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My mother and I returned to my parents' house late one evening to find my father, my college-age brother, Steven, and my ten-year-old sister fast asleep.

Mom had forgotten her house keys, so we knocked loudly, first at the back door and then the front and side doors. We yelled my father's name over and over, with no answer. The car horn aroused the neighbors but no one at our house. We drove into town and phoned home, finally waking Steven.

When we got back, he let us in. Dad was in bed, snoring, with the television on. Mom quietly switched it off. Dad woke right up.

"Don't turn that off," he said. "I'm watching it!"



The ad said, "Desperate! Network Administrator needed. You can work from home, just send us a resume." I got the job.

WAITER: "Yes, sir, is there something wrong?"

CUSTOMER: "The soup. Taste it." WAITER: "I beg your pardon, Sir?"

CUSTOMER: "Taste it."

WAITER: "But, Sir, I can assure you that the soup is

excellent."

CUSTOMER: "Taste it."

WAITER: "Sir, the soup was made this morning of the

finest ingredients."

CUSTOMER: "Taste it!"

WAITER: exasperated, "All right, Sir, I'll taste it."
Then after a pause he said, "Where is the spoon?"

To which the customer replied triumphantly, "Ah ha!!"

My friend Nancy and I decided to introduce her elderly mother to the magic of the Internet. Our first move was to access the popular Ask Jeeves website, and we told her it could answer any question she had.

Nancy's mother was very skeptical until Nancy said, "It's true, Mom. Think of something to ask it."

As I sat with fingers poised over the keyboard, Nancy's mother thought a minute, then responded, "How is Aunt Helen feeling?"

For many years I worked as a receptionist and switchboard operator at a busy company. After a good annual review, my supervisor told me I was up for a raise, pending approval of the vice president.

A month later, my supervisor called me into his office and told me the VP had refused to approve the raise. His reason? I clearly wasn't doing my job.

Every time he saw me, I was either chatting with someone in the lobby or talking on the phone.

At a wedding I recently attended, the priest called for a moment of silence to remember the faithful dead... As the church grew quiet, a little boy sitting in front of me turned to his father and said excitedly, "Dad, you have some of their albums!"

A park ranger in the Everglades was making his rounds a couple of summers ago when a woman came bolting out of the weeds right in front of his truck. She seemed frantic and he finally got her calm enough to say that her five-year-old son was sitting on the back of an alligator. Now the ranger was frantic.

Running in the direction she was pointing he found the lad astride a twelve foot male alligator which was trying to relieve itself of its load by twisting and snapping. As the brave ranger moved in he tried to console the mother by saying, "I think I can grab the boy and move away before the gator moves. Be ready to grab your son. I may have to shoot the gator."

To which the lady replies "Good Heavens, no! Don't shoot him. I just wanted you to make him hold still or a minute so I could take my son's picture on his back."

"This house," said the real estate sales person, "has both its good points and its bad points. To show you I'm honest, I'm going to tell you about both. The disadvantages are that there is achemical plant one block south and a slaughterhouse a block north."

"What are the advantages?" inquired the prospective buyer.

"The advantage is that you can always tell which way the wind is blowing."



Gotta love 'the hunt'!

In the doctors office two patients are talking.

"You know, I had an appendectomy last month and the doctor left a sponge in me by mistake."

"A sponge!" exclaims the other. "And do you feel much pain"

"No pain at all," says the first, "but do I get thirsty!"

"As I was walking through a variety store, I stopped at the pet department to look at some parakeets. In one cage a green bird lay on his back, one foot hooked oddly into the cage wire.

I was about to alert the saleswoman to the bird's plight when I noticed a sign taped to the cage: 'No, I am not sick. No, I am not dead. No, my leg is not stuck in the cage. I just like to sleep this way."

My brother adopted a snake named Slinky, whose most disagreeable trait was eating live mice. Once I was pressed into going to the pet store to buy Slinky's dinner.

The worst part of this wasn't choosing the juiciest-looking creatures or turning down the clerk who wanted to sell me vitamins to ensure their longevity. The hardest part was carrying the poor things out in a box bearing the words "Thank you for giving me a home."

An extremely wealthy 65-year-old man falls in love with a young woman in her twenties and is contemplating a proposal.

"Do you think she'd marry me if I tell her I'm 45?" he asked a friend.

"Your chances are better," said the friend, "if you tell her you're 90 "

I couldn't decide whether to go to Salt Lake City or Denver for vacation, so I called the airlines to get prices. "Airfare to Denver is \$300," said a cheery salesperson.

"And what about Salt Lake City?"

"We have a really great rate to Salt Lake. It's \$99.00, but there is a stopover."

"Where?"

"In Denver."

# 10 Ways You Know Your Internet Connection Is A Little Slow

- 1. Text on Web pages displays as Morse Code
- 2. Graphics arrive via FedEx
- 3. You believe a heavier string might improve your connection
- 4. You post a message to your favorite newsgroup and it displays a week later
- 5. Your credit card expires while ordering online
- 6. ESPN Web site exhibits "Heisman Trophy Winner" ...for 1989
- 7. You're still in the middle of downloading that popular new game, "PacMan"
- 8. Everyone you talk to on the 'net phone' sounds like Forrest Gump
- 9. You receive e-mails with stamps on them
- 10. When you click the "Send" button, a little door opens on the side of your monitor and a pigeon flies out.

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

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

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

I was in my car one day listening to a guy on the radio help callers with their home problems. One woman called up hysterical after finding a skunk in her basement.

"Leave a trail of breadcrumbs or cat food from your basement to your backyard," suggested the show's host. "That'll get rid of it."

An hour later the woman called back, even more upset. "Now I have TWO skunks in my basement!"



"Every year it's the same thing. Utah Deer hunting season and California hunters!

A group of country neighbors wanted to get together on a regular basis and socialize. As a result, about 10 couples formed a dinner club and agreed to meet for dinner at a different neighbors' house each month. Of course, the lady of the house was to prepare the meal. When it came time for Jimmy and Susie Brown to have the dinner at their house, like most women, Susie wanted to outdo all the others and prepare a meal that as the best that any of them had ever lapped a lip over.

A few days before the big event, Susie got out her cookbook and decided to have mushroom smothered steak. When she went to the store to buy some mushrooms, she found the price for a small can was more than she wanted to pay. She then told her husband, "We aren't going to have mushrooms, because they are just too expensive."

He said, "Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of those mushrooms? There are plenty of them right in the creek bed."

She said, "I don't want to do that, because I have heard that wild mushrooms can be poison."

He then said, "I don't think so. I see the varmints eating them all the time and it never has affected them."

After thinking about this, Susie decided to give this a try and got in the pickup and went down in the pasture and picked some. She brought the wild mushrooms back home and washed them, sliced and diced them to get them ready to go over her smothered steak.

Then she went out on the back porch and got the bowl belonging to Spot, (the yard dog) and gave him a double handful. She even put some bacon grease on them to make them tasty. Ol' Spot didn't slow down until he had eaten every bite.

All morning long, Susie watched him and the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she decided to use them. The meal was a great success, and Susie even hired a lady from town to come out and help her serve. She had on a white apron and a little cap on her head.....it was first class.

After everyone had finished, they all began to kick back and relax and socialize. The men were visiting and the women started to gossip a bit. About this time, the lady from town came in from the kitchen and whispered in Susie's ear.

"Mrs. Brown, Spot just died."

With this news, Susie went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said, "It's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quick as I can get there. We will pump out everyone's stomach and everything will be fine. Just keep them all there and keep them calm."

It wasn't long until they could hear the wail of the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. When they got there, the EMTs got out with their suitcases and a stomach pump and the doctor arrived shortly thereafter. One by one, they took each person into the master bedroom and pumped out their stomach.

After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, "I think everything will be fine now," and he left.

They were all looking pretty peaked sitting around the living room, and about this time, the town lady came in and said, "You know, that fellow that ran over Ol' Spot never even stopped."

Since he runs a pawnshop, I decided to ask a friend of mine to appraise my grandfather's violin. "Old fiddles aren't worth much, I'm afraid," he explained.

"What makes it a fiddle and not a violin?" I asked.

"If you're buying it from me, it's a violin. If I'm buying it from you, it's a fiddle."



It soon became apparent why it was named Dolphin Beach.

On a U.S. cruiser the officer of the deck asked the starboard lookout, "What would you do if a sailor was washed overboard?"

"I'd yell 'Man overboard," answered the lookout snappily.

"Good," said the officer. "Now what would you do if an officer fell overboard?"

The lookout asked, "Which one, sir?"

The birth of our second child, a daughter, came after a long and difficult labor. But it was definitely worth it when our beautiful little girl emerged, perfect in every way.

Later, in my room, my husband looked at her tenderly, with tears in his eyes. Then as he glanced up at me, I expected him to utter something truly poetic.

Instead he asked, "What'd we decide to call her again?"

At my granddaughter's wedding, the DJ polled the guests to see who had been married longest. It turned out to be my husband and me. The DJ asked us, "What advice would you give to the newly-married couple?"

I said, "The three most important words in a marriage are, 'You're probably right.'"

Everyone then looked at my husband. He said, "She's probably right."

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller; You don't love me any more..."

"Nonsense, darling," replied the husband, "you just cook better now."

While touring historic buildings in Alexandria, Virginia, we visited an old church. The guide told us that George Washington had attended services there and pointed to his pew.

A reverent silence fell. The guide, encouraged by this, went on to tell us that church services back then had been very lengthy -- frequently lasting three hours or more.

The mood of the moment was shattered when an anonymous voice whispered loudly, "So George Washington slept here too!"

Two youngsters were closely examining bathroom scales on display at the department store. "Have you ever seen one of these before?" one asked.

"Yeah, my mom and dad have one," the other replied.

"What's it for?" asked the first boy.

"I don't know," the second boy answered.

"I think you stand on it and it either makes you mad or cry. That's what it does to my Dad and Mom."

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# The following 15 police comments were taken off of actual police car videos around the country.

- #15. "Relax; the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."
- #14. "Take your hands off the car, and I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
- #13. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
- #12. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? In case you didn't know, that is the average speed of a 9mm bullet fired from my gun."
- #11. "So you don't know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"
- #10. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I am the shift supervisor
- #9. "Warning? You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
- #8. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not: Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
- #7. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, and eat cotton candy.
- #6. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
- #5. "No, sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."
- #4. "Just how big were those two beers?"
- #3. "In God we trust, all others we run through NCIC."
- #2. "I'm glad to hear the Chief of Police is a good personal friend of yours. At least you know someone who can post your bail."

## And the BEST ONE (Drum Roll Please!)

#1 "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't."

#### Odd News Reports.....

\*"The license fee for altered dogs with a certificate will be \$3 and for pets owned by senior citizens who have not been altered the fee will be \$1.50."

\*"Dr. Benjamin Porter visited the school yesterday and

lectured on 'Destructive Pests.' A large number were present."

- \*"The sewer expansion project is nearing completion but city officials are holding their breath until it is officially finished."
- \*"The ladies of the county medical society auxiliary plan to publish a cookbook. Part of the money will go to the Samaritan Hospital to purchase a stomach pump."



Toddlers were ecstatic to see their parents when they were picked up at daycare.

My friend, her sister and I were driving in the procession to the cemetery for the funeral of a distant relative.

"Since we don't really know anybody, do you want to head on home?" the driver asked.

When the sister nodded, she made a right turn.

We had gotten about a quarter of a mile down the road when the driver happened to look in the rear-view mirror. The rest of the procession was still following us!

An elderly couple are both lying in bed one morning, having just awaken from a good night's sleep. He takes her hand and she responds, "Don't touch me."

"Why not," he asks. She answers back, "Because I'm dead."

The husband says to her, "What are you talking about? We're both lying here in bed together and talking to one another."

The wife says, "No, I'm definitely dead."

Her husband insists, "You're not dead. What in the world makes you think you're dead?"

His wife answers, "I know I'm dead, because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts!"



When I was a recruit in Army basic training, one requirement was a demanding 12-mile march. We got started at 6:00 AM and were pumped up for the trek.

An hour later, feeling the heavy load of our packs, we wondered if the end would ever come. "Men," our sergeant yelled, "you're doing a fine job. We've already covered four miles!"

Revitalized, we picked up the pace. "And," continued Sarge, "we should reach the starting point any minute now."

#### Kids' Kitchen Terms

BOIL: The point a parent reaches upon hearing the automatic "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

CASSEROLE: Combination of favorite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

DESSERT: The reason for eating a meal.

EVAPORATE: Magic trick performed by children when it comes time to clear the table or wash dishes.

FRUIT: A natural sweet not to be confused with dessert.

REFRIGERATOR: A very expensive and inefficient room air conditioner when not being used as an art gallery.

SODA POP: Shake 'N Spray.

TABLE LEG: Percussion instrument.

In case you ever get these two environments mixed up, this should make things a little bit clearer:

- IN PRISON you spend the majority of your time in a 10X10 cell.
- AT WORK you spend the majority of your time in an 8X8 cubicle.
- IN PRISON you get three meals a day.
- AT WORK you get a break for one meal and you have to pay for it.
- IN PRISON you get time off for good behavior.
- AT WORK you get more work for good behavior.
- IN PRISON the guard locks and unlocks all the door s for you.
- AT WORK you must often carry a security card and open all the doors for yourself.
- IN PRISON you can watch TV and play games.
- AT WORK you could get fired for watching TV and playing games.
- IN PRISON you get your own toilet.
- AT WORK you have to share the toilet with some people who pee on the seat.
- IN PRISON they allow your family and friends to visit.
- AT WORK you aren't even supposed to speak to your family.
- IN PRISON all expenses are paid by the taxpayers with no work required.
- AT WORK you get to pay all your expenses to go to work, and they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners.
- IN PRISON you spend most of your life inside bars wanting to get out.
- AT WORK you spend most of your time wanting to get out and go inside bars.
- IN PRISON you must deal with sadistic wardens.
- AT WORK they are called managers.

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Morris and his wife Ester went to the State Fair every year. And every year Morris would say, "Ester, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Ester always replied, "I know, Morris. But that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year Morris said, "Ester, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter now I might never get another chance."

Esther replied, "Morris, that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is still fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you. But if you say one word it will cost fifty dollars."

Morris and Ester agreed—and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over gain, but still not a word.

When they landed the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out. But you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, I was going to say something when Ester fell out, but fifty dollars is fifty dollars."



Who brought the cat?

A man scolded his son for being so unruly and the child rebelled against his father. He got some of his clothes, his teddy bear and his piggy bank and proudly announced, "I'm running away from home!"

The father calmly decided to look at the matter logically. "What if you get hungry?" he asked.

"Then I'll come home and eat!" bravely declared the child.

"And what if you run out of money?"

"I will come home and get some!" readily replied the child.

The man then made a final attempt, "What if your clothes get dirty?"

"Then I'll come home and let mommy wash them," was the reply.

The man shook his head and exclaimed, "This kid is not running away from home; he's going off to college."

I was scheduled to fly from North Carolina to Germany, where my husband was stationed in the military. As I checked in at the airport, the ticket agent asked me some standard security questions.

"Has anyone given you any packages that you didn't pack yourself?" he asked.

I told him that my mother-in-law had given me a parcel to take to her son.

He looked at me very carefully and asked: "Does she like you?"

I heard the dog barking before he and his owner actually barreled into our vet practice. Spotting a training video we sell, the owner wisely decided to buy one.

"How does this work?" she asked, handing me a check. "Do I just have him watch this?"

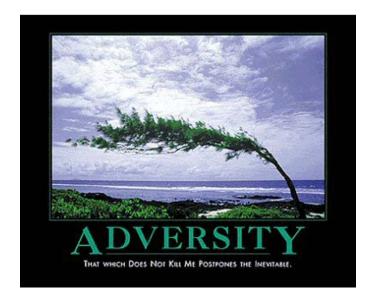
A man goes to Africa on a safari. While there, he comes upon an elephant, in great pain, with a giant thorn in its foot. The man very carefully approaches the elephant, and gingerly removes the thorn from its foot. The elephant begins to walk away, then turns and stares at the man for a full minute, locking eyes with him.

The elephant then continues on its way. "I wonder if I'd ever see that elephant again if it will remember me?" the man muses to himself.

It is a few years later, and the man is at a circus back in the States. He notices that one of the elephants keeps looking at him, almost like it KNOWS him. The man wonders, "Could this be that elephant I helped so long ago?" He decides to get a closer look.

With the elephant still giving him the stare down, the man moves in closer to get right up in front of the elephant. They lock eyes. A knowing look seems to cross the elephant's face.

It reaches down, picks the man up carefully with its trunk, lifts him high in the air...then d throws him crashing to the ground and stomps him to death! Turns out it wasn't THAT that elephant.



The computer in my high school classroom recently started acting up. After watching me struggle with it, one of my students came up and took over.

"Your hard drive crashed," he said.

I called the computer services office and explained, "My computer is down. The hard drive crashed."

"We can't just send people down on your say-so. How do you know that's the problem?"

"A student told me." I answered.

"We'll send someone over right away."

The coed came running in tears to her father. "Dad, you gave me some terrible financial advice!" she cried.

"I did? What did I tell you?" asked the dad.

"You told me to put my money in that big bank, and now that big bank is in trouble."

"What are you talking about? That's one of the largest banks in the world," he said. "Surely there must be some mistake."

"I don't think so," she sniffed. "They just returned one of my checks with a note saying, 'Insufficient Funds.'"

A man, submitting information to his income tax preparer, was asked how many dependents he had.

"Sixteen," he replied.

The preparer asked, "Would you mind repeating that?" The man replied, "Not if I can help it."

An oral surgeon was scheduled to extract four wisdom teeth from Jim, a high-school football player, who had opted to be sedated for the procedure. As the intravenous anesthesia was being administered, the doctor asked Jim how he was feeling.

"Man," he replied, struggling to keep his eyes open, "I feel like I'm in English class."

A fellow computer programmer for a consulting group had designed some software for one of our largest accounts. He asked my help in putting it into operation.

At first, he handled most of the work. Eventually, though, he asked me to help with the last phase of the training.

When I sat down with one woman and told her I would be showing her how to make changes to the files, she sighed with relief. "I'm so glad you're teaching me instead of him."

Surprised, I said that my colleague was far more experienced than I was.

"Yes," she said, "but I feel much more comfortable with you. I get nervous around really smart people."

I took a test that said I was cynical. Why should I believe that?

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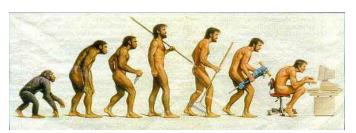
A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drew up beside the child she lowered the window and called to her, "What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty. God keeps taking my picture."



The Progression of Man?

The pro football team had just finished practice when a Turkey strutted onto the field.

"I want to try out," the turkey said to the coach. Stunned, the players stared as the bird caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. After 30 minutes, the coach had seen enough.

"You're excellent," he said. "Sign with us, and you'll get a huge bonus."

"Forget the bonus," the turkey said. "All I want to know is if the season goes past Thanksgiving Day?"

Although the bus for the senior group's church outing was scheduled to leave at 5:30, organizers were afraid stragglers would delay the trip. So to make sure no one's fun was ruined, our church bulletin urged one and all to "Come early and get loaded."

## **Contacting the IT Help Desk**

[A quick check list for those who need to make contact.]

- 1. When you call us to have your computer moved, be sure to leave it buried under half a ton of postcards, baby pictures, stuffed animals, dried flowers, bowling trophies and children's art. We don't have a life, and we find it deeply moving to catch a fleeting glimpse of yours.
- 2. Don't write anything down. Ever. We can play back the error messages from here.
- 3. When an I.T. person says he's coming right over, go for coffee. That way you won't be there when we need your password. It's nothing for us to remember 700 screen saver passwords.
- 4. When you call the help desk, state what you want, not what's keeping you from getting it. We don't need to know that you can't get into your mail because your computer won't power on at all.
- 5. When I.T. support sends you an E-Mail with high importance, delete it at once. We're just testing.
- 6. When an I.T. person is eating lunch at his desk, walk right in and spill your guts right out. We exist only to serve.
- 7. Send urgent email all in uppercase. The mail server picks it up and flags it as a rush delivery.
- 8. When the photocopier doesn't work, call computer support. There's electronics in it.
- 9. When you're getting a NO DIAL TONE message at home, call computer support from work. We can fix your telephone line from here.
- 10. When you have a dozen old computer screens to get rid of, call computer support. We're collectors.
- 11. When something's wrong with your home PC, dump it on an I.T. person's chair with no name, no phone number and no description of the problem. We love a puzzle.
- 12. When an I.T. person tells you that computer screens don't have cartridges in them, be sure to argue. We love a good argument.

- 13. When an I.T. person tells you that he'll be there shortly, reply in a scathing tone of voice: "And just how many weeks do you mean by shortly?" That motivates us.
- 14. When the printer won't print, re-send the job at least 20 times. Print jobs frequently get sucked into black holes.
- 15. When the printer still won't print after 20 tries, send the job to all 68 printers in the company. One of them is bound to work.



The County Highway Commissioner was driving to the hospital for treatment of his painful knee injury. He decided to take advantage of the hospital's Valet Parking. As he exited his car, a young man with the Valet Parking Company, comes up and asks if this was a government vehicle.

"Yes," the Commissioner replied, surprised by the question. "In fact it's an unmarked police car."

"Wow!" the young man said, sliding behind the wheel. "This will be the first time I've been in the front seat."

Employees are counseled by our benefits department in their choice of the various options regarding the benefits available to them (medical, dental, vision coverage, life insurance, etc.). I had just spent 20 minutes explaining life insurance options to one of our new employees. After reviewing the different plans and monthly deductions, he decided on \$100,000 worth of life insurance. But he had one last question.

"Now," he said, "what do I have to do to collect the money?"

My wife and I were playing Trivia for Dummies when she amazed me by answering correctly that there are seven rays on the crown of the Statue of Liberty.

"How in the world did you know that?" I asked.

Rolling her eyes, she answered, "Duuuhh...the seven original colonies!"

Everyone had weighed in, and our diet-workshop leader began her lecture on the week's topic - the problems of dining out. She talked about alternatives, such as requesting diet sodas and dressings, and having meat broiled instead of fried. Finally she turned the question over to the group for discussion.

"What is the greatest problem you encounter when going out to eat?"

Replied one woman quickly, "Running into you!"

My wife and I were traveling on the Kansas Turnpike, bucking 30 to 45 m.p.h. crosswinds. At the tollbooth, I asked the attendant, "What do you people do in Kansas when the wind quits?"

The tollbooth attendant didn't miss a beat. She answered, "We take the rocks out of our pockets."

A young man drove his minibike in to a gas station and dismounted.

"I'll need about a pint of gas," he said to the attendant, "and a few ounces of oil for the motor."

"Certainly sir," the attendant said, "And would you also like me to cough into your tires?"

I just bought a used UPS truck. That may not seem very cool to you, but now I can park anywhere!