

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."

-Fred Allen

Today's Trivia Test:        The 1920's and 1930's

1. What discovery set off the fashions in clothes, fabrics and footwear known as Tutmania?
2. What famous dance of the 1920's shared its name with a city in the southern United States?
3. Which film cartoon character made his debut in Steamboat Willie in 1928?
4. Who was the British Prime Minister when King Edward VIII abdicated?
5. What was the other name for the men's fashion of knickerbockers?

Read this sentence:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Count them ONLY ONCE: do not go back and count them again!!!

What does a graduate student with a science degree ask?

"Why does it work?"

What does a graduate student with an engineering degree ask?

"How does it work?"

What does a graduate student with an accounting degree ask?

"How much will it cost?"

What does a graduate student with a liberal arts degree ask?

"Do you want fries with that?"

### The Lawyers

A small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand in a trial--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 rising 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. Williams, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to baby-sit him for his parents. And he, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted, he has a drinking

problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire state. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counselors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be in jail for contempt within 5 minutes!"

A distraught patient phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true", the woman wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so." The doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the woman continued, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious my condition is. This prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS.'"

### Answers to today's trivia test:

1. The tomb of Tutankhamen, the Egyptian boy king
2. The Charleston
3. Mickey Mouse
4. Stanley Baldwin
5. Plus-fours

### Things NOT to say to a cop when you get pulled over

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- a.. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer.
- b.. Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
- c.. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
- d.. Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 mph to keep up with me! Good job!
- e.. Excuse me. Is "stick up" hyphenated?
- f.. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
- g.. I was going to be a cop, but I decided to finish high school instead.
- h.. Bad cop! No donut!
- i.. You're not gonna check the trunk, are you?
- j. Didn't I see you get your butt kicked on Cops ?
- k.. Wow, you look just like the guy in the picture on my girlfriend's lightstand.
- l.. What do you mean, "Have I been drinking?" You're the trained specialist.
- m.. Hey, is that a 9 mm? That's nothing compared to this .44 magnum.

### Why I can't come to work today

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1. If it is all the same to you I won't be coming in to work. The voices told me to clean all the guns today.
2. When I got up this morning I took two Ex-Lax in addition to my Prozac. Can't get off the john, but I feel good about it.
3. I set half the clocks in my house ahead an hour and the other half back an hour Saturday and spent 18 hours in some kind of space-time continuum loop, reliving Sunday (right up until the explosion). I was able to exit the loop only by reversing the polarity of the power source exactly  $e \cdot \log(\pi)$  clocks in the house while simultaneously rapping my dog on the snout with a rolled up Times. Accordingly, I will be in late, or early.
4. My stigmata's acting up.

5. I can't come in to work today because I'll be stalking my previous boss, who fired me for not showing up for work. OK?
6. I have a rare case of 48-hour projectile leprosy, but I know we have that deadline to meet...
7. I am stuck in the blood pressure machine down at the Food Giant.
8. Yes, I seem to have contracted some sort of attention-deficit disorder and, hey, how about them Skins, huh? So, I won't be able to, yes, could I help you? No, no, I'll be sticking with Sprint, but thank you for calling.
9. I just found out that I was switched at birth. Legally, I shouldn't come to work knowing my employee records may now contain false information.
10. The psychiatrist said it was an excellent session. He even gave me this jaw restraint so I won't bite things when I am startled.
11. The dog ate my car keys. We're going to hitchhike to the vet.
12. I prefer to remain an enigma.
13. My mother-in-law has come back as one of the Undead and we must track her to her coffin to drive a stake through her heart and give her eternal peace. One day should do it.
14. I can't come to work today because the EPA has determined that my house is completely surrounded by wetlands and I have to arrange for helicopter transportation.
15. I am converting my calendar from Julian to Gregorian.
16. I am extremely sensitive to a rise in the interest rates.
17. I refuse to travel to my job in the District until there is a commuter tax. I insist on paying my fair share.

ANSWER:

There are six F's in the sentence. One of average intelligence finds three of them. If you spotted four, you're above average. If you got five, you can turn your nose at most anybody. If you caught six, you are a genius. There is no catch. Many people forget the "OF"'s. The human brain tends to see them as V's and not F's. Pretty weird, huh?

#### **ADVERTISING SLOGANS THAT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE SENSE AFTER TRANSLATION:**

The KFC slogan "finger lickin' good" means "eat your fingers off" in Chinese.

Clairol's "Mist Stick", a hair curling iron, was introduced into Germany...but "mist" means "manure" in German. So people were unsurprisingly put off by the new product.

In Brazil, when Ford released their "Pinto" car.... it had to be re-named after someone pointed out that "Pinto" actually meant "small male genitals".

Coors Brewing Company had to drop its slogan "turn it loose" after Spaniards asked why the drink made you "suffer from diarrhea"....which it seems was the direct translation.

Parker Pens new ball-point pen range in Mexico baffled locals as the slogan "it won't leak in your

pocket and embarrass you"....actually came out as: "it won't leak in your pocket and make you pregnant"!

And back in China... Pepsi's "come alive with the Pepsi generation" was translated as: "Pepsi brings back your ancestors from the grave" !!!

### Bloopers from Church Bulletins

Don't let worry kill you- let the church help.

Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and didn't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet

with the pastor in his study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the alter.

The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will

join in.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on

the new carpet will come forward and do so.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

### Actual Newspaper Headlines

Grandmother of eight makes hole in one

Deaf mute gets new hearing in killing

Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers

House passes gas tax onto senate

Stiff opposition expected to casketless funeral plan

Two convicts evade noose, jury hung

William Kelly was fed secretary

Milk drinkers are turning to powder

Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted

Quarter of a million Chinese live on water

Farmer bill dies in house

Iraqi head seeks arms

Queen Mary having bottom scraped

Is there a ring of debris around Uranus?

Prostitutes appeal to Pope

Panda mating fails - veterinarian takes over  
NJ judge to rule on nude beach  
Child's stool great for use in garden  
Dr. Ruth to talk about sex with newspaper editors  
Soviet virgin lands short of goal again  
Organ festival ends in smashing climax

Eye drops off shelf  
Squad helps dog bite victim  
Dealers will hear car talk at noon  
Enraged cow injures farmer with ax  
Lawmen from Mexico barbecue guests  
Miners refuse to work after death  
Two Soviet ships collide - one dies  
Two sisters reunite after eighteen years at checkout counter

Never withhold herpes from loved one  
Nicaragua sets goal to wipe out literacy  
Drunk drivers paid \$1,000 in 1984  
Autos killing 110 a day, let's resolve to do better

If strike isn't settled quickly it may last a while  
War dims hope for peace  
Smokers are productive, but death cuts efficiency  
Cold wave linked to temperatures  
Child's death ruins couple's holiday  
Blind woman gets new kidney from dad she hasn't seen in years  
Man is fatally slain  
Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say  
Death causes loneliness, feeling of isolation

### "Slow Down vs. Stop"

One day a policeman stopped a motorist who had just gone through a four way stop sign and was about to give him a ticket when the motorist said. "Officer you can't give me a ticket for that!" "Why not" said the officer. "Because although I did not stop I slowed right down and its almost the same." "But you did not stop" replied the officer, "and the sign says STOP." "But the way was clear and it was safe" replied the motorist. The officer then pulls out his baton and starts hitting the motorist. "What are you doing!" yells the motorist in surprise. "Do you want me to slow down or stop" says the officer.

### Disorder in the Court

a Collection of 'Transquips' by Richard Ledere

Most language is spoken language, and most words, once they are uttered, vanish forever into the air. But such is not the case with language spoken during courtroom trials, for there exists an army of courtroom reporters whose job it is to take down and preserve every statement made during the proceedings.

Mary Louise Gilman, the venerable editor of the National Shorthand Reporter has collected many of

the more hilarious courtroom bloopers in two books - *Humor in the Court* (1977) and *More Humor in the Court*, published a few months ago. From Mrs. Gilman's two volumes, here are some of my favorite transquips, all recorded by America's keepers of the word:

What is your brother-in-law's name?

Borofkin.

What's his first name?

I can't remember.

He's been your brother-in-law for years, and you can't remember his first name?

No. I tell you I'm too excited. (Rising from the witness chair and pointing to Mr. Borofkin.)

Nathan, for God's sake, tell them your first name!

Did you ever stay all night with this man in New York?

I refuse to answer that question.

Did you ever stay all night with this man in Chicago?

I refuse to answer that question.

Did you ever stay all night with this man in Miami?

No.

Now, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?

By death.

And by whose death was it terminated?

Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?

No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

What is your name?

Ernestine McDowell.

And what is your marital status?

Fair.

Are you married?

No, I'm divorced.

And what did your husband do before you divorced him?

A lot of things I didn't know about.

And who is this person you are speaking of?

My ex-widow said it.

How did you happen to go to Dr. Cherney?

Well, a gal down the road had had several of her children by Dr. Cherney, and said he was really good.

Do you know how far pregnant you are right now?

I will be three months November 8th.

Apparently then, the date of conception was August 8th?

Yes.

What were you and your husband doing at that time?

Mrs. Smith, do you believe that you are emotionally unstable?

I should be.

How many times have you committed suicide?

Four times.

Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

All my autopsies have been performed on dead people.

Were you acquainted with the deceased?

Yes, sir.

Before or after he died?

Officer, what led you to believe the defendant was under the influence?

Because he was argumentary and he couldn't pronounce his words.

What happened then?

He told me, he says, "I have to kill you because you can identify me."

Did he kill you?

No.

Mrs. Jones, is your appearance this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

No. This is how I dress when I go to work.

THE COURT: Now, as we begin, I must ask you to banish all present information and prejudice from your minds, if you have any.

Did he pick the dog up by the ears?

No.

What was he doing with the dog's ears?

Picking them up in the air.

Where was the dog at this time?

Attached to the ears.

When he went, had you gone and had she, if she wanted to and were able, for the time being excluding all the restraints on her not to go, gone also, would he have brought you, meaning you and she, with him to the station?

MR. BROOKS: Objection. That question should be taken out and shot.

And lastly, Gary, all your responses must be oral. O.K.?

What school do you go to?

Oral.

How old are you?

Oral.

What is your relationship with the plaintiff?

She is my daughter.

Was she your daughter on February 13, 1979?

Now, you have investigated other murders, have you not, where there was a victim?

...and what did he do then?

He came home, and next morning he was dead.

So when he woke up the next morning he was dead?

Did you tell your lawyer that your husband had offered you indignities?

He didn't offer me nothing; he just said I could have the furniture.

So, after the anesthesia, when you came out of it, what did you observe with respect to your scalp?

I didn't see my scalp the whole time I was in the hospital.

It was covered?

Yes, bandaged.

Then, later on.. what did you see?

I had a skin graft. My whole buttocks and leg were removed and put on top of my head.

Could you see him from where you were standing?

I could see his head.

And where was his head?

Just above his shoulders.

What can you tell us about the truthfulness and veracity of this defendant?

Oh, she will tell the truth. She said she'd kill that sonofagun - and she did!

Do you drink when you're on duty?

I don't drink when I'm on duty, unless I come on duty drunk.

...any suggestions as to what prevented this from being a murder trial instead of an attempted murder trial?

The victim lived.

Are you sexually active?

No, I just lie there.

Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

Yes, I have been since early childhood.

The truth of the matter is that you were not an unbiased, objective witness, isn't it. You too were shot in the fracas?

No, sir. I was shot midway between the fracas and the naval.

What is the meaning of sperm being present?

It indicates intercourse.

Male sperm?

That is the only kind I know.

(Showing man picture.) That's you?

Yes, sir.

And you were present when the picture was taken, right?

Was that the same nose you broke as a child?

The local bar was so sure that it's bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000.00 bet for anyone who could squeeze just one more drop of juice from a lemon, after the bartender had finished squeezing a lemon into a glass....Many people had tried over time (weight-lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but to date none was able to win the bet. One day a scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice: "I'd like to try the bet!" After the laughter had died down, the bartender said, OK. The bartender grabbed a lemon and squeezed away until only the wrinkled remains of the lemon remained and he handed this to the little man. As the crowd stood and watched in amazement, laughter turning to silence, the little man clenched his fist around the lemon, and to everyone amazement...six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000.00, and asked the little man " what do you do for a living?" Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, or what?" The man replied "I work for the IRS."

"Blind Man In Texas"



There once was a blind man who decided to visit Texas. When he arrived on the plane, he felt the seats and said, "Wow, these seats are big!" The person next to him answered, "Everything is big in Texas." When he finally arrived in Texas, he decided to visit a bar. Upon arriving in the bar, he ordered a beer and got a mug placed between his hands. He exclaimed, "Wow these mugs are big!" The bartender replied, "Everything is big in Texas." After a couple of beers, the blind man asked the bartender where the bathroom was located. The bartender replied, "Second door to the right." The blind man headed for the bathroom, but accidentally tripped over and skipped the second door. Instead, he entered the third door, which lead to the swimming pool and fell into the pool by accident. Scared to death, the blind man started shouting, "Don't flush, don't flush!"

Some of these are a little confusing, but just think about it for a minute  
- it's all in the way you say it. :)

Outside the door of a Moscow hotel room: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

In an Acapulco Hotel: The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

Outside a Paris dress shop: Dresses for street walking

In a Bangkok dry cleaner: Drop your trousers here for best results

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

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

In a Yugoslavian Hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

In a Rhodes tailor shop: Order your summers suit. Because of big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

In a Budapest zoo: Please do not feed the animals. If you have suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

In a Tokyo bar: Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts.

In the office of a Roman doctor: Specialist in women and other diseases.

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

From the Soviet Weekly: There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 150,000 Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.

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

Two signs from a Majorcan shop entrance: English well speaking. Here speaking American.

"Are you kidding?"

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked a young engineer who was fresh out of MIT, "What starting salary were you thinking about?" The Engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a

package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?" The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

A golfer was addressing his ball, getting ready to shoot. As he was about ready to hit, a voice came over the p.a. system. "Will the gentleman on the ladies tee please move back to the men's tee".

He looked up and then resumed addressing the ball again. The voice again- "Will the Man on the Red tees move back to the White Tees"!!

He looked back at the starters shack and yelled, "Will the man on the p.a. shut up so that the man on the ladies tee can hit his second shot".

## WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER (The actual AP headline)

Linda Burnett, 23, was visiting her in-laws, and while there went to a nearby supermarket to pick up some groceries. Several people noticed her sitting in her car with the windows rolled up and with her eyes closed, with both hands behind the back of her head. One customer who had been at the store for a while became concerned and walked over to the car. He noticed that Linda's eyes were now open, and she looked very strange. He asked her if she was okay, and Linda replied that she'd been shot in the back of the head, and had been holding her brains in for over an hour. The man called the paramedics, who broke into the car because the doors were locked and Linda refused to remove her hands from her head. When they finally got in, they found that Linda had a wad of bread dough on the back of her head. A Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat, making a loud noise that sounded like a gunshot, and the wad of dough hit her in the back of her head. When she reached back to find out what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She initially passed out, but quickly recovered and tried to hold her brains in for over an hour until someone noticed and came to her aid.

### Louisiana:

A man walked into a Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer? Fifteen dollars. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, was a crime committed?]

### Arkansas:

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. Seems the liquor store window was made of Plexi-Glass. The whole event was caught on videotape.

### New York:

As a female shopper exited a convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police had apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied "Yes Officer ... that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

### Seattle:

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor-home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find an ill man curled up next to a motor-home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his hose into the motor-home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

### Ann Arbor:

The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 8:50am, 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.

### Kentucky:

Two men tried to pull the front off a cash machine by running a chain from the machine to the bumper of their pickup truck. Instead of pulling the front panel off the machine, though, they pulled the bumper off their truck. Scared, they left the scene and drove home. With the chain still attached to the machine. With their bumper still attached to the chain. With their vehicle's license plate still attached to the bumper.

### Newark:

A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone, and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

### You've Been in Corporate America Too Long When...

1. You ask the waiter what the restaurant's core competencies are.
2. You decide to re-organize your family into a "team-based organization."
3. You refer to dating as test marketing.
4. You can spell "paradigm."
5. You actually know what a paradigm is.
6. You understand your airline's fare structure.
7. You write executive summaries on your love letters.
8. Your Valentine's Day cards have bullet points.
9. You think that it's actually efficient to write a ten page presentation with six other people you don't know.
10. You celebrate your wedding anniversary by conducting a performance review.
11. You believe you never have any problems in your life, just "issues" and "improvement opportunities."
12. You calculate your own personal cost of capital.
13. You explain to your bank manager that you prefer to think of yourself as "highly leveraged" as opposed to "in debt."
14. You end every argument by saying "let's talk about this off-line."
15. You can explain to somebody the difference between "re-engineering", "down-sizing", "right-sizing", and "firing people."
16. You actually believe your explanation in number 15.
17. You talk to the waiter about process flow when dinner arrives late.
18. You refer to your previous life as "my sunk cost."
19. You refer to your significant other as "my Co-CEO."
20. You like both types of sandwiches: ham and turkey.
21. You start to feel sorry for Dilbert's boss.
22. You believe the best tables and graphs take an hour to comprehend.
23. You account for your tuition as a capital expenditure instead of an expense.
24. You insist that you do some more market research before you and your spouse produce another child.
25. At your last family reunion, you wanted to have an emergency meeting about their brand equity.
26. Your "deliverable" for Sunday evening is clean laundry and paid bills.
27. You use the term "value-added" without falling down laughing.

28. You ask the car salesman if the car comes with a white board and Internet connection.  
29. You give constructive feedback to your dog.

### Epitaphs - Actual epitaphs from real tombstones:

In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:

Anna Wallace  
The children of Israel wanted bread  
And the Lord sent them manna,  
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,  
And the Devil sent him Anna.

Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:

Here lies  
Johnny Yeast  
Pardon me  
For not rising.

Uniontown, Pennsylvania cemetery:

Here lies the body  
of Jonathan Blake  
Stepped on the gas  
Instead of the brake.

Anonymous in Stowe, Vermont:

I was somebody.  
Who, is no business  
Of yours.

In a Georgia cemetery:

"I told you I was sick!"

Margaret Daniels grave at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia:

She always said her feet were killing her  
but nobody believed her.

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont:

Here lies the body of our Anna  
Done to death by a banana  
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low  
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:

Born 1903--Died 1942  
Looked up the elevator shaft to see if  
the car was on the way down.  
It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:

Here lies an Atheist  
All dressed up  
And no place to go.

And, Dr. Fred Roberts, Brookland, Arkansas:  
Office upstairs

### 41 Questions That Make You Think

1. If you throw a cat out a car window, does it become kitty litter?
2. If corn oil comes from corn, where does baby oil come from?
3. If there is no God, who pops up the next kleenex in the box?
4. When a cow laughs, does milk come out it's nose?
5. Why do they put braille on the number pads of drive-through teller machines?
6. How did a fool and his money get together?
7. If nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they stick Teflon to the pan?
8. How do they get a deer to cross at that yellow road sign?
9. If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?
10. What's another word for thesaurus?
11. Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injections?
12. What do they use to ship Styrofoam?
13. Why is abbreviation such a long word?
14. Why is there an expiration date on my sour cream container?
15. Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
16. How do you know when it is time to tune your bagpipes?
17. Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?
18. When you choke a smurf, what color do they turn?
19. Does fuzzy logic tickle?
20. Do blind Eskimos have seeing-eye sled dogs?
21. Do they have reserved parking for non-handicapped people at the Special Olympics?
22. Why do they call it a TV set when you only get one?
23. Do radioactive cats have 18 half-lives?
24. If you shoot a mime, should you use a silencer?
25. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
26. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
27. Can fat people go skinny-dipping?
28. Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
29. Is it possible to be totally partial?
30. If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?
31. If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?
32. If a stealth bomber crashes in the forest, does it make a sound?
33. If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
34. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
35. When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?
36. Should vegetarians eat animal crackers?
37. Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift?
38. Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?
39. Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?
40. Why do people sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" when they're already there?
41. Why do people say "tuna fish?" They don't say "beef mammal" or "chicken bird!"

US Air Force Issues - Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews.

Problem: "Left inside main tire almost needs replacement."

Solution: "Almost replaced left inside main tire."

Problem: "Test flight OK, except autoland very rough."  
Solution: "Autoland not installed on this aircraft."

Problem: "The autopilot doesn't."  
Signed off: "IT DOES NOW."

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit."  
Solution: "Something tightened in cockpit."

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear."  
Solution: "Evidence removed."

Problem: "DME volume unbelievably loud."  
Solution: "Volume set to more believable level."

Problem: "Dead bugs on windshield."  
Solution: "Live bugs on order."

Problem: "Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent."  
Solution: "Cannot reproduce problem on ground."

Problem: "IFF inoperative."  
Solution: "IFF inoperative in OFF mode."

Problem: "Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick."  
Solution: "That's what they're there for."

Problem: "Number three engine missing."  
Solution: "Engine found on right wing after brief search."

## Little Known Facts

The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." uses every letter in the alphabet. (Developed by Western Union to Test telex/twx communications)

In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.

Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

Did you know that there are coffee flavored PEZ?

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David; Clubs - Alexander the Great; Hearts -Charlemagne; and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

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Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.

The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.

Cat's urine glows under a blacklight.

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.

No NFL team which plays its home games in a domed stadium has ever won a Superbowl.

The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave It To Beaver".

The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."

In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

Pound for pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars.

It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands.

Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

Reno, Nevada is west of Los Angeles, California.

Average age of top GM executives in 1994: 49.8 years. Average age of the Rolling Stones: 50.6.

Elephants can't jump. Every other mammal can.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

Five Jell-O flavors that flopped: celery, coffee, cola, apple, and chocolate.

A New York law, makes driving with 10 or more license suspensions a felony punishable by a 5000 dollar fine and 4 years in jail. (Only in New York can 10 driving license suspensions be a felony, and 9 license suspensions are no problem.)

### 31 Signs That Technology Has Taken Over Your Life: Joe Mullich, American Way Magazine

1. Your stationery is more cluttered than Warren Beatty's address book. The letterhead lists a fax number, e-mail addresses for two on-line services, and your Internet address, which spreads across the breadth of the letterhead and continues to the back. In essence, you have conceded that the first page of any letter you write *\*is\** letterhead.
2. You have never sat through an entire movie without having at least one device on your body beep or buzz.
3. You need to fill out a form that must be typewritten, but you can't because there isn't one typewriter in your house -- only computers with laser printers.
4. You think of the gadgets in your office as "friends," but you forget to send your father a birthday card.
5. You disdain people who use low baud rates.
6. When you go into a computer store, you eavesdrop on a salesperson talking with customers -- and you butt in to correct him and spend the next twenty minutes answering the customers' questions, while the salesperson stands by silently, nodding his head.
7. You use the phrase "digital compression" in a conversation without thinking how strange your mouth feels when you say it.



8. You constantly find yourself in groups of people to whom you say the phrase "digital compression." Everyone understands what you mean, and you are not surprised or disappointed that you don't have to explain it.
9. You know Bill Gates' e-mail address, but you have to look up your own social security number.
10. You stop saying "phone number" and replace it with "voice number," since we all know the majority of phone lines in any house are plugged into contraptions that talk to other contraptions.
11. You sign Christmas cards by putting :-) next to your signature.
12. Off the top of your head, you can think of nineteen keystroke symbols that are far more clever than :-)
13. You back up your data every day.
14. Your wife asks you to pick up some minipads for her at the store and you return with a rest for your mouse.
15. You think jokes about being unable to program a VCR are stupid.
16. On vacation, you are reading a computer manual and turning the pages faster than everyone else who is reading John Grisham novels.
17. The thought that CD could refer to investment finance or music rarely enters your mind.
18. You are able to argue persuasively that Ross Perot's phrase "electronic town hall" makes more sense than the term "information superhighway," but you don't because, after all, the man still uses hand-drawn pie charts.
19. You go to computer trade shows and map out your path of the exhibit hall in advance. However, you cannot give someone directions to your house without looking up the street names.
20. You would rather get more dots per inch than miles per gallon.
21. You become upset when a person calls you on the phone to sell you something, but you think it's okay for a computer to call and demand that you start pushing buttons on your telephone to receive more information about the product it is selling.
22. You know without a doubt that disks come in five-and-a-quarter and three-and-a-half inch sizes.
23. Al Gore strikes you as an "intriguing" fellow.
24. You own a set of itty-bitty screwdrivers and you actually know where they are.
25. While contemporaries swap stories about their recent hernia surgeries, you compare mouse-induced index-finger strain with a nine-year-old.
26. You are so knowledgeable about technology that you feel secure enough to say "I don't know" when someone asks you a technology question instead of feeling compelled to make something up.
27. You rotate your screen savers more frequently than your automobile tires.
28. You have a functioning home copier machine, but every toaster you own turns bread into charcoal.
29. You have ended friendships because of irreconcilably different opinions about which is better: the track ball or the track pad.

30. You understand all the jokes in this message. If so, my friend, technology has taken over your life. We suggest, for your own good, that you go lie under a tree and write a haiku. And don't use a laptop.
31. You email this message to your friends over the net. You'd never get around to showing it to them in person or reading it to them on the phone. In fact, you have probably never met most of these people face-to-face.