would you call that kind of person?"

While the rest of us pondered the question, a sheriff's officer taking the course raised his hand and replied, "A suspect."

## **7. SPEED TRAP**

A police officer had a perfect hiding place for watching for speeders along a well traveled stretch of highway. The location, at a bend in the road, allowed him to hide his car out of sight of oncoming traffic while setting up his radar to nab any speeders who passed by. He had used this location successfully a number of times, especially on holidays, and decided to use it again on a Labor Day weekend.

The officer arrived at his hiding place and set himself up, settling down to wait for the first speeders to appear. After a half hour or so the officer hadn't seen anybody speeding. In fact most of the cars that passed him were traveling exactly at the speed limit, and some of the passengers in the passing cars were even smiling and waving at him. He couldn't believe this was happening since his hiding place was so well concealed.

Finally, after realizing that virtually all the passing cars knew he was there, the officer decided that something was wrong and went to investigate. He got out of his car and walked up the road a short distance. About 100 yards before his hiding place the officer found the problem: a 10 year old boy was standing on the side of the road with a huge hand painted sign which said "RADAR TRAP AHEAD."

A little more investigative work led the officer to the boy's accomplice, another boy about 100 yards beyond the radar trap with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket at his feet, full of change.

## **8. POLICE WORK**

A police officer responded to a report of a bar room disturbance.

The "disturbance" turned out to be well over six feet tall and weighed almost 300 pounds. What's more, he boasted that he could whip the officer and the "Heavy Weight Boxing Champion of the World."

Said the policeman, "I'll bet that you're also an escape artist too, probably better than Houdini."

The giant nodded.

"If I had some chains," the officer continued, "you could show us how strong you really are. But all I've got is a set of handcuffs. Why don't you see just how quickly you can break out of them?"

Once in the cuffs, the man puffed, pulled and jerked for four minutes.

"I can't get out of these," the giant growled.

"Are you sure?" the officer asked.

The fellow tried again. "Nope," he replied. "I can't do it."

"In that case," said the officer, "you're under arrest."

## **9. WHO SAYS THAT COPS DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR?**

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"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."

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"Take your hands off the car, and I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."

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"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

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"Can you run faster than 1,200 feet per second? In case you didn't know, that is the average speed of a 9 mm bullet fired from my gun."



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"So you don't know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

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"Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

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"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

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"Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy, and step in monkey poop."

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"Just how big were those two beers?"

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"No sir we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."

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"I'm glad to hear the Chief of Police is a good personal friend of yours. At least you know someone who can post your bail."

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"You didn't think we'd give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

## **5. MILITARY MEN**

### **1. GI INSURANCE**

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones was having a staggeringly high success-rate, selling insurance to nearly 100% of the recruits he advised.

Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch.

Jones explained the basics of GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said, "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000."

"Now," he concluded, "which group do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

## **2. MILITARY INSURANCE**

Bubba Joe's first military assignment was to a military induction center, and, because he was a good talker, they assigned him the duty of advising new recruits about the government benefits, especially the GI insurance to which they were entitled.

Before long the Captain in charge of the induction center began noticing that Bubba was getting a 99% sign up for the top GI insurance. This was odd, because it would cost these poor inductees nearly \$30.00 per month more for their higher coverage than what the government was already granting.

The Captain decided that he would not ask Bubba Joe about his selling techniques but that he would sit in the back of the room and observe Bubba's sales pitch.

Bubba Joe stood up before his latest group of inductees and stated, "If you have the normal GI insurance and go to Iraq and are killed, the government pays your beneficiary \$6,000."

"If you take out the supplemental GI insurance (which will cost you an additional \$30.00 per month), the government pays your beneficiary \$200,000."

"NOW," Bubba concluded, "which bunch do you think they're gonna send into battle first?"

### **3. F-15 vs. C-130**

A couple of F-15's are escorting a C-130 Hercules, and their pilots are chatting with the pilot of the transport to pass the time. Talk comes around to the relative merits of their respective aircraft.

The fighter pilots contend that their airplanes were better because of their superior speed, maneuverability, weaponry, and so forth, and pointed out the Hercules deficiencies in these areas.

After taking this for a while, the C-130 pilot says, "Oh yeah? Well, I can do a few things in this old girl that you'd only dream about."

Naturally, the fighter pilots challenge him to demonstrate.

"Just watch," comes the quick retort.

And so they watch. But all they see is that C-130 continues to fly straight and level...

After several minutes the Hercules pilot comes back on the air, "There! How was that?"

The fighter pilots reply, "What are you talking about? What did you do?"

And the Hercules pilot replies, "Well, I got up, stretched my legs, and got a cup of coffee."

### **4. MAIL CALL**

During mail call one evening at Marine Corps boot camp, I received several letters from home. The drill instructor was getting irritated at having to keep calling my name.

"You must have a lot of people at home who like you, huh?" he barked.

"Sir, no, sir!" I shouted.

"Oh, so you're calling me a liar?" goaded the DI.

Trained as a Marine to think quickly on my feet, I yelled out, "Sir, creditors, sir!"

The DI had to leave the room so we wouldn't see him laughing.

## **5. MILITARY HUMOR**

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On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?" The tower responded, "Who is calling?" The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon."

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Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, SIR!"

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Three Marines were walking through the forest when they came upon a set of tracks. The first Marine said, "Those are deer tracks." The second Marine said, "No, those are elk tracks." The third Marine said. "You're both wrong, those are moose tracks."

The Marines were still arguing when the train hit them.

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During training exercises, the lieutenant, who was driving down a muddy back road, encountered another jeep stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel.

"Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside.

"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

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Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new colonel was sitting at his desk when an airman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the airman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

"Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the airman replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

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Q: How do you know if there is a fighter pilot at your party?

A: He'll tell you.

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Q: What's the difference between God and fighter pilots?

A: God doesn't think he's a fighter pilot.

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Q: What's the difference between a fighter pilot and a jet engine?

A: A jet engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.

## **6. THE COLONEL'S STORY**

A guy walked into a tavern and sat down on a barstool. He ordered a beer and a shot glass of whiskey. The bartender was surprised to see him place the shot glass into the pocket of his overcoat. The man proceeded to drink his beer, then reached into his coat pocket and removed the shot glass, empty.

He ordered another beer and shot glass of whiskey, and again placed the shot glass into his coat pocket. Again he removed the glass empty, then ordered another round.

Overcome by curiosity, the bartender asked the man why he kept putting the shot glass into his pocket.

"Oh," he said, "that's for the Colonel?"

"The Colonel? Who's the Colonel?"

The man reached into his pocket and removed a little man, about 12 inches high, dressed in the uniform of a British army colonel. He placed the little man on the counter. "Is he real?" asked the bartender.

"Sure he's real. Colonel, would you mind walking up and down the bar a little way?"

The little colonel marched briskly a few feet up the bar and turned around, then marched back to where the man sat.

"That's the most amazing thing I've ever seen! Can he talk too?"

"Of course he can talk," said the man. "Colonel, why don't you tell him about the time that you were stationed in Africa and called that witch doctor a liar?"

## **7. WHAT TO DO WITH BIN LADEN**

Absolutely the best suggestion I've seen so far on what to do with bin Laden:

1. Killing him will only create a martyr.
2. Holding him prisoner will inspire his comrades to take hostages to demand his release.

Therefore, I suggest we do neither.

Let the Special Forces or SEALs covertly capture him, fly him to an undisclosed hospital and have surgeons quickly perform a complete sex change operation.

Then we return her to Afghanistan to live as a woman under the Taliban!

# **PART III. Special Groups**

## **1. FOREIGNERS**

### **1. WHO WAS JESUS?**

Scholars have long debated the exact ethnicity and nationality of Jesus. Recently, at a theological meeting in Rome, scholars had a heated debate on this subject. One by one, they offered their evidence.

#### **THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS MEXICAN:**

1. His first name was Jesus.
2. He was bilingual.
3. He was always being harassed by the authorities.

But then there were equally good arguments that...

#### **JESUS WAS BLACK**

1. He called everybody "brother."
2. He liked Gospel.
3. He couldn't get a fair trial.

But then there were equally good arguments that...

#### **JESUS WAS JEWISH**

1. He went into His Father's business.
2. He lived at home until he was 33.
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin, and his Mother was sure he was God.

But then there were equally good arguments that...

#### **JESUS WAS ITALIAN**

1. He talked with his hands.
2. He had wine with every meal.

3. He used olive oil.

But then there were equally good arguments that...

**JESUS WAS A CALIFORNIAN**

1. He never cut his hair.

2. He walked around barefoot.

3. He started a new religion.

But then there were equally good arguments that...

**JESUS WAS IRISH**

1. He never got married.

2. He was always telling stories.

3. He loved green pastures.

But perhaps the most compelling evidence was that...

**JESUS WAS A WOMAN**

1. "She" had to feed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food.

2. "She" kept trying to get the message across to a bunch of men who **JUST DIDN'T GET IT!**

3. And even when "She" was dead, "She" had to get up because there was more work for "Her" to do!!!

## **2. GIVING UP TOO SOON**

When British forces in Kuwait began test firing their weapons during a routine exercise they were suddenly confronted by about a dozen Iraqi troops who came over the border after them, thinking the war had started, ...to surrender.

They were sent back over the border after being told that it was too early to surrender.

## **3. OH, THE IRISH EGO**

Saddam Hussein was sitting in his office wondering who to invade next when his telephone rang.



"Hallo! Mr. Hussein," a heavily accented voice said. "This is Paddy down in County Cavan, Ireland. I am ringing to inform you that we are officially declaring war on you!"

"Well, Paddy," Saddam replied, "This is indeed important news! Tell me, how big is your army?"

"At this moment in time," said Paddy after a moment's calculation, "there is myself, my cousin Sean, my next door neighbor Gerry, and the entire dominoes team from the pub – that makes 8!"

Saddam sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have one million men in my army waiting to move on my command."

"Begorra!", said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back!"

Sure enough, the next day Paddy rang back. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to acquire some equipment!"

"And what equipment would that be, Paddy?" Saddam asked.

"Well, we have 2 combine harvesters, a bulldozer and Murphy's tractor from the farm."

Once more Saddam sighed. "I must tell you, Paddy, that I have 16 thousand tanks, 14 thousand armored personnel carriers, and my army has increased to one and a half million since we last spoke."

"Really?!" said Paddy "I'll have to ring you back!"

Sure enough, Paddy rang again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to get ourselves airborne! We've modified Ted's ultra-light with a couple of rifles in the cockpit and the bridge team has joined us as well!"

Saddam was silent for a minute, then sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have 10 thousand bombers, 20 thousand MiG 19 attack planes, my military complex is surrounded by laser-guided surface-to-air missile sites, and since we last spoke, my army has increased to two million."

"Faith and begorra!", said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back. "

Sure enough, Paddy called again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, I am sorry to tell you that we have had to call off the war."

"I'm sorry to hear that" said Saddam. "Why the sudden change of heart?"

"Well," said Paddy "We've all had a chat, and there's no way we can feed two million prisoners."

#### 4. TWO PUNS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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One dark night, as a group of American tourists huddled in Nelly's, a well-known pub in Killarney, Ireland, a local Irishman sidled up to one of them and proposed a scheme to sell a cure for leprosy.

"I'm sorry," said the American stiffly, "I'm not Irish. I don't believe in leper cons."

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An Irishman, by the name of O'Mally proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweler. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real.

The young lass on learning it wasn't real returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness.

"It was in honor of St. Patrick's Day," he smiled. "I gave you a sham rock."

#### 5. GLOBALIZATION

Question: What is the truest definition of Globalization?

Answer: Princess Diana's death.

Question: How come?

Answer: An **English** princess with an **Egyptian** boyfriend crashes in a **French** tunnel. They were riding in a **German** car, with a **Dutch** engine, driven by a **Belgian**, who was drunk... on **Scottish** whisky, (check the bottle before you change the spelling). They were followed closely by **Italian** Paparazzi, on **Japanese** motorcycles. An **American** doctor treated them, using **Brazilian**

medicines. This is sent to you by an **American**, using Bill Gates' technology. You're probably reading this on your computer, which uses **Taiwanese** chips, and a **Korean** monitor, assembled by **Bangladeshi** workers in a **Singapore** plant, transported by **Indian** lorry-drivers, hijacked by **Indonesians**, unloaded by **Sicilian** longshoremen, and trucked to you by **Mexican** illegals. That, my friends, is Globalization!!

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Three strangers strike up a conversation in the airport passenger lounge in Bozeman, Montana, awaiting their flights.

One is an American Indian passing through from Lame Deer. Another is a Cowboy on his way to Billings for a livestock show and the third passenger is a fundamentalist Arab student, newly arrived at Montana State University from the Middle East.

Their discussion drifts to their diverse cultures. Soon, the two Westerners learn that the Arab is a devout, radical Muslim and the conversation falls into an uneasy lull.

The cowboy leans back in his chair, crosses his boots on a magazine table and tips his big sweat-stained hat forward over his face.

The wind outside is blowing tumbleweeds around, and the old windsock is flapping; but still no plane comes.

Finally, the American Indian clears his throat and he says, "At one time here, my people were many, but sadly, now we are few."

The Muslim student raises an eyebrow and leans forward, "Once my people were few," he sneers, "and now we are many. Why do you suppose that is?"

The Montana cowboy shifts his toothpick to one side of his mouth and from the darkness beneath his Stetson says in a drawl...

"That's 'cause we ain't played Cowboys and Muslims yet, but I do believe it's a-comin'."

## **7. NOTICE**

We have been informed that Arabs do not like to be called "towel heads" or "rag heads." The item they wear on their heads is actually a small sheet. So from now on please call them "little sheet heads." Thank you for your support.

## **8. THE TWO COWS**

### **DEMOCRAT**

You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. Barbara Streisand sings for you.

### **REPUBLICAN**

You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. So?

### **SOCIALIST**

You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor. You form a cooperative to tell him how to manage his cow.

### **COMMUNIST**

You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk. You wait in line for hours to get it. It is expensive and sour.

### **CAPITALISM, AMERICAN STYLE**

You have two cows. You sell one, buy a bull, and build a herd of cows.

### **DEMOCRACY, AMERICAN STYLE**

You have two cows. The government taxes you to the point you have to sell both to support a man in a foreign country who has only one cow, which was a gift from your government.

### **BUREAUCRACY, AMERICAN STYLE**

You have two cows. The government takes them both, shoots one, milks the other, pays you for the milk, and then pours the milk down the drain.

### **AMERICAN CORPORATION**

You have two cows. You sell one, lease it back to yourself and do an IPO on the 2nd one. You force the two cows to produce the milk of four cows. You

are surprised when one cow drops dead. You spin an announcement to the analysts stating you have downsized and are reducing expenses. Your stock goes up.

#### FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two cows. You go on strike because you want three cows. You go to lunch and drink wine. Life is good.

#### JAPANESE CORPORATION

You have two cows. You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. They learn to travel on unbelievably crowded trains. Most are at the top of their class at cow school.

#### GERMAN CORPORATION

You have two cows. You engineer them so they are all blond, drink lots of beer, give excellent quality milk, and run a hundred miles an hour. Unfortunately they also demand 13 weeks of vacation per year.

#### ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows but you don't know where they are. While ambling around, you see a beautiful woman. You break for lunch. Life is good.

#### RUSSIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows. You have some vodka. You count them and learn you have five cows. You have some more vodka. You count them again and learn you have 42 cows. The Mafia shows up and takes over however many cows you really have.

#### TALIBAN CORPORATION

You have all the cows in Afghanistan, which are two. You don't milk them because you cannot touch any creature's private parts. Then you kill them and claim a US bomb blew them up while they were in the hospital.

#### IRAQIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows. They go in hiding. They send radio tapes of their mooing.

### **POLISH CORPORATION**

You have two bulls. Employees are regularly maimed and killed attempting to milk them.

### **FLORIDA CORPORATION**

You have a black cow and a brown cow. Everyone votes for the best looking one. Some of the people who like the brown one best, vote for the black one. Some people vote for both. Some people vote for neither. Some people can't figure out how to vote at all. Finally, a bunch of guys from out-of-state tell you which is the best-looking cow.

### **NEW YORK CORPORATION**

You have fifteen million cows. You have to choose which one will be the leader of the herd, so you pick some fat cow from Arkansas.

## **9. AFTER A SHIPWRECK**

Following a shipwreck, on a group of beautiful deserted islands in the middle of nowhere, the following groups of people are stranded together:

- two Italian men and one Italian woman;
- two English men and one English woman;
- two Bulgarian men and one Bulgarian woman;
- two Japanese men and one Japanese woman;
- two Chinese men and one Chinese woman;
- two American men and one American woman;
- two Irish men and one Irish woman.

One month later the following things have occurred:

One Italian man killed the other Italian man for the Italian woman.

The two English men are waiting for someone to introduce them to the English woman.

The two Bulgarian men took one long look at the endless ocean and another long look at the Bulgarian woman and started swimming.

The two Japanese have faxed Tokyo and are awaiting instructions.

The two Chinese men have set up a pharmacy/liquor store/ restaurant/ laundry, and have gotten the woman pregnant in order to supply employees for their store.

The two American men are contemplating the virtues of suicide, because the American woman keeps on complaining about her body, the true nature of feminism, how she can do everything they can do, the necessity of fulfillment, the equal division of household chores, how sand and palm trees make her look fat, how her last boyfriend respected her opinion and treated her nicer than they do, and how her relationship with her mother is improving, and how at least the taxes are low and it isn't raining.

The two Irish men divided the island into north and south and set up a distillery. They do not remember if sex is in the picture because it gets sort of foggy after the first few litres of coconut whiskey. But they're satisfied because at least the English aren't having any fun.

## **10. JEWISH WOMEN**

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The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that this is due to the fact that Won Ton spelled backwards is Not Now.

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There's a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until after it graduates from medical school.

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Q: Why don't Jewish mothers drink?

A: Alcohol interferes with their suffering.

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Q: Have you seen the newest Jewish-American Princess horror movie?

A: It's called Debbie Does Dishes.

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Q: Why do Jewish Mothers make great parole officers?

A: They never let anyone finish a sentence.

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Q: What's a Jewish American Princess' favorite position?

A: Facing Bloomingdale's

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When the doctor called Mrs. Liebenbaum to tell her that her check came back, she replied, "So did my arthritis."

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A man calls his mother in Florida. "Mom, how are you?"

"Not too good", says the mother. "I've been very weak."

The son says, "Why are you so weak?"

She says, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The man says, "That's terrible! Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

The mother answers, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

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A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he's been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful! What part is it?" replies his mother.

The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband."

The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

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Q: Where does a Jewish husband hide money from his wife?

A: Under the vacuum cleaner.



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Q - How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb?

A - (Sigh) Don't bother, I'll sit in the dark, I don't want to be a nuisance to anybody.

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Did you hear about the bum who walked up to the Jewish mother on the street and said, "Lady, I haven't eaten in three days." "Force yourself," she replied.

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Q: What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish Mother?

A: Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

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Jewish telegram: "Start worrying. Details to follow."

## **2. BLONDES**

### **1. A BLONDE NAMED PAM**

A blonde named Pam is appearing on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" with Regis Philbin.

Regis: "Pam, you're up to \$500,000 with one lifeline left: phone a friend. If you get it right, the next question is worth one million dollars. If you get it wrong, you drop back to \$32,000. Are you ready?"

Pam: "Yes."

Regis: "Which of the following birds does not build its own nest?"

Is it A) robin, B) sparrow, C) cuckoo, or D) thrush."

Pam: "I'd like to phone a friend. I'd like to call Carol."

Carol (also a blonde) answers the phone: "Hello?"

Regis: "Hello Carol, it's Regis Philbin from Who Wants to be a Millionaire. I have your friend Pam here who needs your help to answer the one million dollar question. The next voice you hear will be Pam's..."

Pam: "Carol, which of the following birds does not build its own nest?

Is it A) robin, B) sparrow, C) cuckoo, or D) thrush."

Carol: "Oh geez, Pam. That's simple. It's a cuckoo."

Pam: "Are you sure?"

Carol: "I'm sure."

Regis: "Pam, you heard Carol. Do you keep the \$500,000 or play for the million?"

Pam: "I want to play; I'll go with C) cuckoo."

Regis: "Is that your final answer?"

Pam: "Yes."

Regis: "Are you confident?"

Pam: "Yes; I think Carol's pretty smart."

Regis: "You said C) cuckoo, and you're right! Congratulations, you have just won one million dollars!"

To celebrate, Pam flies Carol to New York. That night they go out on the town. As they're sipping champagne, Pam looks at Carol and asks her, "Tell me, how did you know that it was the cuckoo that does not build its own nest?"

"That's easy, everybody knows they live in clocks."

## **2. A RELATIVE MATTER**

A blonde goes into work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss asked sympathetically, "What's the matter?"

The blonde replies, "Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my mother had passed away."

The boss feeling very sorry for her says, "Why don't you go home for the day... we aren't terribly busy. Just take the day off to relax and rest."

"Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind off it and I have the best chance of doing that here."

The boss agrees and allows the blond to work as usual.

A few hours pass and the boss decides to check on the blonde. He looks out over his office and sees the blonde hysterically crying. "What's so bad now? Are you gonna be okay?" he asks.

"No!" exclaims the blonde. "I just received a horrible call from my sister and she said that her mom died too!"

### **3. A FEMALE COP**

A blonde woman in a sports car got pulled over for speeding by a female cop, who was also a blonde.

The cop asked to see the blonde's driver's license. The driver dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated. "What does it look like?" she finally asked.

The policewoman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it."

The driver finally found a square mirror, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. "Here it is," she said.

The blonde officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "Okay, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."

### **4. A BLIND MAN IN A LADIES BAR**

A blind man enters a Ladies Bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a drink. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar immediately falls absolutely quiet. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is just fair – given that you are blind, that you should know five things:

1. The bartender is a blonde girl.

2. The bouncer is a blonde girl.
  3. I'm a six feet tall, 220 lb. blonde woman with a black belt in karate.
  4. The woman sitting next to me is blonde and is a professional weight lifter.
  5. The lady to your right is a blonde and is a professional wrestler.
- Now think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"
- The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and declares, "Nah. Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

## **5. BLONDE AT THE APPLIANCE STORE**

A blonde went to the appliance store sale and found a bargain. "I would like to buy this TV," she told the salesman.

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

She hurried home and dyed her hair, then came back and again told the salesman, "I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

"Darn, he recognized me," she thought.

She went for a complete disguise this time; haircut and new color, new outfit, big sunglasses, then waited a few days before she again approached the salesman. "I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

Frustrated, she exclaimed, "How do you know I'm a blonde?"

"Because that's a microwave," he replied.

## **6. BLONDE SHOPS FOR CURTAINS**

A blonde enters a store that sells curtains. She tells the salesman, "I would like to buy a pair of pink curtains."

The salesman assures her that they have a large selection of pink curtains. He shows her several patterns, but the blonde seems to have a hard time choosing.

Finally she selects a lovely pink floral print. The salesman then asks what size curtains she needs.

The blonde promptly replies, "Fifteen inches."

"Fifteen inches?" asked the salesman. "That sounds very small – what room are they for?"

The blonde tells him that they aren't for a room, but they are for her computer monitor.

The surprised salesman replies, "But miss, computers do not need curtains!"

The blond says, "Helllloooooooooo! I've got Windooooooooows!"

## **7. BLONDE SPACE**

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day.

The Russian said, "We were the first in space!"

The American said, "We were the first on the moon!"

The Blonde said, "So what, we're going to be the first on the sun!"

The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!" said the Russian.

The Blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!"

## **8. BLONDE TAKES A STAND**

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and stops to entertain at a bar in a small town.

He's going through his usual run of stupid blonde jokes when a large, blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and says, "I've heard just about enough of your denigrating blonde jokes! What makes you think you can

stereotype women that way? What does a person's physical attributes have to do with their worth as a human being?"

The ventriloquist looks on in amazement.

"It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in my community," she continued, "and of reaching my full potential as a person because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes but women at large... all in the name of humor."

Flustered, the ventriloquist begins to apologize.

The blonde interjects, "You stay out of this, mister. I'm talking to that little guy on your knee!"

## **9. BOWLING TOURNAMENT BUS TRIP**

Two bowling teams, one made up of all blondes and one of all brunettes, charter a double-decker bus for a weekend tournament in Atlantic City.

The brunette team rode in the bottom deck of the bus and the blonde team rode on the top level. The brunette team down below was whooping it up and having a great time when one of them realized she didn't hear anything from the blondes upstairs. She decided to go up and investigate.

When the brunette reached the top, she found all the blondes frozen in fear, staring straight ahead at the road and clutching the seats in front of them. The brunette asked, "What is going on up here? We're having a great time downstairs!"

One of the blondes said, "Yeah, but you've got a driver!"

## **10. EASTER?**

Three blondes (natural blondes) died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that before they could enter the Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter was.

The first blonde said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey."

St. Peter said, "Noooooooo," and he turned her away.

The second blonde said, "Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' birth and exchange gifts."

St. Peter said, "Noooooooo," and he turned her away.

The third blonde said she knew what Easter is, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me." She said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus was having Passover feast with His disciples when he was betrayed by Judas, and the Romans arrested him. The Romans hung Him on the cross and eventually He died. Then they buried Him in a tomb behind a very large boulder..."

St. Peter said, "Verrrrrry good!"

Then the blonde continued, "Now every year the Jews roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of basketball."

## **11. ONE SMART BLONDE**

A blonde replaced all the windows in her house. She had expensive, double-insulated energy efficient windows installed.

Twelve months later she gets a call from the contractor, complaining that the work has been done for a year and she has failed to pay for the work done.

The blonde replies, "Now don't try to pull a fast one on me. Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I'm automatically stupid. The salesman who sold me those told me that in one year they would pay for themselves."

## **12. SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF BLONDE INTELLIGENCE**

One day a scientist wanted to prove that, contrary to popular belief, blondes were actually smart. To prove his theory he gathered a huge convention of blondes. He chose one lady out of the crowd and began to ask her questions.

"What is  $12 \times 11$ ?"

"120?"

The crowd yelled, "Give her another chance!"

The scientist asked again, "What is  $6 \times 4$ ?"

"25?"

The crowd yelled, "Give her another chance!"

The scientist asked a final time, "What is  $2 + 2$ ?"

The blonde ventured "4?"

The crowd yelled, "Give her another chance!"

### **13. SO BLONDE**

She Was Soooooooooooooo Blonde:

...she took a ruler to bed to see how long she slept.

...she sent me a fax with a stamp on it.

...she tried to put M&M's in alphabetical order.

...she tripped over a cordless phone.

...she spent 20 minutes looking at the orange juice can because it said "concentrate."

...she told me to meet her at the corner of "WALK" and "DON'T WALK."

...at the bottom of the application where it says "sign here," she put "Sagittarius."

...she asked for a price check at the Dollar Store.

...when she heard that 90% of all crimes occur around the home, she moved.

...if she spoke her mind, she'd be speechless.

...she thought that she could not use her AM radio in the evening.

He Was Soooooooooooooo Blonde:

...he thought General Motors was in the army.



...he studied for a blood test.

...when he missed the 44 bus, he took the 22 bus twice instead.

...when he went to the airport and saw a sign that said "Airport Left," he turned around and went home.

#### **14. THE BLONDE DIET**

A blonde is terribly overweight, so her doctor put her on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least five pounds."

When the blonde returned, she shocked the doctor by losing nearly 20 pounds.

"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"

The blonde nodded, "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."

"From hunger, you mean?" asked the doctor.

"No, from skipping."

#### **15. TRAPPED PARACHUTIST**

Late one Sunday afternoon, a blonde from a small town was taking a long walk through a nearby meadow when she was surprised to see a parachutist trapped in the high branches of a tree.

"Hellllllp!" he cried when he spotted her down below.

"What are you doing up there?" she called back.

"I was skydiving," he answered, "and my parachute didn't open!"

The blonde rolled her eyes. "Well, of course it didn't. If you'd just asked one of the locals, anybody could've told you that "nothing" around here opens on a Sunday!"

### **3. IDIOTS IN ACTION**

#### **1. 2004 AWARDS**

##### **Number One Idiot of 2004**

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away.

##### **Number Two Idiot of 2004**

Early this year, some Boeing employees on the airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they noticed a Coast Guard helicopter coming towards them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon that activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing.

##### **Number Three Idiot of 2004**

A true story out of San Francisco: A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the branch and wrote "this iz a stikkup. Put all your muny in this bag."

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank of America and crossed the street to Wells Fargo.

After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the

brightest light in the harbor, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or go back to Bank of America.

Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, "OK" and left. He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at Bank of America.

#### **Number Four Idiot of 2004**

A guy walked into a little corner store with a shotgun and demanded all of the cash from the cash drawer. After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of Scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but the cashier refused and said, "because I don't believe you are over 21." The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because he didn't believe him.

At this point, the robber took his driver's license out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk. The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and he put the Scotch in the bag. The robber then ran from the store with his loot. The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that he got off the license. They arrested the robber two hours later.

#### **Number Five Idiot of 2004**

A pair of Michigan robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first one shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

#### **Number Six Idiot of 2004**

Seems this guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. It seems the liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

## **Number Seven Idiot of 2004**

The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 12:50 a.m., flashed a gun and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

## **2. IDIOTS EVERYWHERE!**

### **Idiots in Service**

This week, all our office phones went dead and I had to contact the telephone repair people. They promised to be out between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. When I asked if they could give me a smaller time window, the pleasant gentleman asked, "Would you like us to call you before we come?"

I replied that I didn't see how he would be able to do that, since our phones weren't working. He also requested that we report future outages by email. (Does YOUR email work without a telephone line?)

### **Idiots at Work**

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card.

She informed me that she couldn't complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

### **Idiots in the Neighborhood**

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road.

The reason: Too many deer were being hit by cars and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.

### **Idiots in Food Service**

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

## **3. IDIOT SIGHTINGS**

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I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?"

To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?"

He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask!"

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The stop light on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

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At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker who was leaving the company due to down-sizing our manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often." Not a word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare.

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I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

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When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey", I announced to the technician, "it's open!" To which he replied, "I know – I already got that side."

#### **4. LETTER FROM MAMA**

Dearest Redneck Son,

I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast.

We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles from your home, so we moved.

I won't be able to send you the address because the last Arkansas family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so that they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though. Last week I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain... we haven't seen them since.

The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days and the second time for four days.

About that coat you wanted me to send you, your Uncle Stanley said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle. The baby looks just like your brother.

Uncle Ted fell in a whisky vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off playfully and drowned. We had him cremated and he burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Ralph was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much out of the normal has happened.

Love, Mom

## **5. BUBBA**

Bubba applied for an engineering position at a Lake Charles refinery. A Yankee applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the manager. Upon completion of the test, both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Bubba and said: "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the Yankee the job."

Bubba asked: "And why are you giving him the job? We both got nine questions correct. This being Louisiana, and me being a Southern boy I should get the job!"

The manager said: "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but rather on the one question that you both missed."

Bubba then asked: "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

The manager replied: "Bubba, it's like this. On question #4 the Yankee put down, "I don't know." You put down, "Neither do I."

## **4. PETS**

### **1. BEWARE OF DOG**

Upon entering a little country store, a stranger noticed a sign reading, "Danger! Beware of Dog" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor besides the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because," the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

### **2. DOG TRICKS**

A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog was playing with extraordinary performance.

"This is a very smart dog," the man commented.

"Not so smart," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

### **3. EMPLOYMENT**

A sign was hung in an office window. It read: "Help wanted. Must type 70 words a minute. Must be computer literate. Must be bilingual. An equal opportunity employer."

A dog was ambling down the street and saw the sign. He looked at it for a moment, pulled it down with his mouth, and walked into the manager's office, making it clear he wished to apply for the job.

The office manager laughed and said, "I can't hire a dog for this job."



The dog pointed to the line: "An equal opportunity employer."

So the manager said, "OK, take this letter and type it." The dog went off to the word processor and returned a minute later with the finished letter, perfectly formatted.

The manager said, "Alright, here's a problem. Write a computer program for it and run it."

Fifteen minutes later, the dog came back with the correct answer.

The manager still wasn't convinced. "I still can't hire you for this position. You've got to be bilingual."

The dog looked up at the manager and said, "Meow."

#### **4. THE BUTCHER AND THE DOG**

A butcher is working, and really busy. He notices a dog in his shop and shoos him away. Later, he notices the dog is back again.

He walks over to the dog, and notices the dog has a note in his mouth. The butcher takes the note, and it reads, "Can I have 12 sausages and a leg of lamb, please."

The butcher looks, and lo and behold, in the dog's mouth there is a ten dollar bill. So the butcher takes the money, puts the sausages and lamb in a bag, and places it in the dog's mouth.

The butcher is very impressed, and since it's closing time, he decides to close up shop and follow the dog. So, off he goes. The dog is walking down the street and comes to a crossing. The dog puts down the bag, jumps up and presses the crossing button. Then he waits patiently, bag in mouth, for the lights to change. It does, and he walks across the road, with the butcher following.

The dog then comes to a bus stop, and starts looking at the timetable. The butcher is in awe at this stage. The dog checks out the times, and sits on one of the seats to wait for the bus.

Along comes a bus. The dog goes and looks at the number, notices it's the right bus, and climbs on. The butcher, by now open-mouthed, follows him onto the bus.

The bus travels through town and out to the suburbs. Eventually the dog gets up, moves to the front of the bus, and standing on his hind legs, pushes the button to stop the bus. The dog gets off, groceries still in his mouth, and the butcher still following.

They walk down the road, and the dog approaches a house. He walks up the path, and drops the groceries on the step. Then he walks back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself – whap! – against the door. He goes back down the path, takes another run, and throws himself – whap! – against the door again!

There's no answer at the door, so the dog goes back down the path, jumps up on a narrow wall, and walks along the perimeter of the garden. He gets to a window, and bangs his head against it several times. He walks back, jumps off the wall, and waits at the door. The butcher watches as a big guy opens the door, and starts laying into the dog, really yelling at him.

The butcher runs up and stops the guy. "What the heck are you doing? This dog is a genius. He could be on TV!"

To which the guy responds, "Clever, my eye. This is the second time this week he's forgotten his key!"

## **5. HONK THE HORN**

As I drove into a parking lot, I noticed that a pickup truck with a dog sitting behind the wheel was rolling toward a female pedestrian. She seemed oblivious, so I hit my horn to get her attention. She looked up just in time to jump out of the way of the truck's path, and the vehicle bumped harmlessly into the curb and stopped.

I rushed to the woman's side to see if she was all right. "I'm fine," she assured me, "but I hate to think what could have happened to me if that dog hadn't honked."

## **6. HOW MEN AND DOGS ARE ALIKE**

Both take up too much space on the bed.  
Both have irrational fears about vacuum cleaners.  
Both are threatened by their own kind.  
Both mark their territory.  
Both are suspicious of the postman.  
Both are bad at asking you questions.  
Both pass gas shamelessly.  
Both like dominance games.  
Both tend to smell riper with age.  
Neither of them tells you what's bothering them.  
Neither of them does dishes.  
Neither of them notice when you get your hair cut.  
Neither knows how to talk on the telephone.  
Neither understands what you see in cats.  
The smaller ones tend to be more nervous.

## **7. MAINE VETERINARIAN**

Dr. Cutter is the local Veterinarian, known for his wry humor. He surpassed himself one summer day when a city dog was brought to him after an encounter with a porcupine.

After almost an hour of prying, pulling, cutting and stitching, he returned the dog to its owner, who asked what she owed.

"Fifteen dollars, Ma'am," he answered.

"Why that's simply outrageous!" she stormed. "That's what's wrong with you Maine people, you're always trying to overcharge summer visitors. Whatever do you do in the winter, when we're not being gypped here?"

"Raise porcupines, Ma'am."

## **8. YOUR DOG'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS**

1. I will not play tug-of-war with Daddy's underwear when he's on the can.
2. I will remember the garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
3. I will not suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
4. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
5. I will shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.
6. I will not eat the cat's food, before, or after, he eats it.
7. I will stop trying to find new places on the carpet when I am about to throw up.
8. I will not throw up in the car.
9. I will not roll on dead things.
10. I will stop considering the cat's litter box as a cookie jar.
11. I will not wake up Mommy by putting my cold, wet nose up her bottom end.
12. I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.
13. I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think that I am hemorrhaging.
14. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.
15. I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of anyone who is sitting on the can.
16. We do not have a doorbell. Therefore, I will not bark each time I hear one on the television.
17. I will not steal my Mommy's underwear out of the laundry basket and then dance all over the back yard with them.

18. I will remember the sofa is not a face towel and neither are Mommy's & Daddy's laps.

19. I will remember my head does not belong in the refrigerator.

20. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mommy's driver's license and car registration.

## **9. PET GIFT**

In an upscale pet-supply store, a customer wanted to buy a red sweater for her dog. The clerk suggested that she bring her dog in for a proper fit.

"I can't do that!" the lady said. "The sweater is a surprise!"

## **10. STUMPY LEGGED PINK DOG**

A guy walks into a bar with his dog on a leash, and the barman says, "Geez, that's a weird dog: he's stumpy-legged, pink, and doesn't have a tail, but I bet my Rottweiler would beat the heck out of it." Fifty bucks is laid down. Out in the yard, the Rottweiler gets mauled to pieces.

Another drinker says his Pit Bull will win, but the bet is 100 bucks.

Another trip to the yard and, when it's all over, there are bits of Pit Bull Terrier all over the place. The drinker pays up and says, "Say, what breed is that anyway?"

The owner says, "Until I cut his tail off and painted it pink, it was the same breed as every other alligator."

## **11. DOGS AND CATS**

If you want someone who will do anything to please you, get a dog.

If you want someone who will bring you the newspaper without tearing through it first for the sports page, get a dog.

If you want someone who'll make a total fool of himself because he's glad to see you, get a dog.

If you want someone who eats whatever you put in front of him and never says his mother made it better, get a dog.

If you want someone who never touches the remote, couldn't care less about Monday Night Football, and watches dramatic movies with you as long as you want, get a dog.

If you want someone who'll be content just to snuggle up and keep you warm in bed, and whom you can kick out of bed if he slobbers and snores, get a dog.

If you want someone who never criticizes anything you do, doesn't care how good or bad you look, acts as though every word you say is worth hearing, never complains, and loves you unconditionally all the time, get a dog!

On the other hand... If you want someone who never comes when you call him, totally ignores you when you walk in the room, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, prowls around all night and comes home only to eat and sleep all day, and acts as though you are there only to see that He's happy... Get a CAT!

## **12. EXCERPTS FROM A DOG'S DAILY DIARY**

8:00 a.m. Oh, boy! Dog food! My favorite!

9:30 a.m. Oh, boy! A car ride! My favorite!

9:40 a.m. Oh, boy! A walk! My favorite!

10:30 a.m. Oh, boy! Getting rubbed and petted! My favorite!

11:30 a.m. Oh, boy! Dog food! My favorite!

Noon. Oh, boy! The kids! My favorite!

1:00 p.m. Oh, boy! The yard! My favorite!

4:00 p.m. Oh, boy! To the park! My favorite!

5:00 p.m. Oh, boy! Dog food! My favorite!

5:30 p.m. Oh, boy! Pretty Mums! My favorite!

6:00 p.m. Oh, boy! Playing ball! My favorite!

6:30 a.m. Oh, boy! Watching TV with my master! My favorite!

8:30 p.m. Oh, boy! Sleeping in master's bed! My favorite!

### **13. EXCERPTS FROM A CAT'S DAILY DIARY**

Day 183 of My Captivity: My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture. Tomorrow I may eat another house plant.

Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded; must try this at the top of the stairs. In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair, must try this on their bed.

Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body, in an attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was. Hmmm, not working according to plan.

There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary confinement throughout the event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the food. More importantly, I overheard that my confinement was due to my power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant, he speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the high metal room, his safety is assured. But I can wait, it is only a matter of time...

## **14. RULES FOR CATS**

1. BATHROOMS. Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.

2. DOORS. Do not allow any closed doors in any room. To get door open, stand on hind legs and hammer with forepaws. Once door is opened, it is not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an "outside" door opened, stand halfway in and out and think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain, snow, or mosquito season.

3. CHAIRS AND RUGS. If you have to throw up, get to a chair quickly. If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, shag is good. When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so it is as long as a humans bare foot.

4. HAMPERING. If one of your humans is engaged in some activity and the other is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called "helping," otherwise known as "hampering." Following are the rules for "hampering:"

- When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and thereby stand a better chance of being stepped on and then picked up and comforted.

- For book readers, get in close under the chin, between eyes and book, unless you can lie across the book itself.

- For paperwork, lie on the work in the most appropriate manner so as to obscure as much of the work as possible or at least pretend to doze, but every so often reach out and slap the pencil or pen.

- For people paying bills or working on income taxes or Christmas cards, keep in mind the aim: to hamper! First, sit on the paper being worked on. When dislodged, watch sadly from the side of the table. When activity proceeds nicely, roll around on the papers, scattering them to the best of ability. After being



removed for the second time, push pens, pencils, and erasers off the table, one at a time.

- When a human is holding the newspaper in front of him/her, be sure to jump on the back of the paper. Humans love to jump too.

- When a human is working at computer, jump up on desk, walk across keyboard, bat at mouse pointer on screen and then lay in human's lap across arms, hampering typing in progress.

5. WALKING. As often as possible, dart quickly and as close as possible in front of the human, especially: on stairs, when they have something in their arms, in the dark, and when they first get up in the morning. This will help their coordination skills.

6. BEDTIME. Always sleep on the human at night so he/she cannot move around.

7. LITTER BOX. When using the litter box, be sure to kick as much litter out of the box as possible. Humans love the feel of kitty litter between their toes.

8. HIDING. Every now and then, hide in a place where the humans cannot find you. Do not come out for three to four hours under any circumstances. This will cause the humans to panic (which they love) thinking that you have run away or are lost. Once you do come out, the humans will cover you with love and kisses and you will probably get a treat.

ONE LAST THOUGHT. Whenever possible, get close to a human, especially their face, turn around, and present your butt to them. Humans love this, so do it often. And don't forget guests.

## **15. OUR PETS**

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to Where do pets come from?

Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I do not see you anymore. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.

And God said, "No problem. Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has taught him that he is loved, but perhaps too well."

And God said, "No problem! I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the supreme being. And Adam learned humility. And God was pleased.

And Adam was greatly improved. And Dog was happy. And the cat didn't give a shit one way or the other.

## **16. LIMP DUCK**

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, your pet has passed away."

The distressed owner wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I'm sure. The duck is dead," he replied. "How can you be so sure", she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few moments later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog and took it out and returned a few moments later with a beautiful cat. The cat jumped up on the table and also sniffed the bird from its beak to its tail and back again. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly, jumped down and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck." Then the vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys, and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried. "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead?!!"

The vet shrugged. "I'm sorry. If you'd taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20. But what with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it all adds up."

## **17. THE WHY NOTS... OF HORNS ON COWS**

The Monday Afternoon Club, an organization of wealthy city women, met and decided that this month's outing was to be at a dairy farm. Most of them had lived in the city all their lives, and had never seen such a thing. The day came, and the ladies filed into the rented bus which whisked them off to their destination. On the way, they watched out the windows as the city squalor turned into lovely, unpolluted countryside.

After they arrived, they were greeted by the farmer who invited them to look him up should they have any questions. Myrtle, after looking about and being amazed by what she saw, stepped into a building and viewed something she thought was quite remarkable. She saw the farmer walk by and hailed him he sauntered in. "Sir," she inquired, "Why doesn't this cow have any horns?"

The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began in a patient tone: "Well, ma'am, cattle can do a powerful lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep'em trimmed down with a hacksaw. Other times we can fix up the young 'uns by puttin' a couple drops of acid where their horns would grow in, and that stops 'em cold. Still, there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns. But the reason this cow don't have no horns, ma'am, is 'cause it's a horse."

## **PART IV. Some Common Actions**

### **1. EATING AND DRINKING**

#### **1. A COAT AND TIE RESTAURANT**

A guy walks into a coat-and-tie-only restaurant and asks to be seated. The waiter says, "Sir, you don't have a coat or a tie."

So, the guy goes out to his truck and gets a jacket. When he comes back in, he asks, "May I be seated?"

The waiter replies, "Sir, you don't have a tie."

So, the guy goes back out to his truck and puts some jumper cords around his neck. He comes back in and says, "Now may I be seated?"

The waiter says, "OK, but don't go trying to start something."

#### **2. AT THE BAKERY**

A customer in a bakery was observed carefully examining all the rich-looking pastries displayed on trays in the glass cases.

When a clerk approached him and asked, "What would you like?" he answered, "I'd like that chocolate-covered, cream-filled doughnut, that jelly-filled doughnut and that cheese Danish."

Then with a sigh he added, "But I'll take an oat-bran muffin."

#### **3. BACHELOR COOKING**

Two confirmed bachelors were sitting and talking. Their conversation drifted from sports to cooking.

"I got a cookbook once," said the first, "but I could never do anything with it."

"Too much fancy cooking in it?" asked the second.

"You said it. Every one of the recipes began the same way, 'Take a clean dish and... '"

#### **4. BIG STEAK**

A guy had told all of his friends about the great steak he'd eaten downtown the day before. A group of them decided to head down and see if was really as large and delicious as he was making it out to be.

The group was seated in the back of the restaurant. After looking over the menu, they ordered and waited, hungrily, for their large, delicious pieces of gigantic steaks.

To their collective disappointment, the waiter brought out some of the smallest steaks they'd ever seen.

"Now see here," the very embarrassed guy said to the waiter. "Yesterday when I came down here you served me a BIG, juicy steak. Today, though, when I have my friends invited, you serve small miniature steaks! What is the meaning of this?"

"Yes, sir," replied the waiter, "yesterday you were sitting by the window."

#### **5. BLACK COFFEE IN A CLEAN CUP**

Bill and Doug went into a diner that looked as though it had seen better days. As they slid into a booth, Bill wiped some crumbs from the seat. Then he took a napkin and wiped some moisture from the table.

The waitress came over and asked if they wanted some menus.

"No thanks," said Doug. "I'll just have a cup of black coffee."

"I'll have black coffee, too," Bill said. "And please make sure the cup is clean."

The waitress shot him a nasty look. She turned and marched off into the kitchen.

Two minutes later, she was back.

"Two cups of black coffee," she announced, sternly. "Which one of you wanted the clean cup?"

## **6. BREAD STATISTICS**

1. More than 98 percent of convicted felons are bread users.
2. Fully HALF of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests.
3. In the 18th century, when virtually all bread was baked in the home, the average life expectancy was less than 50 years; infant mortality rates were unacceptably high; many women died in childbirth; and diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever, and influenza ravaged whole nations.
4. More than 90 percent of violent crimes are committed within 24 hours of eating bread.
5. Bread is made from a substance called "dough." It has been proven that as little as one pound of dough can be used to suffocate a mouse. The average American eats more bread than that in one month!
6. Primitive tribal societies that have no bread exhibit a low incidence of cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis.
7. Bread has been proven to be addictive. Subjects deprived of bread and given only water to eat begged for bread after as little as two days.
8. Bread is often a "gateway" food item, leading the user to "harder" items such as butter, jelly, peanut butter, and even cold cuts.
9. Bread has been proven to absorb water. Since the human body is more than 90 percent water, it follows that eating bread could lead to your body being taken over by this absorptive food product, turning you into a soggy, gooey bread-pudding person.
10. Newborn babies can choke on bread.

11. Bread is baked at temperatures as high as 400 degrees Fahrenheit! That kind of heat can kill an adult in less than one minute.

12. Most American bread eaters are utterly unable to distinguish between significant scientific fact and meaningless statistical babbling.

In light of these frightening statistics, we propose the following bread restrictions:

1. No sale of bread to minors.
2. A nationwide "Just Say No To Toast" campaign, with complete celebrity TV spots and bumper stickers.
3. A 300 percent federal tax on all bread to pay for all the societal ills we might associate with bread.
4. No animal or human images, nor any primary colors (which may appeal to children) may be used to promote bread usage.
5. The establishment of "Bread-free" zones around schools.

## **7. BREAKFAST SPECIAL**

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the special was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. "Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs."

"Then I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously. "I'll take the special."

"How do you want your eggs?"

"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home.

## **8. CAN'T EAT...**

Can't eat beef. Mad cow...

Can't eat chicken. Bird flu...



Can't eat eggs. Salmonella.

Can't eat pork... fears that bird flu will infect piggies.

Can't eat fish... heavy metals in the waters have poisoned their meat.

Can't eat fruits and veggies... insecticides and herbicides.

Hmmmmmmmmmm!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I believe that leaves Chocolate!!!!!!!!!!

Chocolate is a vegetable.

Chocolate is derived from cocoa beans.

Bean = vegetable.

Sugar is derived from either sugar cane or sugar BEETS.

Both of them are plants, in the vegetable category.

Thus, chocolate is a vegetable.

To go one step further, chocolate candy bars also contain milk, which is dairy. So candy bars are a health food.

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

Remember: "STRESSED" spelled backward is "DESSERTS".

Send this to four people and you will lose 2 pounds.

Send this to everyone you know (or ever knew), and you will lose 10 pounds.

If you delete this message, you will gain 10 pounds immediately.

"That's why I had to pass this on... I didn't want to risk it."

## **9. EL AL MEALTIME**

It was mealtime during a flight on El Al. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked Moishe, seated in front.

"What are my choices?" Moishe asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

## **10. FRESH FRUIT**

A picky customer comes to a small food shop and sees a new delivery of fresh fruit. "Give me two kilograms of oranges and wrap every orange up in a separate piece of paper, please," he says to the saleswoman. She does.

"And three kilograms of cherries, please, and wrap up every one in a separate piece of paper, too." She does.

"And what is that there," he asks pointing out a bushel in the corner. "Raisins," says the saleswoman, "but they are not for sale!"

## **11. GRANDMOTHER'S MEAT LOAF**

A recent bride called her mother one evening in tears. "Oh, Mom, I tried to make Grandmother's meat loaf for dinner tonight, and it's just awful! I followed the recipe exactly, and I know I have the recipe right because it's the one you gave me. But it just didn't come out right, and I'm so upset. I wanted this to be so special for George because he loves meat loaf. What could have gone wrong?"

Her mother replied soothingly, "Well, dear, let's go through the recipe. You read it out loud and tell me exactly what you did at each step, and together we'll figure it out."

"OK," the bride sniffled. "Well, it starts out, 'Take fifty cents worth of ground beef... '"

## **12. HOLIDAY EATING TIPS**

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls or chocolate cake.

2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. It's rare. You can't find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-aholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's Christmas!

3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.

4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?

6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.

7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.

8. Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or, if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?

9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.

### **13. HOW [NOT] TO PHONE IN A PIZZA ORDER**

1. If using a touch tone phone push random numbers while talking and ask the person to stop that.

2. Use CB lingo.

3. Terminate the call with, "Remember, we never had this conversation."

4. Tell them to put the crust on top this time.
5. Instead of naming the toppings, spell them out.
6. Use these bonus words in the conversation: ROBUST, FREE-SPIRITED, COST-EFFICIENT, UKRAINIAN, and PUCE.
7. Ask what the order taker is wearing.
8. If they repeat your order to make sure they have it right, say, "Okay, that'll be \$10.99, please pull to the next window."
9. Try to rent a pizza.
10. Have your pizza "shaken, not stirred."
11. Move the mouthpiece farther and farther away as you speak. When the call ends, jerk it back and scream goodbye at the top of your lungs.
12. Eliminate verbs from your speech.
13. Ask to see a menu.
14. Report a petty theft.
15. If they suggest something, adamantly declare, "I will not be swayed by your sweet words."
17. Start your conversation with, "My call to Pizza Hut, Take one... and... ACTION!"
18. Act nervous and press 9-1-1 every five seconds throughout the order.
19. After ordering, say, "I wonder what this button does" and simulate a cut-off.
20. Start your conversation by reciting the day's date and saying, "This may be my last entry."
21. Say, "Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzt" rather loudly and ask them if they felt that.
22. Teach the order taker a secret code and use it on all subsequent orders.
23. When the price is quoted, say, "Oooooooooo, that sounds complicated. I hate math."
24. If they suggest a side order ask, "Why are you punishing me?"

25. Have a movie with a car chase scene playing loudly in the background. Yell, "OW!" when a bullet is fired.

26. Dance around the word "pizza" and avoid it at all costs. If they say it, say, "Please don't mention that word!"

## **14. NOW WHAT?**

A lady went to the butcher shop looking for a chicken for dinner. She asked the butcher to see his selection. He only had one chicken left but did not disclose this to the lady. He kept the chickens in the bin below the showcase and so he reached down and pulled out his last chicken.

He put it on the scale, the lady eyed the weight and asked if he had one a little larger.

"Yes," he replied. He took the chicken and lowered it down to the empty bin, shook it against the side and brought it back out. This time when he placed it on the scale his trained thumb hung just a little bit on the edge of the scale.

The lady eyed the weight and said, "that is fine, I'll take both of them."

## **15. OREO EATERS PERSONALITY GUIDE**

Psychologists have discovered that the manner in which people eat Oreo cookies provides great insight into their personalities. Choose which method best describes your favorite method of eating Oreos:

1. The whole thing all at once.
2. One bite at a time
3. Slow and methodical nibbles, examining the results of each bite afterwards.
4. In little feverous nibbles.
5. Dunked in some liquid (milk, coffee... ).
6. Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.
7. Twisted apart, the inside, and toss the cookie.

8. Just the cookie, not the inside.

9. I just like to lick them, not eat them.

10. I don't have a favorite way because I don't like Oreos.

Your Personality:

1. The whole thing

This means you consume life with abandon, you are fun to be with, exciting and carefree with some hint of recklessness. You are totally irresponsible. No one should trust you with their children.

2. One bite at a time.

You are lucky to be one of the 5.4 billion other people who eat their Oreos this very same way. Just like them, you lack imagination, but that's okay, not to worry, you're normal.

3. Slow and Methodical.

You follow the rules. You're very tidy and orderly. You're very meticulous in every detail with every thing you do to the point of being anal retentive and irritating to others. Stay out of the fast lane if you're only going to go the speed limit.

4. Feverous Nibbles.

Your boss likes you because you get your work done quickly. You always have a million things to do and never enough time to do them. Mental breakdowns and suicides run in your family. Valium and Ritalin would do you good.

5. Dunked.

Everyone likes you because you are always upbeat. You like to sugar coat unpleasant experiences and rationalize bad situations into good ones. You are in total denial about the shambles you call a life. You have a propensity towards narcotic addiction.

6. Twisted apart, the inside, and then the cookie.

You have a highly curious nature. You take pleasure in breaking things apart to find out how they work, though not always able to put them back together, so you destroy all the evidence of your activities. You deny your involvement when things go wrong. You are a compulsive liar and exhibit deviant, if not criminal, behavior.

7. Twisted apart, the inside, and then toss the cookie.

You are good at business and take risks that pay off. You take what you want and throw the rest away. You are greedy, selfish, mean, and lack feelings for others. You should be ashamed of yourself. But that's ok, you don't care, you got yours.

8. Just the cookie, not the inside.

You enjoy pain.

9. I just like to lick them, not eat them.

Stay away from small furry animals and seek professional medical help – immediately.

10. I don't have a favorite way, I don't like Oreo cookies.

You probably come from a rich family, like to wear nice things and go to upscale restaurants. You are particular and fussy about the things you buy, own, and wear. Things have to be just right. You like to be pampered. You are a prima donna. There's just no pleasing you.

## **16. OUT TO DINNER**

My wife and I were dining out at a nice restaurant. I overheard the couple at the next table discussing their bill.

"Well Mary," said the man, "Near as I can figure, based on the price of the ham dinner you just ate, we got a hog back on the farm worth at least \$137,000!"

## **17. WILL IT BE LONG?**

When my husband and I showed up at a very popular restaurant, it was crowded. I went up to the hostess and asked, "Will it be long?" The hostess, ignoring me, kept writing in her book. I asked again, "How much of a wait?"

The woman looked up from her book and said, "About ten minutes."

A short time later, we heard an announcement over the loudspeaker: "Willette B. Long, your table is now ready."

## **18. REMEMBERING BROTHERS**

A cowboy walks into a bar in Texas, orders three mugs of brew and sits in the back room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and tells him, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it so it would taste better if you bought just one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Australia, the other is in Dublin and I'm in Texas. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we were together. So I drink one for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and orders only two mugs! All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains... "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and obviously I had to quit drinking. Hasn't affected my brothers though."



## **19. BAD DAY**

There's this guy in a bar, just looking at his drink. He stays like that for half-an-hour. Then, this big trouble-making truck driver steps next to him, takes the drink from the guy, and just drinks it all down.

The poor man starts crying. The truck driver says: "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't see a man crying."

"No, it's not that. This day is the worst of my life. First, I fall asleep, and I go late to my office. My boss, outrageous, fires me. When I leave the building, to my car, I found out it was stolen. The police, they say they can do nothing. I get a cab to return home, and when I leave it, I remember I left my wallet and credit cards there. The cab driver just drives away. I go home, and when I get there, I find my wife in bed with the gardener. I leave home, and come to this bar. And just when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up and drink my poison..."

## **20. BEER**

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2" in diameter.

He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The students laughed. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things – your family, your partner, your health, your children – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your

life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that really matter."

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal."

"Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

But then... A student then took the jar which the other students and the professor agreed was full, and proceeded to pour in a glass of beer. Of course the beer filled the remaining spaces within the jar making the jar truly full.

The moral of this tale is that no matter how full your life is, there is always room for BEER.

## **21. COCA COLA**

No wonder coke tastes soooo good.

1. In many states the highway patrol carries two gallons of Coke in the truck to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.

2. You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of coke and it will be gone in two days.

3. To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl... Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.

4. To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.

5. To clean corrosion from car battery terminals: Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.

6. To loosen a rusted bolt: Applying a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.

7. To bake a moist ham: Empty a can of Coca-Cola into the baking pan, wrap the ham in aluminum foil, and bake. Thirty minutes before the ham is finished, remove the foil, allowing the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.

8. To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, And run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains. It will also clean road haze from your windshield.

FYI:

1. The active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. It's pH is 2.8. It will dissolve a nail in about 4 days.

2. To carry Coca Cola syrup (the concentrate) the commercial truck must use the Hazardous material place cards reserved for Highly Corrosive materials.

3. The distributors of coke have been using it to clean the engines of their trucks for about twenty years!

Drink up!

## **22. JAVA WOES**

You know you're drinking too much coffee when...

- you answer the door before people knock.
- you ski uphill.
- you grind your coffee beans in your mouth.
- you haven't blinked since the last lunar eclipse.
- you lick your coffeepot clean.
- your eyes stay open when you sneeze.
- you chew on other people's fingernails.

- your T-shirt says, "Decaffeinated coffee is the devil's blend."
- you can type 60 words per minute... with your feet.
- you don't need a hammer to pound nails.
- your only source of nutrition comes from "Sweet & Low."
- you don't sweat, you percolate.
- you've worn out the handle on your favorite mug.
- you forget to unwrap candy bars before eating them.
- you've built a miniature city out of little plastic stirrers.
- people get dizzy just watching you.
- instant coffee takes too long.
- your birthday is a national holiday in Brazil.
- you have a picture of your coffee mug on your coffee mug.
- you don't even wait for the water to boil anymore.
- your nervous twitch registers on the Richter scale.
- you think being called a "drip" is a compliment.
- you don't tan, you roast.
- you can't even remember your second cup.
- you help your dog chase its tail.

### **23. FREE ZIMBABWEAN BUS RIDE**

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the twenty mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped.

Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus-stop and offered everyone in the queue a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies.

The deception wasn't discovered for three days.

## 24. I'M COLD

A drunk stumbles out of a bar and he makes his way into the cemetery behind the tavern. He walks right to the edge of a freshly dug grave, loses his balance and falls in.

There's a puddle of water in the hole, and he spends the rest of the night yelling, "Help me, I'm cold! Someone help me, I'm cold!"

At closing time, another drunk walks behind the bar and hears the noise. He gets to the open grave, looks down and says, "Of course you're cold, you idiot, you kicked all the dirt off yourself!"

## 25. SUDS

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Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

[Jack Handy]

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I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day. [Frank Sinatra]

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The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober. [William Butler Yeats]

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An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools. [Ernest Hemingway]

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Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut. [Ernest Hemingway]

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Time is never wasted when you're wasted all the time. [Catherine Zandonella]

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Reality is an illusion that occurs due to lack of alcohol. [Anonymous]

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Drinking provides a beautiful excuse to pursue the one activity that truly gives me pleasure, hooking up with fat, hairy girls. [Ross Levy]

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A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her. [W.C. Fields]

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What contemptible scoundrel has stolen the cork to my lunch? [Tee Mans]

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When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading. [Henny Youngman]

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Life is a waste of time, time is a waste of life, so get wasted all of the time and have the time of your life. [Michelle Mastrolacasa]

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I'd rather have a bottle in front of me, than a frontal lobotomy. [Tom Waits]

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24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? [Stephen Wright]

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When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven! [Brian O'Rourke]

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You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline. It helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer. [Frank Zappa]

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Always remember that I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me. [Winston Churchill]

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Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. [Benjamin Franklin]

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Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza. [Dave Barry]

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The problem with the world is that everyone is a few drinks behind. [Humphrey Bogart]

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Why is American beer served cold? So you can distinguish it from urine. [David Moulton]

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Give me a woman who loves beer and I will conquer the world. [Kaiser Wilhelm]

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Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer. [Dave Barry]

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All right, brain, I don't like you and you don't like me – so let's just do this and I'll get back to killing you with beer. [Homer Simpson]

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You know you're drunk when you fall off the floor.

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And God said, "Let there be vodka!" And He saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let there be light!" And then He said, "Whoa – too much light."

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You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on. [Dean Martin]

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Remember "I" before "E", except in Budweiser.

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Scotch Whisky – Because one doesn't solve the world's problems over white wine.

## **26. TWENTY FIVE REASONS**

### **WHY ALCOHOL SHOULD BE SERVED AT WORK**

1. It's an incentive to show up.
2. It reduces stress.
3. It leads to more honest communications.
4. It reduces complaints about low pay.
5. It cuts down on time off because you can work with a hangover.
6. Employees tell management what they think, not what management wants to hear.
7. It helps save on heating costs in the winter.
8. It encourages carpooling.
9. Increase job satisfaction because if you have a bad job, you don't care.
10. It eliminates vacations because people would rather come to work.
11. It makes fellow employees look better.
12. It makes the cafeteria food taste better.
13. Bosses are more likely to hand out raises when they are wasted.
14. Salary negotiations are a lot more profitable.
15. Suddenly, burping during a meeting isn't so embarrassing.
16. Employees work later since there's no longer a need to relax at the bar.
17. It makes everyone more open with their ideas.
18. Everyone agrees they work better after they've had a couple of drinks.



19. Eliminates the need for employees to get drunk on their lunch break.
20. Increases the chance of seeing your boss naked. – SCARY!!!!
21. It promotes foreign relations with the former Soviet Union.
22. The janitor's closet will finally have a use.
23. Employees no longer need coffee to sober up.
24. Sitting on the copy machine will no longer be seen as "gross."
25. Babbling and mumbling incoherently will be common, not just restricted to the higher ups.

## **27. WATCH WHAT YOU ASK FOR**

A man walks up to the bar with an ostrich behind him, and as he sits, the bartender comes over, and asks for his order. The man says, "I'll have a beer," and turns to the ostrich. "What about you?"

"I'll have a beer too," says the ostrich. The bartender pours the beer and says "That will be \$3.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and ostrich come again, and the man says "I'll have a beer," and the ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes a routine until, late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the bartender. "Well, it's close to last call, so I'll have a large scotch" says the man. "Same for me," says the ostrich.

"That will be \$7.20," says the bartender. Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the bar. The bartender can't hold back his curiosity any longer. "Excuse me sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My

first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I just put my hand in my pocket, and the right amount of money will always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the bartender. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right! Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

The bartender asks, "One other thing, sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The man replies "My second wish was for a chick with long legs."

## **2. COMMUNICATING**

### **1. FARMER DIVORCE**

A farmer walked into an attorney's office wanting to file for a divorce.

The attorney asked, "May I help you?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I want to get one of those dayvorcees."

The attorney said, "Well, do you have any grounds?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I got about 140 acres."

The attorney said, "No, you don't understand, do you have a case?"

The farmer said, "No, I don't have a Case, but I have a John Deere."

The attorney said, "No, you don't understand. I mean do you have a grudge?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I got a grudge. That's where I park my John Deere."

The attorney said, "No sir, I mean do you have a suit?"

The farmer said, "Yes sir, I got a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays."

The exasperated attorney said, "Well, sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?"

The farmer said, "No sir, we both get up about 4:30."

Finally, the attorney says, "Okay, let me put it this way. WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?"

And the farmer says, "Well, I can never have a meaningful conversation with her."

## **2. TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE MESSAGES**

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I can't come to the phone now, so if, well, actually, I CAN come to the phone now, I mean, like, I'm at the phone NOW, recording this message, but I'm doing this NOW, while you're listening to it LATER, except for you I guess it's NOW, like, when you're listening to it... I mean, like, wait, gosh. This is so confusing.

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This is Frank. You can leave me a message, but I must warn you I get annoyed with messages that are hard to read. So please use your shift key appropriately, avoid overdoing punctuation, and spell-check your message, or I might ignore it.

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(Game show-announcer voice:) Hello, and welcome to Phone Tag! (Cheers in background.) If you'd like to join the game, please leave your name and number at the beep, and we'll try to reach you when you're not around. And thanks once again for playing Phone Tag!

## **3. ALL PURPOSE EXCUSE FORM**

Here is the All Purpose Excuse Form, designed to get you out of the trouble you've gotten yourself into. Where there's a multiple choice, pick the one that works best for your situation and just go with it. You'll be surprised how effective this form can be if you just let your instincts guide you!

Dear a) Mom, b) Dad, c) love of my life, d) Assistant Principal, e) Local Police Chief,

*Words cannot begin to express how sorry I am that your a) car b) house c) pet d) espresso maker e) left arm was severely damaged by my a) infantile b) puerile c) inept d) comically brilliant but nonetheless sadistic e) woefully under appreciated prank. How could I have known that the a) car b) jet ski c) large helium balloon d) rodent driven sledge e) Zamboni I was riding in would go so far out of control? And while it is true that I should not have pointed it in the direction of your a) house, b) wife, c) Cub Scout troop, d) 1/16th sized replica of the Statue of Liberty, complete with light bulb in the torch, e) priceless collection of Rolling Rock beer cans, you must understand that it was all meant in fun. The subsequent damage that I caused is beyond my ability to a) imagine, b) fathom, c) comprehend, d) appreciate, e) pay for, and I must therefore humbly ask your forgiveness. I know that you are perfectly within your rights to a) hate me, b) sue me, c) spank me, d) take my firstborn, e) gouge out my eyes with spoons and feed them to the fish in your pond, but I ask you to remember all the good times we've had, joshing around at a) school b) work c) church d) the bowling alley e) the municipal jail and to remember that I am first and foremost your a) friend b) child c) sibling d) lease co-signer e) only possible match should you ever need a bone marrow transplant. I think that counts for more than one prank, especially if that a) was so stupid. b) was so silly. c) would have been funny if it worked. d) you would have done, if you had thought of it first. e) I'm going to use again on someone else.*

*Sincerely,* Enter name here (or alias): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. AT A RESTAURANT**

I was standing in line at a restaurant, waiting to pay my bill behind two women who handed the young waitress a credit card. After swiping the card

through the card reader, she loudly called out to her manager, "Mr. Allen, what do I do if it says REJECTED?"

As the women's faces reddened and customers turned to look, Mr. Allen walked out from the kitchen. "Well," he answered, wiping his hands, "the first thing you do is shout it out loud enough to embarrass the customer, who might have been thinking of leaving you a tip."

## **5. HORMONE HOSTAGE**

[Every "Hormone Hostage" knows that there are days in the month when all a man has to do is open his mouth and he takes his life in his hands. This is a handy guide that should be as common as a driver's license in the wallet of every husband, boyfriend or significant other.]

DANGEROUS: What's for dinner?

SAFER: Can I help you with dinner?

SAFEST: Where would you like to go for dinner?

DANGEROUS: Are you wearing THAT?

SAFER: Gee, you look good in brown.

SAFEST: Wow! Look at you!

DANGEROUS: What are you so worked up about?

SAFER: Could we be overreacting?

SAFEST: Here's fifty dollars.

DANGEROUS: Should you be eating that?

SAFER: You know, there are a lot of apples left.

SAFEST: Can I get you a glass of wine with that?

DANGEROUS: What did you DO all day?

SAFER: I hope you didn't overdo today.

SAFEST: I've always loved you in that robe.

## **6. RULES GUYS WISH GIRLS KNEW**

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.
2. Don't cut your hair. Ever.
3. Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not quests to see if he can find the perfect present, again!
4. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
5. Sometimes, he's not thinking about you. Live with it.
6. Don't ask him what he's thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as the shotgun formation and monster trucks.
7. Get rid of your cat. And no, it's not different, it's just like every other cat.
8. Dogs are better than ANY cats. Period.
9. Sunday = Sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
10. Shopping is not sport.
11. Anything you wear is fine. Really.
12. You have enough clothes.
13. You have too many shoes.
14. Crying is blackmail. Use it if you must, but don't expect us to like it.
15. Your ex-boyfriend is an idiot.
16. Ask for what you want. Subtle hints don't work.
17. No, he doesn't know what day it is. He never will. Mark anniversaries on a calendar.
18. Most guys own two to three pairs of shoes – what makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of thirty, would look good with your dress?
19. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers.
20. Your Mom doesn't have to be our best friend.
21. Foreign films are best left to foreigners.

22. Check your oil.
23. Don't give us 50 rules when 25 will do.
24. Don't fake it. We'd rather be ineffective than deceived.
25. It is neither in your best interest nor ours to take the quiz together.
26. Anything we said 6 or 8 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. All comments become null and void after 7 days.
27. If you don't dress like the Victoria's Secret girls, don't expect us to act like soap opera guys.
28. If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad and angry, we meant the other one.
29. Let us ogle. If we don't look at other women, how can we know how pretty you are?
30. Don't rub the lamp if you don't want the genie to come out.
31. You can either ask us to do something OR tell us how you want it done – not both.
32. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
33. Christopher Columbus didn't need directions, and neither do we.
34. Consider Golf a mini-vacation from you. We need it, just like you do.
35. The relationship is never going to be like it was the first two months we were going together.

## **7. THE GENERIC JOKE**

A person belonging to an ethnic group whose members are commonly considered to have certain stereotypical mannerisms met another person belonging to a different ethnic group with a different set of imputed stereotypical mannerisms.

The first person acted in a manner consistent with the stereotypes associated with his ethnic group, and proceeded to make a remark which might

be considered to establish conclusively his membership in that group, whereupon his companion proceeded to make a remark with a double meaning, the first meaning of which could be interpreted to indicate his agreement with his companion, but the other meaning of which serves to corroborate his membership in his particular ethnic group.

Of course, the first person took offense at his remark, and reacted in a stereotypical way!

## **8. HELP LINE**

This is a true story from the Word Perfect help line. Needless to say the help desk employee was fired; however, the person is currently suing the Word Perfect organization for "termination without cause". This is from the taped conversation leading up to dismissal:

"Word Perfect Technical Desk, may I help you?"

"Yes, well, I'm having trouble with Word Perfect."

"What sort of trouble?"

"Well, I was just typing along, and all of a sudden the words went away."

"Went away?"

"They disappeared."

"Hmm. So what does your screen look like now?"

"Nothing."

"Nothing?"

"It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type."

"Are you still in Word Perfect, or did you get out?"

"How do I tell?"

"Can you see the C: prompt on the screen?"

"What's a sea-prompt?"

"Never mind. Can you move the cursor around on the screen?"

"There isn't any cursor: I told you, it won't accept anything I type!"



"Does your monitor have a power indicator?"

"What's a monitor?"

"It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on?"

"I don't know."

"Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that?"

"Yes, I think so."

"Great. Follow the cord to the plug, and tell me if it's plugged into the wall."

"...Yes, it is."

"When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one?"

"No."

"Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable."

"Okay, here it is."

"Follow it for me, and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer."

"I can't reach."

"Uh huh. Well, can you see if it is?"

"No."

"Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over?"

"Oh, it's not because I don't have the right angle – it's because it's dark."

"Dark?"

"Yes – the office light is off, and the only light I have is coming in from the window."

"Well, turn on the office light then."

"I can't."

"No? Why not?"

"Because there's a power outage."

"A power... A power outage? Aha, Okay, we've got it licked now. Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff your computer came in?"

"Well, yes, I keep them in the closet."

"Good. Go get them, and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from."

"Really? Is it that bad?"

"Yes, I'm afraid it is."

"Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them?"

"Tell them you're too stupid to own a computer."

### **3. STUDYING**

#### **1. CLASS PHOTO**

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grownup and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael. He's a doctor'."

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead."

#### **2. HOME SCHOOL**

Q: How does a home schooler change a light bulb?

A: First, mom checks three books on electricity out of the library, then the kids make models of light bulbs, read a biography of Thomas Edison and do a skit based on his life. Next, everyone studies the history of lighting methods, wrapping up with dipping their own candles. Next, everyone takes a trip to the

store where they compare types of light bulbs as well as prices and figure out how much change they'll get if they buy two bulbs for \$1.99 and pay with a five dollar bill. On the way home, a discussion develops over the history of money and also Abraham Lincoln, as his picture is on the five dollar bill. Finally, after building a homemade ladder out of branches dragged from the woods, the light bulb is installed. And there is light.

### **3. IT'S REPORT CARD TIME**

The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he quite surprised the teacher.

He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades somebody is going to get a spanking!"

### **4. AIN'T HAD NO FUN**

The teacher wrote "Like I ain't had no fun in months" on the board and then she said, "Andretti, how should I correct that?"

David replied, "Maybe get a new boyfriend?"

### **5. BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN**

The social studies teacher had just finished a unit on war and peace. "How many of you," he asked, "would say you're opposed to war?"

Not surprisingly, all hands went up. The teacher asked, "who'll give us the reason for being opposed to war?"

A large, bored-looking boy in the back of the room raised his hand.

"Johnny?" The teacher said.

"I hate war," Johnny said, "because wars make history, and I hate history."

## 6. SAT ANSWERS

[These are things which are supposed to have been really said! The following questions and answers were collated from SAT tests given in Springdale, Arkansas to 16 year old students!]

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: What is a planet?

A: A body of earth surrounded by sky.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: Give an example of a fungus. What is its characteristic feature?

A: Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What is a turbine?

A: Something an Arab wears on his head.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen).

A: The body is consisted into three parts – the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarian Section."

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q: What is a Hindu?

A: It lays eggs.

## **7. OHIO KIDS...**

[Who Says Those Ohio Kids Aren't Smart? The following excerpts are said to be actual answers given on history tests and in Sunday school quizzes by children between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ages in Ohio. They were collected over a period of three years by two teachers. Read carefully for grammar, misplaced modifiers, enough misinformation to satisfy Donald Rumsfeld and, of course, spelling!]

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Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

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Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandos. He died before he ever reached Canada but the commandos made it.

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Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was a actual hysterical figure as well as being in the Bible. It sounds like he was sort of busy too.

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The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.

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Socrates was a famous old Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. He later died from an overdose of wedlock which is apparently poisonous. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

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In the first Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled biscuits, and threw the java. The games were messier then than they show on tv now.

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Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: "Same to you, Brutus."

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Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw for reasons I don't really understand. The English and French still have problems.

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Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen". As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "hurrah!" and that was the end of the fighting for a long while.

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It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking.

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Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper which was very dangerous to all his men.

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The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter.

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Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hotey. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Since then no one ever found it.

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Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backward and also declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." He was a naturalist for sure. Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

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Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation.

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On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. They believe the assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

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Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large.

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Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf that he wrote loud music and became the father of rock and roll. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

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The nineteenth century was a time of a great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up.

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Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick reaper, which did the work of a hundred men.



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Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbits but I don't know why.

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Charles Darwin was a naturalist. He wrote the Organ of the Species. It was very long people got upset about it and had trials to see if it was really true. He sort of said God's days were not just 24 hours but without watches who knew anyhow? I don't get it.

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Madman Curie discovered radio. She was the first woman to do what she did. Other women have become scientists since her but they didn't get to find radios because they were already taken.

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Karl Marx was one of the Marx Brothers. The other three were in the movies. Karl made speeches and started revolutions. Someone in the family had to have a job, I guess.

## **8. THE GREEKS**

[Actual student bloopers collected by Richard Lederer]

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns – Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

Achilles appears in 'The Iliad' by Homer. Homer also wrote 'The Oddity,' in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died of an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward for the victor was a coral wreath.

The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

### **9. JOHNNY FAILED EXAM**

The big red "F" stared back at him on his exam paper.

Freddie looked at his glum friend and asked, "Why did you get such a low grade on that test?"

"Because of an absence," Johnny answered.

"You mean you were absent on the day of the test?" he questioned.

Little Johnny replied, "No, but the kid who sits next to me was."

### **10. SCHOOL DAZE**

In the cafeteria on the first day of spring semester at Kent State University, I saw three students hard at work on their calculators. Stunned that they had received such an obviously tough problem so early in the semester, I asked them what their assignment was.

One girl looked at me and replied, "We're figuring out how many days until spring break."

### **11. DISCIPLINE**

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all. On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

He had no trouble with discipline that term.

## 12. EXIT EXAM

There is a mental institution that every year picks two of its most reformed patients and questions them. If they get the questions right they are free to leave.

This year the two lucky gents were Greg and Mike. They were called down to the office and left there by the orderly. They were told to wait as the doctor got their files.

The doctor came out and motioned for Greg to come in for his questioning.

When Greg came into the office he was instructed to sit in the seat across from the doctor.

"Greg you know the tradition of this institution so I imagine you know why you are here. You will be asked two questions, and if you get them right, you will be free to go. Do you understand all that you have been told?" said the doctor with a rather sly grin.

Greg nodded and the doctor began to question him. The first question was this. "Greg if I was to poke out one of your eyes what would happen?"

"I would be half blind of course," Greg answered without much thought.

"What would happen if I poked out the other eye?"

"I would be completely blind," said Greg knowing that he had just gotten his freedom. The doctor then sent him outside while he drew up the paperwork and accessed Mike's files. When Greg got into the waiting room however, he told Mike what the questions would be and what the correct answers were.

The doctor calls in Mike and he followed the same procedure that he had with Greg. "Mike the first question is what would happen if I cut off your ear?"

"I would be blind in one eye," he said remembering what he had been told.

This received a perplexed look from the doctor but he just simply asks the other question so that he could figure out what the man was thinking.

"Mike, what would happen if I cut off your other ear?"

"I would be completely blind," he answered with a smile as if he knew he had passed.

But then the doctor asked him what his reasoning was, and he said flatly,  
"My hat would fall down over my eyes!"

### **13. BACK TO SCHOOL QUESTIONS**

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Why does a flamingo lift up one leg?  
Because if he lifted up both legs, he would fall over!

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Who invented fractions?  
Henry the 1/8!

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What does "minimum" mean?  
A very small mother!

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What does "maximum" mean?  
A very big mother!

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What's the difference between an American student and an English student?  
About 3,000 miles!

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Why did Robin Hood steal only from the rich?  
Because the poor have nothing worth taking!

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What is a skeleton?  
Bones, with the person off!

### **14. T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS**

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(1) T'was the night before finals,	"Some pizza might help,"
And all through the college,	I said with a shiver,

The students were praying  
For last minute knowledge.

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(2) Most were quite sleepy,  
But none touched their beds,  
While visions of essays  
Danced in their heads.

3

(3) Out in the taverns,  
A few were still drinking,  
And hoping that liquor  
Would get their brains thinking.

4

In my own apartment,  
I had been pacing,  
Dreading all those exams  
I soon would be facing.

5

My roommate was speechless,  
His nose in his books,  
And my comments to him  
Drew unfriendly looks.

6

I drained all the coffee,  
And brewed a new pot,  
No longer caring  
That my nerves were shot.

But each place I called  
Refused to deliver.

9

I'd pretty much concluded  
Life is unfair and cruel,  
Since our futures all depend  
On grades made in school.

10

When all of a sudden,  
Our door opened wide,  
And Patron Saint Put-It-Off  
Ambled inside.

11

Her spirit was careless,  
Her manner was mellow,  
She looked at the mess  
And started to bellow:

12

"Why should us students  
Make such a fuss,  
About what those teachers  
Toss out to us?"

13

"On Cliff Notes! On Crib Notes!  
On Last Year's Exams!  
On Wingit and Slingit,  
And Last Minute Crams!"

7

I stared at my notes,  
But my thoughts were all muddy,  
My eyes went a'blur,  
I just couldn't study.

14

Her message delivered,  
She vanished from sight,  
But we heard her laughing  
Outside in the night.

15

"Your teachers won't flunk you,  
So just do your best.  
Happy Finals to All,  
And to All, a good test."

## **15. USED BOOKS FOR SALE**

Cards offering used textbooks for sale are posted on the college notice board at the beginning of each semester. One read: "Introduction to Psychology, \$8, never used." The card was signed, "Must sell."

The next day a note had been added: "Good price. Are you sure it's never been used?" Signed, "Prospective buyer."

Below in a different hand was: "Positive!" Signed, "Professor who graded his exam."

## **16. HARVARD GRADS**

Two young men who had just graduated from Harvard were excited and talkative about their future plans as they got into a taxi in downtown Boston. After hearing them for a couple of minutes, the cab driver asked, "You men Harvard graduates?"

"Yes Sir! Class of '99!" they answered proudly.

The cab driver extended his hand back to shake their hand, saying, "Class of '58."

## **17. GOOD STUDENT**

An English teacher at Iowa State University spent a lot of time marking grammatical errors in her students' written work. She wasn't sure how much impact she was having until one overly busy day when she sat at her desk rubbing her temples.

A student asked, "What's the matter, Mrs. Sheridan?"

"Tense," she replied, describing her emotional state.

After a slight pause the student tried again, "What was the matter? What has been the matter? What might have been the matter?"

## **18. LITTLE JIMMY'S ESSAY**

Jimmy's English teacher was a perfectionist and demanded the very best of his pupils. So it was only to be expected that he would get furious when Little Jimmy handed in a poor paper.

"This is the worst essay it has ever been my misfortune to read," ranted the teacher. "It has too many mistakes. I can't understand how one person would have made all these mistakes."

"One person didn't," replied Little Jimmy defensively. "My father helped me."

## **19. CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Christmas Break was over and the teacher was asking the class about their vacations. She turned to little Johnny and asked what he did over the break.

"We visited my grandmother in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania," he replied.

"That sounds like an excellent vocabulary word," the teacher said. "Can you tell the class how you spell that?"

Little Johnny thought about it and said, "You know, come to think of it, we went to Ohio."

## **20. SUMMER VACATION**

Summer vacation was over and the teacher asked little Sammy about his family trip.

"We visited my grandmother in Minneapolis, Minnesota."

The teacher asked, "Good, can you tell the class how you spell that?"

Sammy said, "Actually, we went to Ohio."

## **21. LOGIC LESSON**

A fourth-grade teacher was giving her pupils a lesson in logic. "Here is the situation," she said. "A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help. His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank?"

A little girl raised her hand and asked, "To draw out all his savings?"

## **22. MENTAL TEST**

Q: What do you put in a toaster?

A: The answer is bread. If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else before you hurt yourself. If you said "bread", go to the next question.

Q: Say "silk" five times. Now, spell "silk." What do cows drink?

A: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," please do not attempt the next question. Your brain is obviously overstressed and may even overheat. It may be that you need to content yourself with reading something more appropriate such as "Children's World." If you said "water," then proceed to the next question.

Q: If a red house is made with red bricks, a blue house is made with blue bricks, a pink house is made with pink bricks, a black house is made with black bricks, what is a greenhouse made with?



A: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks," what the heck are you still doing here reading these questions? If you said "glass," then go on to the next question.

Q: Twenty years ago, a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany. Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing. Unfortunately, the engine fails before he has time and the plane crashes smack in the middle of "no-man's-land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors – East Germany or West Germany or in "no-man's-land"?

A: You don't, of course, bury the survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you are a real dunce and you must NEVER try to rescue anyone from a plane crash. Your efforts would not be appreciated... If you said, "Don't bury the survivors" then proceed to the next question.

Q: If the hour hand on a clock moves  $1/60^{\text{th}}$  of a degree every minute, then how many degrees will the hour hand move in one hour?

A: One degree. If you said "360 degrees" or anything else other than "one degree," you are to be congratulated on getting this far, but you are obviously out of your league. Turn your pencil in and exit the room. Everyone else proceed to the final question.

Q: Without using a calculator – You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. Now, what was the name of the bus driver?

A: Oh, come on now... It was you!

## **4. DRIVING**

### **1. IRATE DRIVER**

A man is being tail-gated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turns yellow, just in front of him. He does the honest thing, and stops at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tail-gating woman hits the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she misses her chance to get through the intersection behind him. As she is still in mid-rant, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer orders her to exit her car with her hands up. He takes her to the police station where she is searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell and opens the door. She is escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer is waiting with her personal effects.

He says, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally I assumed you had stolen the car.

### **2. ACCIDENT PREVENTION TALK**

As a traffic safety consultant, I often gave talks on accident prevention. One night after I spoke to a PTA group, the program chairperson thanked me profusely and gave me a check for fifty dollars.

"Giving these presentations is a part of my job," I said. "Could I donate the money to one of your causes?"

"That would be wonderful!" she gushed. "We have just the program that could use it. We're trying to raise money so we can afford better speakers."

### **3. BASIC RULES FOR DRIVING**

1. Turn signals will give away your next move. A real driver never uses them.

2. Under no circumstances should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, or the space will be filled by somebody else putting you in an even more dangerous situation.

3. Crossing two or more lanes in a single lane change is considered going with the flow.

4. The faster you drive through a red light, the less chance you have of getting hit.

5. Never, ever come to a complete stop at a stop sign. No one expects it and it will inevitably result in you being rear-ended. If you want your insurance company to pay for a new rear bumper, come to a complete stop at all stop signs.

6. A right lane construction closure is just a game to see how many people can cut in line by passing you on the right, as you sit in the left lane waiting for the same jerks to squeeze their way back in before hitting the orange construction barrels.

7. Braking is to be done as hard and late as possible to ensure that your ABS kicks in, giving a nice, relaxing foot massage as the brake pedal pulsates. For those of you without ABS, it's a chance to stretch your legs.

8. Never pass on the left when you can pass on the right. It's a good way to scare people entering the highway.

9. Speed limits are arbitrary figures, given only as suggestions and are apparently not enforceable during rush hour.

10. Just because you're in the left lane and have no room to speed up or move over, doesn't mean that a driver flashing his high beams behind you doesn't think he can go faster in your spot.

11. It is traditional to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes.

12. Remember that the goal of every driver is to get there first, by whatever means necessary.

#### **4. BLACK BOXES INSTALLED**

The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with the US auto makers for the past five years, whereby the auto makers were installing black boxes in four-wheel drive pickup trucks in an effort to determine, in fatal accidents, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash.

They were surprised to find in 45 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of fatal crashes were, "Oh, My God!"

Only the states of North Carolina and South Carolina were different, where 89.3 percent of the final words were: "Hold my beer and watch this!"

#### **5. BURMA SHAVE**

Trains don't wander	She kissed the hairbrush
All over the map	By mistake
'Cause nobody sits	She thought it was
In the engineer's lap	Her husband Jake
Burma Shave	Burma Shave

[Remember these? For those who never saw the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's. Before the Interstates, when everyone drove the

old two lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing one line of a four line couplet and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream. Here are more of the actual signs.]

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD  
TO GAIN A MINUTE  
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD  
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG  
DRIVER SNOOZING  
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT  
IS NOT AMUSING

Burma Shave

BROTHER SPEEDER  
LET'S REHEARSE  
ALL TOGETHER  
GOOD MORNING NURSE

Burma Shave

BY CAUTIOUS RIDER  
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR  
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL  
AND MORE STEER

Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH  
WEATHER WAS NOT  
TIRES WERE THIN  
X MARKS THE SPOT

Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE  
NO MATTER HOW NEW  
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE  
IN THE CAR IS YOU

Burma Shave

A GUY WHO DRIVES  
A CAR WIDE OPEN  
IS NOT THINKIN'  
HE'S JUST HOPIN'

Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS  
LOOK EACH WAY  
A HARP SOUNDS NICE  
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY

Burma Shave

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL  
EYES ON THE ROAD  
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL  
DRIVER'S CODE

Burma Shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES  
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING  
DEPENDS ON YOU  
TO DO HIS THINKING

Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE  
OF PAUL FOR BEER  
LED TO A WARMER  
HEMISPHERE  
Burma Shave  
AROUND THE CURVE  
LICKETY-SPLIT  
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CAR  
WASN'T IT?  
Burma Shave

CAR IN DITCH  
DRIVER IN TREE  
THE MOON WAS FULL  
AND SO WAS HE.  
Burma Shave  
[And my all time favorite]  
PASSING SCHOOL ZONE  
TAKE IT SLOW  
LET OUR LITTLE  
SHAVERS GROW  
Burma Shave

[Do these bring back memories?? If not, you are such a child. If they do, you're older than dirt, like me!]

## **6. CAR LOCATOR**

After shopping at a busy store, another woman and I happened to leave at the same time, only to be faced with the daunting task of finding our cars in the crowded parking lot. Just then my car horn beeped, and I was able to locate my vehicle easily. Wow," the woman said. "I sure could use a gadget like that to help me find my car."

"Actually," I replied, "that's my husband."

## **7. CAR RENTAL**

On duty as a customer-service rep for a car-rental company, I took a call from a driver who needed a tow. He was stranded on a busy highway, but he didn't know the make of the car he was driving. I asked again for a more detailed description beyond "a blue four-door."

After a pause, the driver replied, "It's the one on fire."

## **8. COOKIE MONSTER**

Returning from a trip to visit my grandmother in Canada, I was stopped by a state trooper in New York for exceeding the speed limit. Grateful to have received a warning instead of a ticket, I gave him a small bag of my grandmother's delicious chocolate chip cookies and proceeded on my way.

Later, I was stopped by another trooper. "What have I done?" I asked.

"Nothing," the trooper said, smiling. "I heard you were passing out great chocolate chip cookies."

## **9. DODGING CARS**

There's a man trying to cross the street. As he steps off the curb a car comes screaming around the corner and heads straight for him. The man walks faster, trying to hurry across the street, but the car changes lanes and is still coming at him.

So the guy turns around to go back, but the car changes lanes again and is still coming at him.

By now, the car is so close and the man so scared that he just freezes and stops in the middle of the road.

The car gets real close, then swerves at the last possible moment and screeches to a halt right next him.

The driver rolls down the window.

The driver is a squirrel.

The squirrel says to the man, "See, it's not as easy as it looks, is it?"

## **10. FIRST DRIVING LESSON**

My teenaged niece Elizabeth was nervous as she took the wheel for her first driving lesson. As she was pulling out of the parking lot, the instructor said, "Turn left here, and don't forget to let the people behind you know what you're doing."

Elizabeth turned to the students sitting in the back seat and announced, "I'm going left."

## 11. FORENSICS

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding ...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, four years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see... Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes five police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please!

The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem, sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?



Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer. The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

Don't Mess With Old Ladies.

## **12. GHOST CAR**

A man stood on the side of the road hitch hiking on a very dark night in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling and no cars passed. The storm was so strong, he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly he saw a car come towards him and stop.

The guy, without thinking about it, got in the car and closed the door to realize that nobody was behind the wheel. The car started slowly. The guy looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way.

Scared, he started praying, and begged for his life. He hadn't come out of shock, when just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and moved the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appeared every time before a curve.

The guy gathered strength, got out of the car and ran to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he ran into a cantina and asked for two shots of tequila, and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through. A silence enveloped everybody when they realized the guy was crying and wasn't drunk.

About half an hour later, two guys walked into the same cantina, and one said to the other. "Look, that's the character who climbed into the car while we were pushing!"

### **13. MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE**

A young man walked into our insurance office to purchase coverage for his new motorcycle. Only one question confused him. "Do you have a lien holder on the vehicle?"

"I've got a kickstand," the prospect replied. "Is that the same thing?"

### **14. OLD COUPLE**

A nearly blind old man and his nearly deaf wife are out for a drive one day. And since the man can hardly see and he has bad nerves, his driving is bad.

A sheriff is sitting in his speed trap behind his billboard when he sees the car swerving down the road. He pulls out behind the car and turns on his lights and siren.

The old man hearing the siren pulls the car over. The sheriff walks up to the drivers side door... "Can I see your drivers license and registration" He asks the old man. "What did he say?" asks the deaf old woman. "HE SAID HE NEEDS TO SEE MY LICENSE AND REGISTRATION."

"Oh. Okay then." replies the old lady. "Do you know why I pulled you over?" the sheriff asks. "Well, not really" replies the old man.

"What did he say?" asks the old woman. "HE WANTED TO KNOW IF I KNEW WHY HE PULLED US OVER" shouted the old man as he hands the papers to the sheriff.

The sheriff looks at the man's license. "It says here that you are from Wilmington, is that true?" asks the sheriff. "What did he say?" again inquires the old woman. "HE WANTS TO KNOW IF WE'RE FROM WILMINGTON" the old man shouts into his wife's ear.

"Oh. Alright then. You know", says the sheriff, "the worst gal I ever had was a gal from Wilmington." "What did he say?" asks the old woman.

The man leans over and shouts "HE THINKS HE KNOWS YOU."

## **15. PARKING TICKET**

I went to the store the other day, and I was in there for only about five minutes.

When I came out there was a motorcycle cop writing a parking ticket.

So I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket.

So I called him a pencil-necked Nazi.

He glared at me and started writing another ticket for worn tires!

So I called him a piece of horse manure.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket!

This went on for about 20 minutes... The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner.

## **16. PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE**

There was this fellow from Eastern Kentucky who had a flat tire. He pulled off on the side of the road, jumped out of his car, walked down the hillside and picked a bunch of wildflowers, and proceeded to put one bouquet of the flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

The man replied, "I have a flat tarr."

In response the passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back! I never did understand it neither."

## **17. TEXAS TROOPER**

Two men are driving through Texas when they get pulled over by a state trooper. The trooper walks up and taps on the window with his nightstick, the driver rolls down the window and "WHACK," the trooper smacks him in the head with the stick.

The driver says, "What the heck was that for?"

The trooper says, "You're in Texas, son. When we pull you over, you better have your license ready when we get to your car."

The driver says, "I'm sorry, officer, I'm not from around here."

The trooper runs a check on the guy's license, and he's clean. He gives the guy his license back and walks around to the passenger side and taps on the window. The passenger rolls his window down, and "WHACK," the trooper smacks him with the nightstick, too.

The passenger says, "What did you do that for?"

The trooper says, "Just making your wish come true."

The passenger says, "Huh?"

The trooper says, "I know that two miles down the road you're gonna say, 'I wish that jerk would've tried that bull with me.'"

## **18**

The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman.

"What are you doing out here at 2 a.m.?" asked the officer.

"I'm going to a lecture." The man said.

"And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked.

"My wife," said the man.

## **19. THE STORY**

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident; it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly, neither of them is hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man. That's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

Touched, the man replies, "Oh yes, I agree with you completely, this must be a sign from God!" The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune."

Then she hands the bottle to the man. He man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle, then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle and immediately puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police."

**MORAL OF THE STORY:** Women are clever, intelligent and cruel creatures. Don't mess with them.

## **20. TWO TYPES OF DRIVERS**

There are only two kinds of drivers: Idiots and Maniacs. Idiots include anyone that drives slower than me, and the Maniacs are everyone that drives faster than me.

## **21. WE ALWAYS GO THE EXTRA MILE**

Driving down the highway one day, I saw this slogan on the back of a well-known trucking company's vehicle: "We Always Go the Extra Mile."

Then I noticed another phrase scrawled in the dirt just below it: "That's Because We Missed the Last Exit."

## **22. WIRE COAT HANGER**

One rainy evening, my husband, John, and I emerged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found.

John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile away and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat there, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat. With a smug grin, he said, "Now if this ever happens again, I'll have one."

## **23. REALLY, REALLY BAD TRAFFIC**

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Freeway congestion is getting so bad, you can change a tire without losing your place in line.

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All across the country rush hour traffic is bumper to bumper. The next thing they'll be selling is anti-perspirant to put under your car's fenders.

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Traffic is always heavy in both directions. There are just as many people trying to get to whatever you're trying to get away from.

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You have mixed feelings when you see an opening in rush hour traffic. You're glad for the opening, but you wonder who died.

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It's useless to print roadmaps anymore. You just get on the highway and go wherever the other cars take you.

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The only way to get home from work on time is to take the day off... even then, you're cutting it close.

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Traffic is so bad nowadays, a pedestrian is someone in a hurry.

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You can sit on the highways forever. In fact, some places have little exit ramps where you can pull over and make a car payment.

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During rush hour the only way you can change lanes is to buy the car driving next to you.

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Remember the good old days when traffic used to be bumper to bumper? Now it's windshield wiper to windshield wiper.

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Our highways have become insane asylums with turn signals.

## 5. FLYING

### 1. FLIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT

[Thanks to a retired Air Force officer for sending this "paraphrase" of a memorable public safety announcement from Alaska Air flight attendants... "I was flying to San Francisco from Seattle this weekend, and the flight attendant reading the flight safety information had the whole plane looking at each other like 'what the heck?' (Getting Seattle people to look at each other is an accomplishment.) So once we got airborne, I took out my laptop and typed up what she said so I wouldn't forget. I've left out a few parts I'm sure, but this is most of it."]

**Before takeoff.** Hello and welcome to Alaska Flight 438 to San Francisco. If you're going to San Francisco, you're in the right place. If you're not going to San Francisco, you're about to have a really long evening.

We'd like to tell you now about some important safety features of this aircraft. The most important safety feature we have aboard this plane is... the flight attendants. Please look at one now.

There are five exits aboard this plane: two at the front, two over the wings, and one out the plane's rear end. If you're seated in one of the exit rows, please do not store your bags by your feet. That would be a really bad idea. Please take a moment and look around and find the nearest exit. Count the rows of seats between you and the exit. In the event that the need arises to find one, trust me, you'll be glad you did. [This is excellent advice, and something I always do.] We have pretty blinking lights on the floor that will blink in the direction of the exits. White ones along the normal rows, and pretty red ones at the exit rows.

In the event of a loss of cabin pressure, these baggy things will drop down over your head. You stick it over your nose and mouth like the flight attendant is doing now. The bag won't inflate, but there's oxygen there, promise. If you are sitting next to a small child, or someone who is acting like a small child, please do us all a favor and put on your mask first. If you are traveling with two or more children, please take a moment now to decide which one is your favorite. Help that one first, and then work your way down.

In the seat pocket in front of you is a pamphlet about the safety features of this plane. I usually use it as a fan when I'm having my own personal summer. It makes a very good fan. It also has pretty pictures. Please take it out and play with it now.

Please take a moment now to make sure your seat belts are fastened low and tight about your waist. To fasten the belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle. To release, it's a pulley thing – not a pushy thing like your car because you're in an airplane.

HELLO!! There is no smoking in the cabin on this flight. There is also no smoking in the lavatories. If we see smoke coming from the lavatories, we will assume you are on fire and put you out. This is a free service we provide. There



are two smoking sections on this flight, one outside each wing exit. We do have a movie in the smoking sections tonight... hold on, let me check what it is... Oh here it is; the movie tonight is Gone with the Wind.

In a moment we will be turning off the cabin lights, and it's going to get really dark, really fast. If you're afraid of the dark, now would be a good time to reach up and press the yellow button. The yellow button turns on your reading light. Please don't press the orange button unless you absolutely have to. The orange button is your seat ejection button.

We're glad to have you with us on board this flight. Thank you for choosing Alaska Air and giving us your business and your money. If there's anything we can do to make you more comfortable, please don't hesitate to ask. If you all weren't strapped down, you would have given me a standing ovation, wouldn't you?

**After landing.** Welcome to the San Francisco International Airport. Sorry about the bumpy landing. It's not the captain's fault. It's not the copilot's fault. It's the Asphalt. Please remain seated until the plane is parked at the gate. At no time in history has a passenger beaten a plane to the gate. So please don't even try. Please be careful opening the overhead bins because "shift happens." [Alan Burgess]

## **2. FROM GRIPE SHEETS**

[After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident. (??)

P = the problem logged by the pilot.

S = the solution and action taken by the mechanics.]

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P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

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P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

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P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

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P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

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P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

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P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

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P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

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P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

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P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

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P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

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P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

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P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

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P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

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P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

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P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget  
pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

### **3. DEFINING PILOTS**

A little boy, who is looking up at the high flying vapor trails, says to his  
father, "Dad, when I grow up I want to be a pilot".

The father wisely replies, "Son, you can't do both".

### **4. STORIES FROM TRAVEL AGENTS**

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I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman ask for an aisle seat so that her  
hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

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I got a call from a candidate's staffer, who wanted to go to Capetown. I  
started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, then she

interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts." Without trying to make her look like the stupid one, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa." Her response: click.

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A senior Vermont Congressman called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie to me, look at the map, Florida is a very thin state!"

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I got a call from a lawmaker's wife who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?" I said, "No." She said, "But they look so close on the map."

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An aide for a Bush cabinet member once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. When I pulled up the reservation, I noticed he had only a one-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between the gates to save time."

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An Illinois Congresswoman called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20 a.m. and got into Chicago at 8:33 a.m. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

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A New York lawmaker called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, "No, why do you ask?" She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline,

they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that is very rude?" After putting her on hold for a minute while I 'looked into it' (I was actually laughing) I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, CA is (FAT), and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

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A Senator's aide called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

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I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?" I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these darn planes have numbers on them."

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A lady Senator called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola, FL. Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?" I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola, FL on a commuter plane. She said, "Yeah, whatever!"

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A senior Senator called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him that he needed a visa. "Oh, no I don't. I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those."! I double checked and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this he said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

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A New Mexico Congresswoman called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York." The agent was at a loss for words. Finally, the agent said, "Are you sure that's the name of the town?" "Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the lady. After some searching, the agent came back with,

"I'm sorry, ma'am, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a Rhino anywhere." The lady retorted, "Oh, don't be silly! Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" The agent scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?" "That's it! I knew it was a big animal," she said.

[Now you know why Government is in the shape that it's in!]

## **5. A SHORT TAKE**

Rumor has it that the propeller on any light aircraft is only there to keep the pilot and passengers cool.

What, you don't believe this?

If it stops, watch them start to sweat!

## **6. FLYING BUSINESS CLASS**

A large company offered to fly me out to a meeting business class. During the return flight we were given gourmet brownies and cookies. Not hungry, I decided to save them for later, so I placed them in an air sickness bag.

After the plane landed I got up to leave and a stewardess approached me. She asked, "Sir, would you like for me to dispose of that for you?"

I said, "No thanks, I'm saving it for my kids."

## **7. SIGNS YOU'VE CHOSEN A "NO FRILLS" AIRLINE**

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You can't board the plane unless you have the exact change.

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Before you take off, the stewardess tells you to fasten your Velcro.

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The Captain asks all the passengers to chip in a little for gas.

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When they pull the steps away, the plane starts rocking.

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The Captain yells at the ground crew to get the cows off the runway.

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You ask the Captain how often their planes crash and he says, "Just once."

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No movie. Don't need one. Your life keeps flashing before your eyes.

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You see a man with a gun, but he's demanding to be let off the plane.

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All the planes have both a bathroom and a chapel.

## **8. AIRPORT MISTLETOE**

It was the beginning of December. The trip had gone reasonably well, and he was ready to go back. The airport on the other hand had turned a tacky red and green, and loudspeakers blared annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas carols.

Being someone who took Christmas very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was not in a particularly good mood.

Going to check in his luggage (which, for some reason, had become one suitcase with entirely new clothes), he saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap plastic with red paint on some of the rounder parts and green paint on some of the flatter and "pointier" parts, that could be taken for mistletoe only in a very Picasso sort of way.

With a considerable degree of irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the lady attendant, "Even if I were not married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe."

"Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is." (pause)

"Ok, I see that it's above the luggage scale, which is the place you'd have to step forward for a kiss."

"That's not why it's there." (pause)

"Ok, I give up. Why is it there?"

"It's there so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

## **9. AUTOMATIC AEROPLANE**

The world's first fully computerized airliner was ready for its maiden flight without pilots or crew. The plane taxied to the loading area automatically, its doors opened automatically, the steps came out automatically. The passengers boarded the plane and took their seats.

The steps retreated automatically, the doors closed, and the airplane taxied toward the runway.

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen," a voice intoned. "Welcome to the debut of the world's first fully computerized airliner. Everything on this aircraft is run electronically. Just sit back and relax. Nothing can go wrong... Nothing can go wrong... nothing can go wrong... "

## **10. HELICOPTER DOWN**

While ferrying workers back and forth from our offshore oil rig, the helicopter I was on lost power and went down.

Fortunately, it landed safely in a lake. Struggling to get out, one man tore off his seat belt, inflated his life vest and jerked open the exit door.

"Don't jump!" the pilot called out. "This thing is supposed to float!"

As the man leapt from the helicopter into the lake, he yelled back, "Yeah, and it's supposed to fly too!"



## **11. LUGGAGE PICK-UP AT THE AIRPORT**

Mr. Smith was a traveling salesman and frequent flyer, so he was always very, VERY careful to mark his luggage so that no one would mistakenly take his bags. He always did this carefully, with bright ribbons and tape, so he was quite surprised to see his bags grabbed by a well dressed man.

Mr. Smith pointed out the colored ribbons tied to the handle, and the fluorescent tape on the sides. "Were your bags marked like this?", he asked.

"Actually", the man replied, "I was wondering who did this to my luggage."

## **12. THE FREE VACATION**

A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an older lady and an older gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had had a good week and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a rare feeling of generosity.

He called them into his shop and said, "I know that on your pension you could never hope to have a holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer."

He took them inside and asked his secretary to write two flight tickets and book a room in a five star hotel. They, as can be expected, gladly accepted, and were on their way.

About a month later the little lady came in to his shop. "And how did you like your holiday?" he asked eagerly.

"The flight was exciting and the room was lovely," she said. "I've come to thank you. But, one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?"

## **13. TIME TRAVEL**

Unaware that Indianapolis is on Eastern Standard Time and Chicago on Central Standard Time, Bob inquired at the Indianapolis airport about a plane to Chicago.

"The next flight leaves at 1:00 p.m.," a ticket agent said, "and arrives in Chicago at 1:01 p.m."

"Would you repeat that, please?" Bob asked.

The agent did so and then inquired, "Do you want a reservation?"

"No," said Bob, "But I think I'll hang around and watch that thing take off!"

#### **14. VOLUNTEERS**

On the way back to New York as I was sitting in the Phoenix airport, they announced that a flight to Las Vegas was full. The airline was looking for volunteers to give up their seats. In exchange, they'd give you a \$100 voucher for your next flight and a first class seat in the plane leaving an hour later.

About eight people ran up to the counter to take advantage of the offer. About 15 seconds later all eight of those people sat down grumpily as the lady behind the ticket counter said, "If there is anyone else OTHER than the flight crew who'd like to volunteer, please step forward."

#### **15. GENERAL OFFICERS**

Three men are sitting stiffly side by side on a long plane flight. After they're airborne and the plane has leveled off the man in the window seat suddenly says, distinctly and confidently, in a low voice, "General, United States Army, retired. Married, two sons, both surgeons."

After a few minutes the man in the aisle seat states through a tight-lipped smile, "General, United States Air Force, retired. Married, two sons, both judges."

After some thought, the fellow in the center seat decides to introduce himself. With a twinkle in his eye he proclaims, "Master Gunnery Sergeant, United States Marines, retired. Never married, two sons, both generals."

## 16. PILOTS AND GROUND CONTROL

[Here are some conversations that airline passengers normally will never hear. The following are accounts of actual exchanges between airline pilots and control towers from around the world]

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While taxiing at London Gatwick, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727.

An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going?! I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!"

Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out in Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"

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A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able... If not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

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The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206":

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven." The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944 – but I didn't land."

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A Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."

Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war!"

# PART V. The English Language

## 1. REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS HARD TO LEARN

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

## **2. REASONS WHY ENGLISH IS AN ODD LANGUAGE**

Let's face it.

English is an odd language.

There is no egg in the eggplant,

No ham in the hamburger,

And neither pine nor apple in the pineapple.

English muffins were not invented in England.

French fries were not invented in France.

We sometimes take English for granted,

But if we examine its paradoxes we find that

Quicksand takes you down slowly,

Boxing rings are square,

And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

If writers write, how come fingers don't fing.

If the plural of tooth is teeth,

Shouldn't the plural of phone booth be phone beeth?

If the teacher taught,

Why didn't the preacher praught.

If a vegetarian eats vegetables,

What the heck does a humanitarian eat!?

Why do people recite at a play,

Yet play at a recital?

Park on driveways and

Drive on parkways?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy  
Of a language where a house can burn up as  
It burns down,  
And in which you fill in a form  
By filling it out,  
And a bell is only heard once it goes!

English was invented by people, not computers,  
And it reflects the creativity of the human race  
(Which of course isn't a race at all).

That is why  
When the stars are out they are visible,  
But when the lights are out they are invisible.  
And why it is that when I wind up my watch  
It starts,  
But when I wind up this poem  
It ends.

### **3. PONDERING**

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?

10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposite?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
25. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
26. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
27. Christmas is weird. What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

#### **4. EURO ENGLISH**

The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro, for short).



In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k." Not only will this klear up konfusion but typewriters kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 perzent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent "e's" in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl will be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v".

During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou", and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis, evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

## **5. A LITTLE LOL**

In a restroom at the plush office, a manager had placed a sign directly above the sink. It had a single word on it – "THINK!"

The next day, when he went to the restroom, he looked at the sign and right below, immediately above the soap dispenser, someone had carefully lettered another sign which read – "THOAP!"

## **6. ANSWERS**

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Question: "If you could live forever, would you and why?"

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever." [Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest]

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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that but not with all those flies and death and stuff." [Mariah Carey]

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"Researchers have discovered that chocolate produces some of the same reactions in the brain as marijuana. The researchers also discovered other similarities between the two, but can't remember what they are." [Matt Lauer on NBC's Today show, August 22, 1999]

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"I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law." [David Dinkins, New York City Mayor, answering accusations that he failed to pay his taxes]

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"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life." [Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign]

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"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body." [Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward]

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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country." [Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC]

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"We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees." [Jason Kidd, upon his drafting to the Dallas Mavericks]

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"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president." [Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents]

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"China is a big country, inhabited by many Chinese." [Former French President Charles De Gaulle]

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"The government is not doing enough about cleaning up the environment. This is a good planet." [Mr. New Jersey contestant when asked what he would do with a million dollars]

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"I don't feel we did wrong in taking this great country away from them. There were great numbers of people who needed new land, and the Indians were selfishly trying to keep it for themselves." [John Wayne]

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"Half this game is ninety percent mental." [Philadelphia Phillies manager Danny Ozark]

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"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." [Former US Vice-president Dan Quayle]

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"Without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind." [General William Westmoreland]

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"If you let that sort of thing go on, your bread and butter will be cut right out from under your feet." [Former British foreign minister Ernest Bevin]

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"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix." [Former US Vice-president Dan Quayle]

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"The private enterprise system indicates that some people have higher incomes than others." [Gerry Brown]

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"It's no exaggeration to say that the undecideds could go one way or another." [George Bush, US President]

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"I have opinions of my own strong opinions – but I don't always agree with them." [George Bush, US President]

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"Not only is he ambidextrous, but he can throw with either hand." [Duffy Daugherty, football coach and sports analyst]

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"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?" [Lee Iacocca]

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"Please provide the date of your death." [from an IRS letter]

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"I was under medication when I made the decision to burn the tapes." [Richard Nixon, US President]

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"I was provided with additional input that was radically different from the truth. I assisted in furthering that version." [Colonel Oliver North, from his Iran-Contra testimony]

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"We are sorry to announce that Mr. Albert Brown has been quite unwell, owing to his recent death, and is taking a short holiday to recover." [Parish Magazine]

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"Men, I want you just thinking of one word all season. One word and one word only: Super Bowl." [Bill Peterson, football coach]

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"Hawaii is a unique state. It is a small state. It is a state that is by itself. It is a... – it is different from the other 49 states. Well, all states are different, but it's got a particularly unique situation." [Dan Quayle, US VP]

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"Be sure and put some of those neutrons on it." [Mike Smith, Baseball pitcher, ordering a salad at a restaurant]

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"We are not without accomplishment. We have managed to distribute poverty equally." [Nguyen Co Thatch, Vietnamese foreign minister]

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"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." [Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback and sports analyst]

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"Fiction writing is great. You can make up almost anything." [Ivana Trump, upon finishing her first novel]

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"I've read about foreign policy and studied – I know the number of continents." [George Wallace, 1968 presidential campaign]

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"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people." [Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor]

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"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." [Dan Quayle]

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"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur." [Dan Quayle]

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"Potatoe" [Dan Quayle]

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"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas." [Keppel Enderbery]

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"The loss of life will be irreplaceable." [Dan Quayle]

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"I was recently on a tour of Latin America, and the only regret I have is that I didn't study my Latin harder in school so I could converse with those people."  
[Dan Quayle]

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"What a waste it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is." [Dan Quayle]

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"A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on." [Samuel Goldwyn]

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"It is wonderful to be here in the great state of Chicago..." [Dan Quayle]

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"The people in the Navy look on motherhood as being compatible with being a woman." [Rear Admiral James R. Hogg]

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"I stand by all the misstatements that I've made." [Dan Quayle]

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"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances." [Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina]

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"We apologize for the error in last week's paper in which we stated that Mr. Arnold Dogbody was a defective in the police force. We meant, of course, that Mr. Dogbody is a detective in the police farce." [Correction Notice in the Ely Standard, a British newspaper]

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"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record." [Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman]

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"One of their children, Cain, once asked, 'Am I my brother's son?'" [Student bloopers]

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"Caution: Cape does not enable user to fly." [Batman Costume warning label]

## **7. HOW (NOT) TO SPEAK ENGLISH PROPERLY**

1. Verbs HAS to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat)
6. Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments.
11. Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
12. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. One should NEVER generalize.
15. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
16. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
17. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
18. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
19. The passive voice is to be ignored.
20. Eliminate commas, that are, not necessary. Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.
21. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
22. Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.

23. Understatement is always the absolute best way to put forth earth-shaking ideas.

24. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."

25. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times: Resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.

26. Puns are for children, not groan readers.

27. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.

28. Even IF a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.

29. Who needs rhetorical questions?

30. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

[And the last one:]

31. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

## **8. ANCESTORS**

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose – how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair.

The author said he could handle the story tactfully.

The book appeared. It said "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

## **9. ANAGRAM**

[An Anagram, as you all know, is a word or phrase made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase.]

DORMITORY: DIRTY ROOM

EVANGELIST: EVIL'S AGENT



DESPERATION: A ROPE ENDS IT  
THE MORSE CODE: HERE COME DOTS  
SLOT MACHINES: CASH LOST IN 'EM  
ANIMOSITY: IS NO AMITY  
MOTHER-IN-LAW: WOMAN HITLER  
SNOOZE ALARMS: ALAS! NO MORE Z'S  
A DECIMAL POINT: I'M A DOT IN PLACE  
THE EARTHQUAKES: THAT QUEER SHAKE  
ELEVEN PLUS TWO: TWELVE PLUS ONE

### **10. A BANKING CLASSIC**

[The letter to the bank below is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by a 96 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.]

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire salary, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, prerecorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at

your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

1. To make an appointment to see me.
2. To query a missing payment.
3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.
8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.
9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

## **11. BAD HEADLINES**

March Planned For Next August

Blind Bishop Appointed To See

Lingerie Shipment Hijacked – Thief Gives Police The Slip

L.A. Voters Approve Urban Renewal By Landslide

Patient At Death's Door – Doctors Pull Him Through

Latin Course To Be Canceled – No Interest Among Students, Et Al.

Diaper Market Bottoms Out

Stadium Air Conditioning Fails – Fans Protest

Queen Mary Having Bottom Scraped

Henshaw Offers Rare Opportunity to Goose Hunters

## **12. HEADLINES 2002**

[Here's a few curious headlines from 2002: To all those journalists, purported English speakers and those who think they have mastered English and the rest of us simple readers... ]

1. Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

2. Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

3. Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

4. Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus?

5. Teacher Strikes Idle Kids

6. Miners Refuse to Work after Death

7. Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

8. War Dims Hope for Peace

9. If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

10. Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
11. Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
12. Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
13. Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
14. Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
15. New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
26. Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

### **13. GM'S ANNUAL REPORT**

My company had a successful year, and at the annual meeting, employees eagerly awaited the general manager's report on the performance of our branch.

"You are the role models of our company," he proudly announced. "I can tell you that whenever the owners talk about you and your office, they use nothing but expletives." A stunned silence followed.

Then the manager blushed, cleared his throat, and added, "I meant superlatives."

### **15. POLITICALLY CORRECT**

[How to speak about **women** and be politically correct (2004 version)]

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She is not a SCREAMER or MOANER –

She is VOCALLY APPRECIATIVE.

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She is not DUMB –

She is a DETOUR OFF THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.

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She is not an AIRHEAD –

She is REALITY IMPAIRED.

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She does not get DRUNK or TIPSY –

She gets CHEMICALLY INCONVENIENCED.

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She does not NAG YOU –  
She becomes VERBALLY REPETITIVE.

[How to speak about **men** and be politically correct:]

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He does not have a BEER GUT –  
He has developed a LIQUID GRAIN STORAGE FACILITY.

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He is not a BAD DANCER –  
He is OVERLY CAUCASIAN.

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He does not GET LOST ALL THE TIME –  
He INVESTIGATES ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS.

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He is not BALDING –  
He is in FOLLICLE REGRESSION.

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He is not QUIET –  
He is a CONVERSATIONAL MINIMALIST.

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He does not get FALLING-DOWN DRUNK –  
He becomes ACCIDENTALLY HORIZONTAL.

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He does not act like a TOTAL ASS –  
He develops a case of RECTAL-CRANIAL INVERSION.

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He is not stupid –  
He suffers from MINIMAL CRANIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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He is not a MALE CHAUVINIST PIG –  
He has SWINE EMPATHY.

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He is not afraid of COMMITMENT –  
He is MONOGAMOUSLY CHALLENGED.

## **16. ENDING A SENTENCE WITH A PREPOSITION**

[Dear Doctor Science, Is there a reason for not ending a sentence with a preposition that you can think of? – John Mostrom from Seattle, WA]

I must admit I don't know where you're coming from. Correct usage in English and Science is something I've devoted my whole life to. Of course, if I say anything you can't understand, it will just become a new hammer you can try to hit me or another expert over the head with. There are plenty of people like you I can't hope to change the mind of. But then, I've dealt with people like you before. People who don't really want to learn, but just hope to find someone they can publicly disagree with. There's little I can say that your type won't find something to object to.

But getting back to your question, no there's really no reason for not ending a sentence with a preposition, at least none I can think of.

## **17. DEFINITIONS 1**

[From The Washington Post's yearly contest where readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for various words. Especially helpful if you teach English.]

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Flatulence (n.), the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Gargoyle (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Negligent (adj.), a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.

Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.

Sarchasm (n.), the gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the reader who doesn't get it.

Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

## **18. DEFINITIONS 2**

[Each year the Washington Post's Style Invitational asks readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing only one letter and supply a new definition. Here are some of the 2002 winners:]

Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Giraffiti: Vandalism painted very, very high.

Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit).

Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Dopeer Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come.

## **19. DEFINITIONS 3 [2003]**

[Read very slowly – it sometimes takes a while for the light to shine]

Arbitrator: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do

Burglarize: What a crook sees with.

Control: A short, ugly inmate.

Counterfeiters: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.  
Eclipse: What an English barber does for a living.  
Eyedropper: A clumsy ophthalmologist  
Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.  
Left Bank: What the robber did when his bag was full of loot.  
Misty: How golfers create divots.  
Paradox: Two physicians.  
Parasites: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.  
Pharmacist: A helper on the farm.  
Polarize: What penguins see with.  
Primate: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV  
Relief: What trees do in the spring.  
Rubberneck: What you do to relax your wife.  
Seamstress: Describes 250 lbs in a size six.  
Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does.  
Subdued: Like a guy, like works on one of those, like, submarines.  
Sudafed: brought litigation against a government official

## **20. DEFINITIONS BY GENDER**

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THINGY (n.)

female: Any part under a car's hood.

male: The strap fastener on a woman's bra.

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VULNERABLE (adj.)

female: Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

male: Playing football without a helmet.

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COMMUNICATION (n.)

female: The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.



male: Scratching out a note before suddenly taking off for a weekend with the boys.

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COMMITMENT (n.)

female: A desire to get married and raise a family.

male: Not trying to pick up other women while out with one's girlfriend.

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ENTERTAINMENT (n.)

female: A good movie, concert, play or book.

male: Anything that can be done while drinking

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REMOTE CONTROL (n.)

female: A device for changing from one TV channel to another.

male: A device for scanning through all 75 channels every 2 min.

## **21. COMPUTERS: MALE OR FEMALE?**

A language instructor was explaining to her class that French nouns, unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine. Things like 'chalk' or 'pencil,' she described, would have a gender association although in English these words were neutral.

Puzzled, one student raised his hand and asked, "What gender is a computer?"

The teacher wasn't certain which it was, and so divided the class into two groups and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. One group was comprised of the women in the class, and the other, of men. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.

2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you might have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

## **22. WHAT STORE EMPLOYEES REALLY MEAN**

1. "Can I help you get a size?" (Don't touch that, I just spent an hour folding it and I don't need your hands messing it up again.)
2. "Do you need help with anything?" (Quick, my manager is coming around the corner and I need to look busy.)
3. "Welcome to (Store Name Here)!" (Good, another customer to mess up my entire store just to buy a pair of socks.)
4. "Have a nice day!" (Now that you ruined mine.)
5. "Thank you for shopping at (Store Name Here)." (Thanks for emptying your wallet with us!)
6. "Do you need a shopping cart to help you carry your items?" (The more you can carry, the more you can buy!)

7. "I love your shirt! Where did you get it?" (Your shirt is much nicer than the clothes we sell here. Why are you even shopping here?)
8. "Can I help you get something down?" (I'll get a ladder and put it up for you since this other nice customer put it in the absolute wrong place.)
9. "Don't worry about folding it, I can do it." (You would just mess it up again if you folded it.)
10. "No, we don't have any more in the back." (I just don't want to check.)

### **23. TRAVEL GUIDE**

[Tour guide terms and translations]

- "Old world charm" (No bath)
- "Tropical" (Rainy)
- "Majestic setting" (A long way from town)
- "Options galore" (Nothing is included in the itinerary)
- "Secluded hideaway" (Impossible to find or get to)
- "Pre-registered rooms" (Already occupied)
- "Explore on your own" (Pay for it yourself)
- "Knowledgeable trip hosts" (They've flown in an airplane before)
- "No extra fees" (No extras)
- "Nominal fee" (Outrageous charge)
- "Standard" (Sub-standard)
- "Deluxe" (Standard)
- "Superior" (One free shower cap)
- "All the amenities" (Two free shower caps)
- "Plush" (Top and bottom sheets)
- "Gentle breezes" (Occasional Gale-force winds)
- "Light and airy" (No air conditioning)
- "Picturesque" (Theme park nearby)

## **24. THE PARROT**

David received a parrot for his birthday. The parrot was fully-grown with a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive. Those that were not expletives were, to say the least, very rude.

David tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything he could think of to try and set a good example. Nothing worked.

He yelled at the bird and the bird yelled back. He shook the bird and the bird just got more angry, and became even more rude.

Finally, in a moment of desperation, David put the parrot in the freezer.

For a few moments he heard the bird squawk and kick and scream, then suddenly there was quiet – not a sound for half a minute.

David was frightened that he might have hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto David's extended arm and said: "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I will endeavor at once to correct my behavior. I really am truly sorry and beg your forgiveness."

David was astonished at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what had made such a dramatic change when the parrot continued:

"May I ask what the chicken did?"

## **25. ACTUAL CLASSIFIED ADS TAKEN OUT OF NEWSPAPERS**

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FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER. 8 YEARS OLD. HATEFUL LITTLE DOG.

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FREE PUPPIES: 1/2 COCKER SPANIEL 1/2 SNEAKY NEIGHBOR'S DOG.

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FREE PUPPIES: PART GERMAN SHEPHERD, PART STUPID DOG.

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GERMAN SHEPHERD: 85 lbs. NEUTERED. SPEAKS GERMAN. FREE.

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FOUND: DIRTY WHITE DOG. LOOKS LIKE A RAT, BEEN OUT AWHILE.  
BETTER BE REWARD.

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1 MAN, 7 WOMAN HOT TUB – \$850/offer

\*\*\*

SNOW BLOWER FOR SALE. ONLY USED ON SNOWY DAYS.

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COWS, CALVES NEVER BRED, ALSO 1 GAY BULL FOR SALE.

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FULL SIZED MATTRESS. 20 YR. WARRANTY. LIKE NEW. SLIGHT  
URINE SMELL.

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NORDIC TRACK \$300 HARDLY USED, CALL CHUBBY

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HAMMERS – LARGEST SELECTION EVER – "IF IT'S IN STOCK, WE  
HAVE IT!"

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GEORGIA PEACHES, CALIFORNIA GROWN – 89 cents lb.

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NICE PARACHUTE: NEVER OPENED – USED ONCE

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TIRED OF WORKING FOR ONLY \$9.75 PER HOUR? WE OFFER PROFIT  
SHARING AND FLEXIBLE HOURS. STARTING PAY: \$7 – \$9 PER HOUR.

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EXERCISE! EQUIPMENT: QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS & BOX SPRINGS –  
\$175.

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ALZHEIMER'S CENTER PREPARES FOR AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

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OPEN HOUSE BODY SHAPERS TONING SALON FREE COFFEE &  
DONUTS

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FOR SALE BY OWNER

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COMPLETE SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA. 45 VOLUMES.  
EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$1,000.00 OR BEST OFFER. NO LONGER  
NEEDED. GOT MARRIED LAST WEEKEND. WIFE KNOWS  
EVERYTHING.

## **26. A LATIN AMERICAN'S WIFE**

At a posh Manhattan dinner party, a Latin American visitor was telling the guests about his home country and himself. As he concluded, he said, "And I have a charming and understanding wife but, alas, no children."

As his listeners appeared to be waiting for him to continue, he said, haltingly, "You see, my wife is unbearable."

Puzzled glances prompted him to try to clarify the matter: "What I mean is, my wife is inconceivable."

As his companions seemed amused, he floundered deeper into the intricacies of the English language, explaining triumphantly, "That is, my wife, she is impregnable!"

## **27. PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS**

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On a bar of Dial soap: Directions: Use like regular soap.

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On Teco's Tiramisu dessert: Do not turn upside down. Printed on the bottom of the box.)

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On Swedish chain saw: Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.

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On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: Product will be hot after heating.

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On a string of Chinese-made Christmas lights: For indoor or outdoor use only.

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On some Swanson frozen dinners: Serving suggestion: Defrost.

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On a hotel-provided shower cap in a box: Fits one head.

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On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.

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On Boot's Children's Cough Medicine: Do not drive car or operate machinery.

## **28. HI, JACK**

[This is a true story, printed in the Vancouver Sun, June 8, 2000.]

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, MICH. – All someone said was "Hi, Jack!" but at a suburban Detroit airport, that was enough to create a crisis.

A microphone happened to be on Monday when someone greeted the co-pilot aboard a corporate jet, and the tower heard "hijack," police Lieutenant Rick Crigger said.

Oakland International Airport tower officials called the Waterford police.

They in turn called in a whole extra shift of police, the Oakland County Sheriff's department SWAT team, the FBI and other federal authorities.

The plane was told to return to the tower, and the pilot's identification was checked.

"I like false alarms like that," Police Chief John Dean said. "They are good for training purposes. Nobody was hurt and they were just delayed a few minutes."

Once the alarm was over, the law officers could laugh about it.

"They'll probably pass a rule that no one named Jack can ever be hired in aviation again," said Waterford Captain Chuck Jehle.

## **29. EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS SENT TO LANDLORDS**

1. The toilet is blocked and we cannot bathe the children until it is cleared.
2. This is to let you know that there is a smell coming from the man next door.
3. The toilet seat is cracked: where do I stand?
4. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is running away from the wall.
5. I request your permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
6. Our lavatory seat is broken in half and is now in three pieces.
7. Will you please send someone to mend our cracked sidewalk. Yesterday my wife tripped on it and is now pregnant.
8. Our kitchen floor is very damp, we have two children and would like a third, so will you please send someone to do something about it.
9. Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny color and not fit to drink.
10. Could you please send someone to fix our bath tap. My wife got her toe stuck in it and it is very uncomfortable for us.

## **30. CANT SPEL TWO GOOD**

Emily Sue passed away and Bubba called 911. The 911 operator told Bubba that she would send someone out right away.

"Where do you live?" asked the operator.



Bubba replied, "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive."

The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me?"

There was a long pause and finally Bubba said, "How 'bout if I drag her over to Oak Street and you pick her up there?"

### **31. FRENCH SPELLING**

In California's Sonoma Valley, where vineyards cater to wine snobbery, a woman phoned the classified ad department of a newspaper. She offered for sale what sounded like "well-aged Caumeneur."

The ad-taker was unfamiliar with that particular wine, but was used to the infusion of French words into the local vocabulary.

"Could you please spell that?" she asked.

"You know," said the woman impatiently, "C-o-w M-a-n-u-r-e."

### **32. PROVERBS & COUNTER-PROVERBS**

[As any experienced conversationalist can tell you, ambiguity is the key to winning any argument. Following are a few popular proverbs and counter-proverbs that will allow you to turn a conversation in any direction you want. Who can argue with the wit and wisdom of our fore fathers, or even our five fathers?]

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Actions speak louder than words.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

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Look before you leap.

He who hesitates is lost.

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Many hands make light work.

Too many cooks spoil the broth.

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Clothes make the man.

Don't judge a book by its cover.

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Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Better safe than sorry.

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The bigger, the better.

The best things come in small packages.

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Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Out of sight, out of mind.

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What will be, will be.

Life is what you make it.

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Cross your bridges when you come to them.

Forewarned is forearmed.

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What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

One man's meat is another man's poison.

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With age comes wisdom.

Out of the mouths of babes come all wise sayings.

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The more, the merrier.

Two's company; three's a crowd.

### **33. DOG TALKING IN ITS SLEEP**

I have a dog that talks in its sleep. One day a visitor was astonished to hear the dog bellow, "My name is Christopher Columbus! I am seven hundred years old! I own America! I married Marilyn Monroe!"

When the visitor asked what was going on, I replied, "Don't worry about it. It's better to just let sleeping dogs lie."

### **34. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH:**

A chef? (You get buttered up.)  
A chauffeur? (You get taken for a ride.)  
A gambler? (He cheats on you.)  
A telephone operator? (He gives you a phone-y line.)  
A trashman? (He dumps you.)  
A clockmaker? (He two-times you.)  
A pastry cook? (He desserts you.)  
A shoe salesman? (He walks all over you.)  
An elevator operator? (He lets you down.)  
An artist? (He gives you the brush.)  
A jogger? (He gives you the run-around.)

### **35. A BAKER'S JOB**

A baker's job is a piece of cake. Of course if it's a special job he will rise to the occasion. It's the yeast he can do. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis. But they stop making donuts when they get tired of the hole thing. In a bakery, buns usually play a small roll. But tell a baker his dough has fallen, and you'll get a rise out of him. To find out how the business is doing, look at the pie chart. Old bakers never die. They just keep on making more dough.

### **36. PUN-ISHMENT**

Three friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise the necessary funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, the rival florist across town thought the

competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him.

He asked his mother to go and ask the friars to get out of business. They ignored her too. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close their shop.

Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that...

Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.

### **37. PUNS 1**

1. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
2. What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backwards poet writes inverse.
5. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
8. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
9. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
10. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
11. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
12. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
13. Every calendar's days are numbered.
14. A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.
15. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
16. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
17. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
18. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.

19. When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.
20. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
21. Acupuncture is a jab well done.
22. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
23. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
24. Wear short sleeves! Support your right to bare arms!
25. She dumped the guitarist because he wanted to string her along.
26. Dieting is a way of living a little longer by starving yourself to death.
27. When the trucker passed the mountain driving test, he made the grade.
28. Earthquake predictors are faultfinders.
29. After he hung the mirror he reflected on it.
30. Money does not talk. It just goes without saying.
31. A thief who stole cutlery without leaving a clue was called the "stainless stealer."
32. Did you hear about the wife who had plastic surgery? Her husband cut up her credit cards.
33. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
34. I heard of a Pastor who had a special drawer where he filed his bills. It was labeled "Due unto others."
35. She couldn't help throwing up at funerals. She was suffering from Mourning Sickness!
36. A scientist, trying to prove his theorem, was doing a large experiment with liquid chemicals when he fell into the vat and became part of the solution.
37. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and how about one for the road."
38. Note from the Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."
39. I refuse to visit Marx's tomb because it's all just a communist plot.
40. Stable relationships are for horses.

41. There was an English teacher who kept her class spell bound.

42. Old politicians never die, they just get devoted.

### **38. PUNS 2**

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Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. But when they lit a fire in the craft it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

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Farmer Jones's cows had recently stopped giving good milk. So, he went around asking for advice, and someone told him that happy cows give good milk. So every morning he would go out and tell some jokes to his cows, and they would all laugh. But the rest of the cows in that community thought that the jokes were pretty stupid.

Because of this, his cows became the laughing stock of the town.

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Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.

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A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

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"Every time a bell rings, my dog goes and sits in the corner."

Vet: "That's perfectly normal; he's a boxer."

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One young lady told a friend, "Whenever I'm down in the dumps I buy myself a dress." The other one said, "I've always wondered where you got them."

### 39

1. I'm not aging, I just need re-potting.
2. I don't repeat gossip, so listen carefully.
3. Lord, if I can't be skinny, let all my friends be fat.
4. My idea of cleaning the house is sweeping the floor with a glance.
5. I cleaned my house yesterday. Sure wish you could have seen it.
6. This isn't clutter; these are my antiques!
7. Discover wildlife! Have kids!
8. Our policy is to always blame the computer.
9. Your secrets are safe with me and all my friends.
10. Take my advice. I'm not using it!
11. Mom, I'll always love you, but I'll never forgive you for cleaning my face with spit on a hanky.
12. I love to give homemade gifts... umm, which one of the kids would you like?
13. By the time you find greener pastures, you can't climb the fence!
14. This house is protected by killer dust bunnies.
15. Every time I get the urge to exercise, I lie down till the feeling passes.

#### **40. TOP 35 OXIMORONS**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 35. State worker               | 34. Legally drunk         | 33. Exact estimate     |
| 32. Act naturally              | 31. Found missing         | 30. Resident alien     |
| 29. Genuine imitation          | 28. Airline food          | 27. Good grief         |
| 26. Government organization    | 25. Sanitary landfill     | 24. Alone together     |
| 23. Small crowd                | 22. Business ethics       | 21. Soft rock          |
| 20. Amtrak schedule            | 19. Military intelligence | 18. Sweet sorrow       |
| 17. Compassionate conservative | 16. "Now, then "          | 15. Passive aggression |
| 14. Clearly misunderstood      | 13. Peace force           | 12. Extinct life       |
| 11. Plastic glasses            | 10. Terribly pleased      | 9. Computer security   |
| 8. Political science           | 7. Tight slacks           | 6. Definite maybe      |
| 5. Pretty ugly                 | 4. Rap music              | 3. Working vacation    |
| 2. Religious tolerance         | 1. Microsoft Works        |                        |



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