

QUOTES

And that's the world in a nutshell - an appropriate receptacle. --Stan Dunn

I know not, sir, whether Bacon wrote the works of Shakespeare, but if he did not, it seems to me that he missed the opportunity of a lifetime. --James Barrie

Every journalist has a novel in him, which is an excellent place of it. --Russell Lynes

Why do writers write? Because it isn't there. --Thomas Berger

Never let a domestic quarrel ruin a day's writing. If you can't start the next day fresh, get rid of your wife. --Mario Puzo

Every novel should have a beginning, a muddle, and an end. --Peter De Fries

Writing is easy. All you have to do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead. --Gene Fowler

Sometimes when reading Goethe, I have a paralyzing suspicion that he is trying to be funny. Guy Davenport

He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I ever met. --Abraham Lincoln

I'm a lousy writer; a helluva lot of people have got lousy taste. --Grace Metalious

I can write better than anybody who can write faster, and I can write faster than anybody who can write better. --A J Liebling

I used to be treated like an idiot, now (after his novel, Gorky Park, became a best seller) I'm treated like an idiot savant. --Martin Crus Smith

Studying literature at Harvard is like learning about women at the Mayo Clinic. --Roy Blount Jr

In every fat book there is a think book trying to get out. --Anon

No, I haven't read the New Testament, but I read the Old Testament, and I like it very, very much. --One shepherd to another in a New Yorker Cartoon

They talk of my drinking but never my thirst. --Scottish Proverb

A drinker has a hole under his nose that all his money runs into. --Thomas Fuller

Inflation has gone up over a dollar a quart. --W C Fields

I haven't touched a drop of alcohol since the invention of the funnel. --Malachy McCourt

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TOUR GUIDE TERM and the TRANSLATION

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

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Check out this website for a neat piece of numerical "magic": <http://digicc.com/fido/>. **Take your time and follow the instructions. After reading each window click on the boy in the lower right corner. In the last window type in your numbers in the white box . Use the keyboard to type numbers (there is NO cursor) You will be amazed....**and no, I don't know how it's done...

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A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

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Units of measurement

Here's a fun one for lovers of both science and language. This would make a fun exercise to have people guess the "answers". I am sure this will appeal to the scientific or technical amongst you

- 1 kilogram of falling figs: 1 Fig Newton
- 1 millionth of a fish: 1 microfiche
- 10 cards: 1 decacards
- 1000 cubic centimeters of wet socks: 1 literhosen
- 8 nickels: 2 paradigms
- 2000 mockingbirds: 2 kilomockingbirds
- 1 million microphones: 1 megaphone
- 1 million bicycles: 2 megacycles
- 453.6 graham crackers: 1 pound cake
- Basic unit of laryngitis: 1 hoarsepower
- 1000 aches: 1 kilohurts
- Half of a large intestine: 1 semicolon
- 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone: Rod Serling (would you call 1/2 head in the Twilight Zone a Vic Morrow?)
- 14 miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital: 1 I.V. League
- 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer because it's less filling: 1 lite year
- Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour: A Knot-furlong
- 2 monograms: 1 diagram
- 100 rations: 1 C-ration
- 10 rations: 1 decoration
- 1 trillion pins: 1 terrapin
- 1 millionth of a mouthwash: 1 microscope
- 4000 pounds of Chinese soup: 2 Won ton
- Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi
- Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: 1 bananosecond

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What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?
Mechanical Engineers build weapons, Civil Engineers build targets.

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"
The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"
The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"
The graduate with an Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

"Normal people ... believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.
Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features."

An architect, an artist and an engineer were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress.

The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship.
The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there. The engineer said, "I like both."

"Both?"

Engineer: "Yeah. If you have a wife *and* a mistress they will each assume you are spending time with the other woman, and you can go to the workshop and get some work done."

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Number puzzle

This is really cool: Can you figure this out???

1. Key into the calculator the first 3 digits of your phone number (Not your Area Code)
2. Multiply by 80
3. Add 1
4. Multiply by 250
5. Add last 4 digits of your phone number
6. Add last 4 digits of your phone number again
7. Subtract 250
8. Lastly, divide by 2

Is this your phone number?

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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 notices 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.

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25 SIGNS THAT PROVE - "YOU'VE GROWN UP"

1. Your house plants are alive, and you can't smoke any of them.
2. Having sex in a twin bed is out of the question.
3. You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
4. 6:00 AM is when you get up, not when you go to bed.
5. You hear your favorite song on an elevator.
6. You watch the Weather Channel
7. Your friends marry and divorce instead of hook up and break up.
8. You go from 130 days of vacation time to 14.
9. Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as "dressed up"
10. You're the one calling the police because those damn kids next door won't turn down the stereo.
11. Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you.
12. You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
13. Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.
14. You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's leftovers.
15. Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
16. You no longer take naps from noon to 6 PM.
17. Dinner and a movie is the whole date instead of the beginning of one.
18. Eating a basket of buffalo wings at 3 AM would severely upset, rather than settle, your stomach.
19. You go to the drug store for ibuprofen and antacid, not condoms and pregnancy tests.
20. A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff."
21. You actually eat breakfast food at breakfast time.
22. "I just can't drink the way I used to," replaces, "I'm never going to drink that much again."
23. 90% of the time you spend in front of a computer is not for playing games.
24. You no longer drink at home to save money before going to a bar.
25. You read this entire list looking desperately for one sign that doesn't apply to you.