

What Not To Name Your Dog

Everybody who has a dog calls him "Rover" or "Boy". Not me - I call mine Sex.

Now, Sex has been very embarrassing to me. When I went to City Hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk I would like a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like to have one too."

Then I said, "But this is a dog." He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was nine years old."

He said, "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. I told the motel clerk I wanted a room for my wife and I wanted a special room for Sex. He said that every room in the place was for sex. I said, "You don't understand. Sex keeps me awake at night." He said, "Me too."

One day, I entered sex in a contest. Before the competition began, the dog ran away. Another contestant asked me why I was just standing there looking around. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He told me that I should have sold my own tickets. "But you don't understand. I had hoped to have Sex on TV." He called me a show off.

When my wife and I separated, we went to court for custody of the dog. I said, "Your Honor, I had Sex before I was married." He said, "Me too." Then I told him that after I was married, Sex left me. He said, "Me too."

Last night, Sex ran away again. I spent hours looking around town for him. A cop came over and asked me what I was doing in the alley at 4:00am. I said, "I'm looking for Sex."

My case comes up Friday.

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A man went to his dentist because he feels something wrong in his mouth.

The dentist examines him and says, "that new upper plate I put in for you six months ago is eroding. What have you been eating?"

The man replies, "all I can think of is that about four months ago my wife made some asparagus and put some stuff on it that was delicious...Hollandaise sauce. I loved it so much I now put it on everything --- meat, toast, fish, vegetables, everything."

"Well," says the dentist, "that's probably the problem. Hollandaise sauce is made with lots of lemon juice, which is highly corrosive. It's eaten away your upper plate. I'll make you a new plate, and this time use chrome."

"Why chrome?" asks the patient.

To which the dentist replies, "It's simple. Everyone knows that there's no plate like chrome for the Hollandaise!"

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Japanese Banking Crisis

According to inside contacts, the Japanese banking crisis shows no signs of ameliorating. If anything, it's getting worse. Following last week's news that Origami Bank had folded, we are hearing that Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank plans to cut back some of its branches. Karaoke Bank is up for sale and is (you guessed it!) going for a song.

Meanwhile, shares in Kamikaze Bank have nose-dived and 500 back-office staff at Karate Bank got the chop. Analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank and staff there fear they may get a raw deal.

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TOP 50 OXYMORONS

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| 50. Act naturally | 49. Found missing | 48. Resident alien |
| 47. Advanced BASIC | 46. Genuine imitation | 45. Airline Food |
| 44. Good grief | 43. Same difference | 42. Almost exactly |
| 41. Government organization | | 40. Sanitary landfill |
| 39. Alone together | 38. Legally drunk | 37. Silent scream |
| 36. British fashion | 35. Living dead | 34. Small crowd |
| 33. Business ethics | 32. Soft rock | 31. Butt Head |
| 30. Military Intelligence | 29. New classic | 28. New York culture |
| 27. Software documentation | | 26. Sweet sorrow |
| 25. Childproof | 24. "Now, then ..." | 23. Taped live |
| 22. Christian Scientists | 21. Passive aggression | 20. Peace force |
| 19. Synthetic natural gas | 18. Clearly misunderstood | 17. Extinct Life |
| 16. Temporary tax increase | | 15. Computer jock |
| 14. Plastic glasses | 13. Terribly pleased | 12. Tight slacks |
| 11. Computer security | 10. Political science | 9. Definite maybe |
| 8. Twelve-ounce pound cake | | 7. Pretty ugly |
| 6. Diet ice cream | 5. Rap music | 4. Working vacation |
| 3. Exact estimate | 2. Religious tolerance | 1. Microsoft Works |

SIGNS

Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.

Yugoslavian hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

Japanese hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

Lobby of a Moscow hotel across from Russian Orthodox monastery: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

Bangkok dry-cleaners: Drop your trousers here for best results.

Paris dress-shop: Dresses for street walking.

Germany's Black Forest: It is strictly forbidden on our Black Forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

Zurich hotel: Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.

Hong Kong dentist: Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

Ad for donkey rides in Thailand: Would you like to ride on your own ass?

Tokyo bar: Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts.

Copenhagen airline ticket office: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Norwegian cocktail lounge: Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

Roman doctor's office: Specialist in women and other diseases.

Acapulco hotel: The manager has personally passed all the water served here. Best in the long run.

Japanese information booklet about using a hotel air-conditioner: Cooles and Heates: If you want just condition of warm in your room, please control yourself.

Gas station: Coke -- 49 cents. 2 for a dollar.

At an office: "This job is only a test - had it been an actual job, you would have received raises, bonuses and promotions." -Alicia Villarrea

At my University's Student center Bathrooms: "If you see 4 feet instead of 2 under the bathroom door, please notify it immediately to the University Police."

Roosevelt UT road sign: "Rest Area Next Right" - the next right leads a person directly into to a cemetery. -Karen Case

In the local opportunity shop says, "If your going to steal, then smile for the camera." - Michael Silcock

While stopped at an intersection I noticed a man standing on the corner in front of a Burger King. He was holding a sign that read: "Will work for food." If he had only looked up, he would have noticed that the Burger King sign directly above him read: "Now hiring." - James Kelly

HIGHWAY BILLBOARD: "Caution: objects in mirror may have flunked drivers education."

HOTEL: "Help!" We need inn-experienced people

BUTCHER'S WINDOW: Pleased to meat you

AUTO BODY SHOP: May we have the next dents?

SIGN IN AN OFFICE: We shoot every 3rd salesman, and the 2nd one just left

VETERINARIANS WAITING ROOM: Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

AN ELECTRIC COMPANY: "We would be delighted if you send in your bill. However, if you don't, you will be."

BEAUTY SHOP: Dye now!

COMPUTER STORE: "Out for a quick byte"

RESTAURANT WINDOW: Don't stand there and be hungry, come in and get fed up

BOWLING ALLEY: Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop

CAFETERIA: Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria. Socks can eat any place they want

MUSIC LIBRARY: Bach in a minuet

FUNERAL HOME: Drive carefully – we'll wait.

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A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send flowers. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card; it said: "Rest in Peace". The owner was angry and called the florist to complain.

After he'd told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you should imagine this: somewhere there's a funeral today, and they have flowers with a note saying, "Congratulations on your new location!"

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SIGNS ON CHURCH PROPERTY

Free Trip to heaven - Details Inside!

Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

An ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the 10 Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads: For fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

When the bar next to the Lutheran Church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays." The church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one!

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

God so loved the world that he did not send a committee.

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right.

Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday.

Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily.

How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Nonsmoking?

Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low.

But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.

This is a CH_ _ CH. What is missing?" -----> (U R)

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

In the dark? Follow the Son.

Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd!

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A cannibal returns home and tells his wife, "I just brought home an old friend for dinner." The wife says, "Good. Put him in the freezer. We'll have him next week." (Some people are vegetarians, but a cannibal is a humanitarian!)

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The new nurse was eager to please. As she made her first rounds, she said to a very sick patient, "The doctor is very worried about your case. He doesn't think you'll make it. So when he makes his rounds this morning, be cheerful and put on a happy face."

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"I come from a very confused family. During the Civil War my family fought for the East."

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Bob Hill and his new wife, Betty, were vacationing in Europe, as it happens, in Transylvania. They were driving a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It was late, and raining very hard. Bob could barely see 10 feet ahead. Suddenly the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car, but to no avail! The car swerves and smashes into a tree.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his new wife unconscious, her head bleeding! Despite rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he must carry her to the nearest phone. He carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light and heads towards it - it's coming from an old, large house. He approaches the door and knocks. A small, hunched man eventually opens the door.

Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife, Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt.

Can I please use your phone??"

"I'm sorry," replies the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. My master is a doctor. Come in and I will get him."

Bob brings his wife in. An elegant man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor. I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory."

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries; so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table. After a brief exam, Igor's master looks worried. "Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion." Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly. Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his pipe organ. It is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. As the music fills the lab, his eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty Hill's hand twitch. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise! And he's amazed as Betty sits straight up!

Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory, bursts in and shouts to his master: "Master, Master! The Hills are alive with the sound of music!"

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You heard of the insomniac dyslexic atheist?

He stays awake all night trying to prove there is no dog.

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"Where's the English Channel?"

"I don't know - our television doesn't pick it up."

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Did you hear about the dyslexic Rabbi? He walks around saying, "Yo"

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Hilton Hotels buys out cheap student lodging all over Europe and erects luxury rooms in their place. Some think it's a suite deal; others, a hostel takeover.

Did you hear about the new hotel in Moscow? It got a 5 tsar rating.

I shouldn't eat fried foods - they increase my cholesterol. Aorta know better.

And last, who described the anesthesiologist's wife as a knock out?

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Mahatma Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He also was quite spiritual. Even when he was not on a hunger strike, he did not eat much and became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he wound up with very bad breath. Therefore: he came to be known as a ... "Super callused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis."

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Recently a guy in Paris nearly got away with stealing several paintings from the Louvre. However, after planning the crime, getting in and out past security, he was captured only 2 blocks away when his Econoline ran out of petrol. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied: "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh"

A businessman from Wisconsin went on a business trip to Louisiana. On arrival, he immediately plugged his laptop and sent a short e-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer Johnson, at her address, JennJohn@world.net.

Unfortunately, in his haste, he mistyped a letter and the e-mail ended up going to JeanJohn@world.net, a Jean Johnson in Duluth, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away and was buried that day. The preacher's wife took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted: "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"

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Mai Spell Checker

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

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A psychic investigator was examining a haunted house when suddenly a ghost appeared. The investigator asked if he could take its picture, and the ghost agreed. Unfortunately, however, when the negatives were developed they were blank. It seems the spirit was willing but the flash was weak.

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William Safire's Great Rules of Writing

Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing.

Never put statements in the negative form - and don't start sentences with a conjunction.

If you reread your work, you will find on rereading that a great deal of repetition can be avoided by re-reading and editing.

Never use a long word when a diminutive one will do.

Unqualified superlatives are the worst of all.

If any word is improper at the end of a sentence, a linking verb is.

Avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky.

Last, but not least, avoid clichés like the plague.

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Once upon a time, two brooms fell in love and decided to marry. Before the ceremony, the bride broom informed the groom broom that she was expecting a little whiskbroom. The groom broom was aghast! "How is this possible?" he asked. "We've never swept together!"

English Lesson

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman: without her, man is nothing."

So this dude walks into a bar and the bardroid is like, "Whattaya want?" and the dude is like, "Gimme a martinus." and the bardroid is like, "You mean a martinum." and the dude is like, "If I wan..wa..wha?" and the bardroid is like, "You said 'martinus'; that's nominative singular but you were using it as the direct object of the verb so it should be accusative; that'd be 'martinum'." and the dude is like, "OK, I'll have a beer."

Bill Clinton and Al Gore go into a local diner for lunch. As they read the menu the waitress comes over and asks Clinton, "You ready to order?"

Clinton replies, "Yes, I'd like a quickie."

"A quickie?!" the waitress replies, "Sir, given the current situation of your personal life I don't think that is a good idea. I'll come back when you are ready to order from the menu." And she walked away.

Gore leans over to Clinton and says, "I think what you want it a *Quiche*."

A man was sued by a woman for defamation of character - she charged that he'd called her a pig. The man was found guilty and fined. After the trial he asked the judge, "This means that I cannot call Mrs. Johnson a pig?" The judge said that was true.

"Does this mean I cannot call a pig Mrs. Johnson?" the man asked. The judge replied that he could indeed call a pig Mrs. Johnson with no fear of legal action.

The man looked directly at Mrs. Johnson and said, "Good afternoon, Mrs. Johnson."

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed extra money and asked them to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate – and whoever gave the most would be able to pick out 3 hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who did that. A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was she'd given so much, and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out 3 hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the 3 most handsome men in the building and said: "I'll take him and him and him."

PUNS and SHAGGY DOGS STORIES

1. 2 Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank - proving once and for all: you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
2. 2 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.
3. A 3-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He sidles up to the bar and announces: I'm looking for the man who shot my paw.
4. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named Amahl. The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him Juan. Years later Juan sends a picture of himself to his Mom. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. But he says: "Once you've seen Juan, you've seen Amahl."
5. When she told me I was average, she was just being mean.
6. A neutron goes into a bar and asks the bartender, "How much for a beer?" The bartender replies, "For you, no charge."
7. 2 atoms are walking down the street and they run into each other. 1 says: "Are you all right?" "No, I lost an electron!" "Are you sure?" "Yeah, I'm positive."
8. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing 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."
9. A doctor made it his regular habit to stop at a bar for a hazelnut daiquiri on his way home. The bartender knew of his habit, and would always have the drink waiting at precisely 5:03 p.m. One afternoon, as the end of the workday approached, the bartender was dismayed to find that he was out of hazelnut extract. Thinking quickly, he threw together a daiquiri made with hickory nuts and set it on the bar. The doctor came in, took a sip of the drink and exclaimed, "This isn't a hazelnut daiquiri!" "No," replied the bartender, "it's a hickory daiquiri, doc."
10. A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for food. He came across 2 men. One was sitting under a tree reading a book; the other was typing away on his typewriter. The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him. Even the king of the jungle knows that readers digest and writers cramp.
11. A man entered a local paper's pun contest, sending in 10 different puns, in hopes that at least 1 would win. Unfortunately, no pun in 10 did.
12. A guy goes to a psychiatrist. "Doc, I keep having these alternating recurring dreams. First I'm a tepee; a wigwam; then a tepee; then a wigwam. It's driving me crazy. What's wrong with me?" The doctor replies: "It's very simple. You're 2 tents."

13. PRILEP, Yugoslavia (AP) - Outside a small Macedonian village close to the border between Greece and strife-torn Yugoslavia, a lone Catholic nun keeps a quiet watch over a silent convent. She is the last caretaker of the site of significant historical developments spanning more than 2,000 years.

When Sister Maria Cyrilla of the Order of the Perpetual Watch dies, the convent is to be closed by the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Macedonia. However, that isn't likely to happen soon, as Sister Maria, 53, enjoys excellent health. By her own estimate, she walks 10 miles daily about the grounds of the convent, which once served as a base for the army of Attila the Hun.

In more ancient times, a Greek temple to Eros, the god of love, occupied the hilltop site. Historians say that Attila took over the old temple in 439 A.D. and used it as a base for his marauding army.

The Huns are believed to have first collected and then destroyed a large gathering of Greek legal writs at the site. It is believed that Attila wanted to study the Greek legal system, and had the writs and other documents brought to the temple. Scholars differ on why he had the valuable documents destroyed: either because he was barely literate, or because they provided evidence of democratic government that didn't square with his own notion of rule by an all-powerful tyrant.

When the Greek Church took over the site in the 15th Century and built the convent, church leaders ordered the pagan statue of Eros destroyed, so another ancient Greek treasure was lost. Today, there is only the lone sister, watching over the old Hun base.

And that's how it ends: No Huns, no writs, no Eros, and nun left on base.

14. After Quasimodo's death, the bishop of the cathedral of Notre Dame sent word throughout Paris that a new bell ringer was needed. The bishop decided he'd conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin the screening process. After observing several applicants demonstrate their skills, he decided to call it a day, when a lone, armless man approached and announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job.

The bishop was incredulous. "You have no arms!"

"No matter," said the man, "Observe!" He then began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the carillon. The bishop listened in astonishment, convinced that he had finally found a suitable replacement for Quasimodo. Suddenly, rushing forward to strike a bell, the armless man tripped, and plunged headlong out of the belfry to his death below.

The stunned bishop rushed to his side. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the fallen figure, drawn by the beautiful music heard only moments before. As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, "Bishop, who was this man?"

"I don't know his name," the bishop sadly replied, "but his face rings a bell."

(but wait, there's more...)

The following day, despite the sadness weighing heavily on his heart due to the unfortunate death of the armless campanologist (now there's a piece of trivia!), the bishop continued his interviews for the bell ringer of Notre Dame. The first man to approach him said, "Your excellency, I am the brother of the poor, armless wretch that fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday. I pray that you honor his life by allowing me to replace him in this duty."

The bishop agreed to give the man an audition, and as the armless man's brother stooped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest and died on

the spot. Two monks, hearing the bishop's cries of grief at this second tragedy, rushed up the stairs to his side.

"What happened?" the first monk breathlessly asked, "Who is this man?"

"I don't know his name, but he's a dead ringer for his brother."

15. It was visitors' day at the lunatic asylum. All the inmates were standing in the courtyard and singing "Ave Maria." And singing it beautifully! Oddly, each of them was holding a red apple in one hand and tapping it rhythmically with a pencil.

A visitor listened in wonderment and then approached the choir. "I'm a retired choir director, and this is one of the best choirs I've ever heard."

"Yes, I'm very proud of them," said the conductor. "You should take them on tour," said the visitor, "what are they called?"

"Surely that's obvious! They're the *Moron Tapanapple Choir*."

16. A bear walks into a bar in Butte, Montana and sits down at the bar. He bangs on the bar with his paw and demands a beer. The bartender approaches and says, "We don't serve beer to bears in bars in Butte."

The bear, becoming angry, demands again that he be served a beer. The bartender tells him again, more forcefully, "We don't serve beer to belligerent bears in bars in Butte."

The bear, very angry now, says, "If you don't serve me a beer, I'm going to eat that lady sitting at the end of the bar." The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Butte."

The bear goes to the end of the bar, and as promised eats the woman. He comes back to his seat and again demands a beer.

The bartender states, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Butte who are on drugs."

The bear says, "I'm NOT on drugs." "You are now. That was a barbitchyouate."

17. My Uncle Jim did not appear to be much for words. Nor, was he ever seen to have friends or pets. We thought he was the primordial loner, until one time we caught him with his ant farm. He loved the creatures. He knew more about ants than I knew about the streets in our little town, and he loved to talk about them. Indeed, it was a deep and private affair, and we admired him for it.

One day, tragedy hit in the form of a very high wind. It blew the top off the ant farm and his creatures were gone. Practically in tears, he called me on the phone. When I asked what was wrong, he replied: "The ants are my friends. They're blowing in the wind. The ants are blowing in the wind!"

18. The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a bar and sat down to drink a beer. After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said, "Who owns the big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt, and said, "I do ... Why?" The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you'd like to know that your horse is about dead outside!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and sure enough Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion. The Lone Ranger gave the horse some water and Silver started to feel a little better. The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to cool him off."

Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe" and took off running circles around Silver. The Lone Ranger returned to the bar to finish his drink. A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger: "I do, what's wrong with him this time?"

The cowboy looks him in the eye: "Nothing, but you left your Injun runnin'."

19. Tired of constantly being broke and stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife (with himself as the beneficiary), and arranging to have her killed.

A "friend of a friend" put him in touch with a nefarious underworld figure by the name of "Artie," who explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$5,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money.

Artie insisted on being paid SOMETHING up front. The man opened up his wallet, displaying the single dollar bill that rested inside. Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, and reluctantly agreed to accept it as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Safeway grocery store. There, he surprised her in the produce department, and proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath, and slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the scene. Unwilling to leave any witnesses behind, Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well.

Unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by hidden cameras and observed by the security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could leave the store.

Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the sordid plan, including his financial arrangements with the hapless husband.

And that is why, the next day in the newspaper, the headline declared, "*ARTIE CHOKES TWO FOR A DOLLAR AT SAFEWAY.*"

20. My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

After that, I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. The job was only so-so anyhow.

Next I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was exhausting.

I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it.

I attempted to be a deli worker but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience.

21. A spokesperson for the U S Mint announced that a new 50-cent piece was being issued to honor 2 great American patriots. On 1 side of the coin would be Theodore Roosevelt and on the other side, Nathan Hale.

Asked by a reporter why 2 people were on the same coin, the official replied, "We selected these 2 men to make life simpler for the vast majority of Americans."

The reporter then asked, "How can this make life simpler for Americans?"

The official responded, "Well, now, when they toss a coin they can simply call, 'Ted's or Hale's'."

22. A man is waiting for his wife to give birth. The doctor informs the dad that his son was born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the dad loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion. After 21 years, the son is old enough for his first drink. Dad takes him to the bar and tearfully tells the son he is proud of him. Dad orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy. With all the patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol.

Swoooooop! A torso pops out! The bar is dead silent; then bursts into a whoop of joy. The father, shocked, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant: "Take another drink"! The bartender still shakes his head in dismay.

Swoooooop! Two arms pop out. The bar goes wild. The father, crying and wailing, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant: "Take another drink"! The bartender ignores the whole affair. By now the boy is getting tipsy, and with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Swoooooop! Two legs pop out.

The bar is in chaos. The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God. The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles to the left ... then to the right ... right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly. The bar falls silent. The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs and says, "That boy should have quit while he was a head."

23. 2 fighter pilots in North Africa in WW II got into an argument about who could kill a lion quicker. They were at the Officers Club when they made the bet of a pint of whiskey each. They set the pints on the mantle of the fireplace and took off.

One went out and rounded up his flight crew - they grabbed their rifles and took off into the jungle. The other went to the flight line and jumped into his 2-seater fighter plane, took off and flew around over the jungle until he spotted a clearing big enough to land in. Then he circled until he scared up a lion that ran across the clearing.

He merely strafed the lion, landed, threw him in the rear cockpit, flew back to the base, dumped the lion out and went to the Officers Club to pick up his whiskey.

Which proves once again: the shortest distance between 2 pints is a strafed lion.

24. Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. However, all the league records were unfortunately destroyed in a fire. Thus we will never know for whom the Tells bowled.

25. A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

26. A skeptical anthropologist was cataloging South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal shaman who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the shaman looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, who needs enemas?"

27. Back in the 1800s the Tates Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products and, since they already made the cases for pocket watches, decided to market compasses for the pioneers traveling west. It turned out that although their watches were of

finest quality, their compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the expression, "He who has a Tates is lost!"

28. An Indian chief was feeling very sick and summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk hide and gave it to the chief, instructing him to bite off, chew and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged: "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

29. A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

30. Of 3 Indian women, 1 slept on a deerskin, 1 on an elk skin and the third on a hippopotamus skin. All 3 became pregnant - the first 2 each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This proves that the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other 2 hides.

31. There were 3 medieval kingdoms on the shores of a lake, and an island in the middle of the lake, which the kingdoms had been fighting over for years. Finally, the 3 kings decided that they'd send their knights out to do battle and the winner would take the island. The night before the battle the knights and their squires pitched camp and readied themselves for the fight.

The first kingdom had 12 knights, and each knight had 5 squires, all of whom were busily polishing armor, brushing horses and cooking food. The second kingdom had 20 knights, and each knight had 10 squires. Everyone at that camp was also busy preparing for battle. At the camp of the third kingdom, there was only 1 knight, with his squire, who took a large pot and hung it from a looped rope in a tall tree. He busied himself preparing the meal while the knight polished his own armor.

When the hour of the battle came, the 3 kingdoms sent their squires out to fight (this was too trivial a matter for knights to join in!). The battle raged and when the dust cleared, the only person left was the lone squire from the third kingdom, having defeated the squires from the other 2 kingdoms - thus proving: the squire of the high pot and noose is equal to the sum of the squires of the other 2 sides.

32. Did you hear that NASA recently put a bunch of Holsteins into low earth orbit? They called it *the herd shot round the world*.

33. A momma mole, papa mole and baby mole lived in a hole outside of a farmhouse in the country. One day, the papa mole poked his head out of the hole and said, "Mmmmmm, I smell sausage!"

The momma mole poked her head outside of the hole and said, "Mmmmm, I smell pancakes!"

The baby mole tried to poke his head out of the hole but couldn't get passed the two bigger moles. Finally giving up, he said, "The only thing I smell is molasses."

34. A mechanic who worked out of his home had a dog named Mace. Mace had a bad habit of eating all the grass in the backyard, so the mechanic kept Mace inside.

Thus the grass eventually became overgrown. One day the mechanic was working on a car in the backyard and dropped his wrench, losing it in the tall grass. He couldn't find it for the life of him, so he decided to call it a day.

That night, Mace escaped from the house and ate all the grass in the backyard. The next morning the mechanic went outside and saw his wrench glinting in the sunlight. Realizing what had happened he looked toward the heavens and proclaimed: "A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound, that saved a wrench for me!"

35. A college coed went into the library to get a book assigned in lit class. She didn't remember the author, but the title was, "The Red Boat". The librarian couldn't find it. "Well, maybe it was "The Scarlet Ship". The librarian replied, "I think you want "The Ruby Yacht" of Omar Kayyam!

36. 2 vultures board an airplane, each carrying 2 dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "Sorry, gentlemen, only 1 carrion allowed per passenger."

37. Su Wong marries Lee Wong. The next year, they have a new baby. The nurse brings them over a lovely, healthy, bouncy, definitely Caucasian white baby boy!

"Congratulations," says the nurse to the new parents. "What will you name him"?

The puzzled father looks at his new baby boy and says, "2 Wongs don't make a white - so I think we will name him ... Sum-Ting Wong!

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An **Anagram**, as you know, is a word or phrase made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. The following are exceptionally clever.

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
Alec Guinness	Genuine Class
Semolina	Is No Meal
The Public Art Galleries	Large Picture Halls, I Bet
A Decimal Point	I'm a Dot in Place
The Earthquakes	That Queer Shake
Eleven plus two	Twelve plus one
Contradiction	Accord not in it

This one's truly amazing: To be or not to be: that is the question, whether tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

And the Anagram: "In one of the Bard's best-thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten."

And: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong

The Anagram: "A thin man ran; makes a large stride, left planet, pins flag on moon! On to Mars!"

And for the grand finale:

PRESIDENT CLINTON OF THE USA: It can be rearranged (with no letters left over, and using each letter only once) into: TO COPULATE HE FINDS INTERNS

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10 words that don't exist, but should

1. AQUADEXTROUS (ak wa deks' trus) adj. Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.
2. CARPERPETUATION (kar' pur pet u a shun) n. The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.
3. DISCONFECT (dis kon fekt') v. To sterilize the piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow 'remove' all the germs.
4. ELBONICS (el bon' iks) n. The actions of 2 people maneuvering for 1 armrest in a movie theater.
5. FRUST (frust) n. The small line of debris that refuses to be swept onto the dustpan and keeps backing a person across the room until he finally decides to give up and sweep it under the rug.
6. LACTOMANGULATION (lak' to man gyu lay' shun) n. Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to resort to the 'illegal' side.
7. PEPPIER (pehp ee ay') n. The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want ground pepper.
8. PHONESIA (fo nee' zhuh) n. The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.
9. PUPKUS (pup' kus) n. The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.
10. TELECRASTINATION (tel e kras tin ay' shun) n. The act of always letting the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only 6 inches away.

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The Washington Post published a contest for readers in which they were asked to supply alternate meanings for various words. The following were some of the winning entries:

- ~ coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.
- ~ flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
- ~ abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- ~ esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
- ~ willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
- ~ negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.
- ~ lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
- ~ gargoye (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.
- ~ flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
- ~ balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
- ~ testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
- ~ rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.

- ~ oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.
- ~ circumvent (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts.
- ~ frisbeetarianism (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.
- ~ Pokemon (n), A Jamaican proctologist.

- - - - - MORE PUNS

A good pun is its own reword.

When you're swimming in the creek, and an eel bites your cheek, that's a moray!

All power corrupts, but we need the electricity. (D.W. Jones)

Bear takes over Disneyland in Pooh d'Etat!

Deja Fu: The feeling that somehow, somewhere, you've been kicked in the head like this before.

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

VuJa De': the strange feeling you get that nothing like this has ever happened to you before.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

Evolution: Life's a niche, and then you die.

Fantasy isn't our crutch --it's arcane.

If space is warped, time is all that's weft.

Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change.

Live Faust. Die Jung.

Real dragons don't sing opera --just torch songs and scales.

Two atoms bump into each other: "Are you ok?"

"No, I lost an electron."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm positive."

Veni, Vidi, Velcro. I came, I saw, I stuck around.

I'm not born again --my mother got it right the first time.

Witches use brooms because nature abhors a vacuum.

All I want is a warm bed, a kind word, and unlimited power.

But if I learn from my mistakes, it'll take all the fun out of making them again.

I can't help thinking that the world would be a better place if everyone would just listen to me.

I'm not shy - I'm studying my prey.

Power corrupts. Absolute power is kind of neat.

So much to do - so few people to do it for me!

I know it all - I just can't remember it simultaneously.

I'm not depressed - I'm existentially challenged.

Ancient Goth: someone who overthrew the Roman Empire.

Modern Goth: a vampire pretending to be a vegetarian.

Competency is its own punishment.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the equipment, training, budget, and staff to make the difference.

I was born weird - this terrible compulsion to behave normally is the result of childhood trauma.

Enough research will tend to support your theory.

American Non-Sequitur Society - we don't make sense, but we do like pizza.

Famous Last Words: "I'm just going in to look."

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother. (Phillip Stein)

Did you hear about the 78-year-old woman kicked off the plane in St. Louis for carrying knitting needles? They thought she might knit an afghan.

The reason that Daniel was not EATEN ALIVE in the Lions' Den is because he read the Bible to them all night long. Thus, he became the first prophet ever to read between the lions.

A man walked into a bar and sat down, ordered a beer. As he sipped the beer, he heard a soothing voice say "nice tie!"

Looking around he noticed that the bar was empty except for himself and the bartender at the end of the bar. A few sips later the voice said "beautiful shirt." At this, the man called the bartender over.

"Hey ... I must be losing my mind," he told the bartender. "I keep hearing these voices saying nice things, and there's not a soul in here but us."

"It's the peanuts," answered the bartender.

"Say what?"

"You heard me," said the barkeep. "It's the peanuts ... they're *complimentary*."

DEFINITIONS BY GENDER (Submitted by TM Barnett)

THINGY (thing-ee) n.

female: Any part under a car's hood.

male: The strap fastener on a woman's bra.

VULNERABLE (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj.

female: Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

male: Playing football without a helmet.

COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n.

female: The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

male: Dashing off a note before quickly taking off to a weekend with the boys.

BUTT (but) n.

female: The body part every item of clothing manufactured makes "look bigger."

male: What you slap after a touchdown/homerun/goal. Also good for mooning.

COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) 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.

ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.

female: A good movie, concert, play or book.

male: Anything that can be done while drinking.

FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.

female: An embarrassing by-product of digestion.

male: An endless source of entertainment, self-expression and male bonding.

MAKING LOVE (may-king luv) n.

- female: The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.
- male: Call it whatever you want just as long as we end up in bed.

REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n.

- female: A device for changing from one TV channel to another.
- male: A device for scanning through all 75 channels every 3 minutes.

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Let's face it: English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England or french fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So, one moose, 2 meese? One index, two indices? Is cheese the plural of choose? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what's a humanitarian eat?

In what language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell another?

When a house burns up, it burns down. You fill in a form by filling it out and an alarm clock goes off by going on. When the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it?

Now I know why I flunked my English. It's not my fault -- the silly language doesn't quite know whether it's coming or going.

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English a second language? Don't worry, we can learn you good ...

Allege: A high rock shelf

Arson: Our daughter's brother

Author: A person who usually write

Autobiography: A history of cars

Avowal: a, e, l, o, u, and sometimes y

Backward: Patient rooms at the rear of a hospital

Bassinet: What every fisherman wants

Belong: To take your time

Carpet: A dog who enjoys riding in a automobile

Coffee: Break Fluid

Comma: What a medium falls into

Complaint: A grief resume

Condescend: A prisoner escaping down the wall using a rope

Deduce: De lowest card in de deck

Denounce: Words that name things, not de verbs, de adjectives, etc.

Document: Repeating what your doctor told you in your own words

Dogma: A mother dog

Eclipse: What a gardener does to your hedge

Earthquake: A topographical error

Falsehood: Someone who pretends to be a gangster

Feast: An eat wave

Flattery: Phony express

Fission: What Huck Finn did when he played hooky

Gentle: (1) Reproductive organ

(2) Non-Jewish

Geometry: What the acorn said when it grew up

Grateful: What it takes to build a good fire

Handicap: A ready-to-use hat

Hanging: A suspended sentence

Hari-Kari: Transporting a wig

Hunger: What the posse did to the lady rustler

Hypochondriac: A guy who won't let well enough alone

Hypothesis: What a boy says to his father on the telephone

Indecision: Under the whether

Intense: Where campers sleep

Ketchup: What the runners behind in a race want to do

Kinship: Your brother Kenneth's boat

Laundress: A gown worn while sitting on the grass

Legend: The edge of a cliff

Midget: Center engine of a three-engine fast plane

Minimum: A very small mother

Nitrate: Cheapest price for calling long distance

Observatory: What Washington asked his spies to do

Pandemonium: A housing development for pandas

Paradise: Ivory cubes used in craps and backgammon

Paradox: Two physicians

Paraffins: Found on the sides of fish

Paralyze: Two untruths

Praise: Letting off esteem

Protein: (1) An advocate of teen-agers rights

(2) Lady of the street too young to vote

Rampage: Section of a book about male sheep

Sarcasm: Quip lash

Sherbet: A tip on a horse race or sporting event

Skier: A person who jumps to contusions

Sleet: A slipcover

Stirrup: What you do with cake batter

Subsidy: A town underneath another town

Tenure: A year after nineure

Thursday: How you feel crossing the desert on a hot day

Unabated: A fishhook without a worm

Valorous: A big animal vit tusks vot lives in vater

Vanguard: A person who protects trucks

Violinist: A high-strung musician

Warehouse: What you ask when you're lost

Washable: What a cowboy does very carefully

Wholesale: Where a gopher goes to buy a home

WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD TO LEARN

We must polish the Polish furniture.

He could lead if he would get the lead out.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

The soldier decided to desert in the desert.

This was a good time to present the present. (And this could mean "gift" or "era of time")

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
I did not object to the object.
The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
The bandage was wound around the wound.
There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
They were too close to the door to close it.
The buck does funny things when the does are present.
They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
After a number of injections my jaw got number.
Upon seeing the tear in my clothes I shed a tear.
I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

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A New York Magazine contest asked readers to take well known foreign expressions, change a single letter and provide a definition for the new expressions

HARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS? -- Can you drive a French motorcycle?
IDIOS AMIGOS -- We're wild and crazy guys
COGITO, EGGO SUM -- I think, therefore I am a waffle
RIGOR MORRIS -- The cat is dead
RESPONDEZ S'IL VOUS PLAID -- Honk if you're Scottish
QUE SERA SERF -- Life is feudal
LE ROI EST MORT, JIVE LE ROI -- The king is dead. No kidding
POSH MORTEM -- Death styles of the rich and famous
VENI, VIPI, VICI -- I came, I'm a very important person, I conquered
PRO BOZO PUBLICO -- Support your local clown
MONAGE A TROIS -- I am three years old
FELIX NAVIDAD -- Our cat has a boat
HASTE CUISINE -- Fast French food
VENI, VIDI, VICE -- I came, I saw, I partied
QUIP PRO QUO -- A fast retort
ALOHA OY -- Love; greetings, farewell; from such a pain you should never know
MAZEL TON -- Tons of good luck
APRES MOE LE DELUGE -- Curly and Larry got wet
PORT-KOCHERE -- Sacramental wine
ICH LIEBE RICH -- I'm really crazy about having dough
FIU GENERIS -- What's mine is mine
EX POST FUCTO -- Lost in the mail
VISA LA FRANCE -- Don't leave your chateau without it
CA VA SANS DIRT -- And that's not gossip
MERCRIEN -- Thanks for nothin'
L'ETAT, C'EST MOO -- I'm bossy around here
LE ROI EST MORT. JIVE LE ROI -- The king is dead. No kidding.
ALOHA OY -- Love; greetings; farewell; from such a pain you would never know
AMICUS PURIAE -- Platonic friend.
ICH BIT EIN BERLINER -- He deserved it.

ZITGEIST -- The Clearasil doesn't quite cover it up.

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A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: "Duh."

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS YOU'LL NEVER SEE

- "You Are Different and That's Bad"
- "Pop! Goes The Hamster ... And Other Great Microwave Games"
- "Testing Homemade Parachutes Using Household Pets"
- "Babar Meets the Taxidermist"
- "Curious George and the High-Voltage Fence"
- "The Boy Who Died from Eating All His Vegetables"
- "Start a Real-Estate Empire With the Change From Your Mom's Purse"
- "Things Rich Kids Have, But You Never Will"
- "The Care Bears Maul Some Campers and are Shot Dead"
- "How to Become The Dominant Military Power In Your Elementary School"
- "Controlling the Playground: Respect through Fear"
- "You Were an Accident"
- "Strangers Have the Best Candy"
- "The Little Sissy Who Snitched"
- "Some Kittens Can Fly!"
- "Getting More Chocolate on Your Face"
- "Where Would You Like to Be Buried?"
- "Kathy Was So Bad Her Mom Stopped Loving Her"
- "The Attention Deficit Disorder Association's Book of Wild Animals of North Amer- Hey! Let's Go Ride Our Bikes!"
- "All Dogs Go to Hell"
- "A Kid's Guide to Hitchhiking"
- "When Mommy and Daddy Don't Know the Answer, They Say God Did It"
- "Mr. Fork and Ms. Electrical Outlet Become Friends"
- "Bi-Curious George"
- "Daddy Drinks Because You Cry"

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A young boy went up to his father and asked, "What's the difference between potentially and realistically?"

The father answered, "Go ask your mother if she would sleep with Robert Redford for \$1 million. Also, ask your sister if she would sleep with Brad Pitt for \$1 million. Come back and tell me what you learned."

So, the boy went to his mother and said, "Would you sleep with Robert Redford for \$1 million?" The mother replied, "Of course, I would! I wouldn't pass up an opportunity like that!"

The boy then went to his sister and said, "Would you sleep with Brad Pitt for \$1 million?" The girl replied, "Oh my God! I would just love to do that! I would be nuts to pass up that opportunity!"

The boy then thought about it for 2 or 3 days and went back to his dad. His dad asked, "Did you find out the difference between potentially and realistically?"

The boy replied, "Yes, potentially we're sitting on \$2 million, but realistically we're living with two sluts."

A teacher wrote on the blackboard: "Like I ain't had no fun in months." Then she asked the class, "How should I correct this sentence?"

Little Johnny raised his hand and said, "Like, get a boyfriend?"

You never know when a little conversational Latin might come in handy. Toward that end I've dug up a few Latin phrases for you to familiarize yourself with...

Non calor sed umor est quod nobis incommodat. It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

Di! Ecce hora! Uxor mea me necabit! God, look at the time! My wife will kill me!

Lex clavatoris designati rescindenda est. The designated hitter rule has got to go.

Sentio aliquos togatos contra me conspirare.
I think some people in togas are plotting against me.

Caesar si viveret, ad remum dareris.
If Caesar were alive, you'd be chained to an oar.

Quantum materiae materietur marmota monax si marmota monax materiam possit materiari?
How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

(At a barbeque) Animadvertisti ne, ubicumque stes, fumum recta in faciem ferri?
Ever noticed how wherever you stand, the smoke goes right into your face?

Ne utiquam erro. I am not lost.

Vah! Denuone Latine loquebar? Me ineptum! Interdum modo elabitur.
Oh! Was I speaking Latin again? Silly me. Sometimes it just sort of slips out.

Handy engineering conversions

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi
2000 pounds of Chinese soup: Won ton
1 millionth of a mouthwash: 1 microscope
Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: 1 bananosecond
Weight an evangelist carries with God: 1 billigram
Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour: Knot-furlong
16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone: 1 Rod Serling
Half of a large intestine: 1 semicolon
1,000,000 aches: 1 megahurtz
Basic unit of laryngitis: 1 hoarsepower
Shortest distance between two jokes: a straight line (think about it for a moment!)
453.6 graham crackers: 1 pound cake
1 million-million microphones: 1 megaphone

1 million bicycles: 2 megacycles
365.25 days: 1 unicycle
2000 mockingbirds: 2 kilomockingbirds
10 cards: 1 decacards
1 kilogram of falling figs: 1 Fig Newton
1000 grams of wet socks: 1 literhosen
1 millionth of a fish: 1 microfiche

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A woman visiting Salt Lake City in the latter half of the 19th century sees someone she thinks may be Brigham Young, the founder of the Mormon Church.

Woman: "Are you Brigham Young?"

Brigham Young: "I am."

Woman: "Are you the Brigham Young who's the head of the Mormon Church?"

Brigham Young: "I am."

Woman: "Are you the Brigham Young that led the Mormons to Utah?"

Brigham Young: "I am."

Woman: "Are you the Brigham Young that denounces all Christian religions as false except Mormonism?"

Brigham Young: "I am."

About this time, the woman is beginning to lose her temper.

Woman: "Are you the Brigham Young who preaches polygamy?"

Brigham Young: "I am."

Now she's really getting mad.

Woman: "Are you the Brigham Young who has 26 wives?"

Brigham Young: "I am."

Then furiously in anger, she says ...

Woman: "You ought to be hung!"

Brigham Young: "I am."

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Actual excerpts from classified ads

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

Auto Repair Service - Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Our experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals, and smacks included.

Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

Stock up and save - Limit: one!

Semi-Annual after-Christmas Sale!

3-year old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred.

Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.

Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00

For sale: antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home too.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

Have several very old dresses from grandmother in beautiful condition.

Vacation Special: have your home exterminated. Get rid of aunts. Zap does the job in 24 hours.

Toaster: A gift that every member of the family appreciates. Automatically burns toast.
Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated - Come here first.
Christmas tag sale - Handmade gifts for the hard-to-find person.
Wanted: Hair cutter - Excellent growth potential.
Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
And now, the Superstore-unequaled in size, unmatched in variety, unrivaled inconvenience!
We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home.

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- (A) The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
 - (B) On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans
 - (C) The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
 - (D) The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
 - (E) Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

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What's worse than a pyromaniac in a blazer?

- A barber in a Seville
- A seamstress in a Dart
- An insurance adjuster in an Acclaim
- A construction worker in a Bobcat
- A creature in a black Laguna
- A theater manager in a Marquis
- An astronomer in an Eclipse
- An exterminator in a Beetle
- A call girl in an Escort
- A spiritualist in an Aurora
- A proctologist in a Probe
- A proctologist in a Ram
- An orator in a Civic
- A country singer in a Neon
- A reporter in a S'Coupe
- A Good Humor man in a S'Coupe
- An orchestra conductor in a Prelude
- A classical musician in a Sonata
- A customs inspector in a Passport
- A dog trainer in a Rover
- A jeweler in a Topaz
- A bandleader in a Tempo
- A gentleman in a Gallant

A Bullfighter in a Matador
A mother-in-law in a Barracuda
An electrician in a Charger
A snake handler in a Viper
A second-story man in a Prowler
A car thief in a Jimmy
A lepidopterist in a Monarch
Barbie in a Malibu
Sgt. Preston in a Yukon
Queen Elizabeth in a Regal
Prince Rainier in a Monaco
Princess Stephanie in a Riviera
Prince Charles in a Regency
Joan Collins in a Dynasty
Hillary Clinton in a Park Avenue
Jim Garner in a Maverick
Kato in a green Hornet
Nixon in a Checker
Kissinger in a Diplomat
Speedy Gonzales in a Fiesta
Wile E. Coyote in a Road Runner
Elmer Fudd in a Wabbit
Miss Muffet in a Spyder
Charles Lindberg in an Intrepid
Christopher Columbus in a Voyager
Blackbeard in a Corsair
Russell Means in a Dakota
Tonto in a Cherokee
Dorothy in a Syclone
Benjamin Franklin in a Lightning
Carl Sagan in a Nova
Bruce Lee in a Sidekick
Oscar De la Hoya in a Challenger
John Mellencamp in a Cougar
Wonder Woman in a gold Lariat
Edmund Halley in a Comet
Public-TV yoga instructor Lillias in a Lotus
Rosie O'Donnel and Charlton Heston in a Colt
Yassir Arafat and Menahim Begin in an Accord
Nostradamus and Jeanne Dixon in a Futura

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US Olympic skier Picabu Street has made a substantial donation to a hospital in her hometown. Apparently, her father received life saving intensive care there after a severe heart attack last year. A hospital spokesperson said: "We're very pleased that Ms. Street has chosen to remember our hospital in this manner. Based on the size of Picabu's donation, we will completely refurbish the intensive care unit of the hospital where her father was treated. In honor of Ms. Street's donation, the hospital will now call the unit ... the Picabu I.C.U.

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Once upon a time there lived a king. The king had a beautiful daughter, the princess. But there was a problem. Everything the princess touched would melt. No matter what; metal, wood, plastic anything she touched would melt. Because of this, men were afraid of her. Nobody would dare marry her.

The king despaired. What could he do to help his daughter? He consulted his wizards and magicians. One wizard told the king, "If your daughter touches one thing that does not melt in her hands, she will be cured."

The king was overjoyed. The next day, he held a competition. Any man that could bring his daughter an object that would not melt would marry her and inherit the king's wealth.

3 young princes took the challenge. The first brought a very hard alloy of titanium. But alas, once the princess touched it, it melted. The prince went away sadly.

The second brought a huge diamond, thinking that diamond is the hardest substance in the world and wouldn't melt. But alas, once the princess touched it, it melted. He too was sent away disappointed.

The third prince approached. He told the princess, "Put your hand into my pocket and feel what is in there." The princess did as she was told, though she turned red. She felt something hard. She held it in her hand. And it did not melt!!!

The king was overjoyed. Everybody in the kingdom was overjoyed. And the third prince married the princess and they both lived happily ever after.

Question: What was the object in the prince's pants?

M and M's of course. They melt in your mouth, not in your hand!

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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 routine until, late 1 evening, they 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 2 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."

Worst Analogies Ever Written in a High School Essay

From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and "Jeopardy" comes on at 7 instead of 7:30. (Roy Ashley, Washington DC)

Bob was as perplexed as a hacker who meant to access T:\flw.quid55328.com\aaakk/ch@ung but got T:\flw.quidaaakk/ch@ung by mistake.
(Ken Krattenmaker, Landover Hills MD)

The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't. (Russell Beland, Springfield MA)

McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty Bag filled with vegetable soup. (Paul Sabourin, Silver Spring MD)

She caught your eye like 1 of those pointy hook latches that used to dangle from screen doors and would fly up whenever you banged the door open again. (Rich Murphy, Fairfax Station VA)

He spoke with the wisdom that can only come from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without 1 of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at a solar eclipse without 1 of those boxes with a pinhole in it. (Joseph Romm, Washington DC)

Her hair glistened in the rain like nose hair after a sneeze. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge MD)

Her eyes were like 2 brown circles with big black dots in the center. (Russell Beland, Springfield MA)

Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever. (Unknown)

He was as tall as a 6-foot-3-inch tree. (Jack Bross, Chevy Chase MD)

The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease. (Gary F. Hevel, Silver Spring MD)

Her date was pleasant enough, but she knew that if her life was a movie, this guy would be buried in the credits as something like "Second Tall Man." (Russell Beland, Springfield MA)

Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like 2 freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 6:36 p.m. traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 p.m. at a speed of 35 mph.
(Jennifer Hart, Arlington VA)

The politician was gone but unnoticed, like the period after the Dr. on a Dr. Pepper can. (Wayne Goode, Madison AL)

They lived in a typical suburban neighborhood with picket fences that resembled Nancy Kerrigan's teeth. (Paul Kocak, Syracuse NY)

John and Mary had never met. They were like 2 hummingbirds who had also never met. (Russell Beland, Springfield MA)

The thunder was ominous-sounding, much like the sound of a thin sheet of metal being shaken backstage during the storm scene in a play. (Barbara Fetherolf, Alexandria VA)

His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge VA)

The red brick wall was the color of a brick red Crayola crayon. (Helen Hopp, Yucaipa MA)

A Policeman pulls over a motorist for running a stop sign. The motorist says, "What's the problem officer, I slowed down for that stop sign?"

The officer replies, "I know you slowed down, but you are supposed to stop." "But officer, I slowed down - what's the difference?"

"The difference is, you're supposed to stop," says the officer.

"But I slowed down!" replied the motorist.

The officer says, "Let me explain it to you this way. I'm going to drag your scrawny ass out of your car, and then I'm going to take this stick I carry on my belt and I'm going to start beating you with it. After 5 minutes I'm going to ask you, do you want me to slow down or do you want me to stop?"

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along, when all of a sudden a cat attacks them. The mother mouse says, "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" says the mother mouse to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

Sometimes we just need to remember WHAT the Rules of Life really are....

1. Never give yourself a haircut after 3 margaritas.
2. You need only two tools, WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40; If it moves and shouldn't, use the tape.
3. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
4. When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.
5. The only really good advice that your mother ever gave you was, "Go! You might meet somebody!"
6. If he/she says that you are too good for him/her - believe them.
7. Never pass up an opportunity to pee.
8. If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You have another chance!
9. Living well really is the best revenge.
10. Work is good, but it's not that important.
11. And finally - Be really nice to your friends. You never know when you are going to need them to empty your bedpan.

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Sid and Al were sitting in a Mexican restaurant. "Sid," asked Al, "Are there any Jews in Mexico?"

"I don't know," Sid replied. "Why don't we ask the waiter?"

When the waiter came by, Al asked him, "Are there any Mexican Jews?"

"I don't know sir, let me ask," the waiter replied, and he went into the kitchen. He returned in a few minutes and said, "No, sir. No Mexican Jews!"

"Are you sure?" Al asked. "I will check again, sir." the waiter replied and went back to the kitchen.

While he was still gone, Sid said, "I cannot believe there are no Jews in Mexico. Our people are scattered everywhere."

When the waiter returned he said, "Sir, no Mexican Jews."

"Are you really sure?" Al asked again. "I cannot believe there are no Mexican Jews."

"Sir, I ask everyone," the waiter replied exasperated. "We have orange Jews, prune Jews, tomato Jews and grape Jews, but no one ever hear of Mexican Jews!"