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Sczyelski, my last name, is a mouthful, so I was thrilled when my three-year-old niece learned to spell it.

That is until my cousin said, "You can spell it any way you like; who'll know if it's wrong?"



My sister landed a good job with an accounting firm, and after a while she got a generous raise.

The day she found out about it, her husband picked her up from work, and they stopped for ice cream.

As they continued home, my sister blurted out, "Isn't it hard to believe that I have a job that pays this much money?"

Just then, she went to toss the last of her ice cream cone out the window.

However, the window was closed, and it smacked against the glass.

Her husband replied calmly, "Yes."

In the plastic-surgery office where I work as a nurse, a 92 year-old patient was preparing to have some reconstructive surgery on her nose. She was extremely sharp and knowledgeable, asking many good questions about the procedure.

Just as the doctor was getting ready for the surgery, the woman said, "Now doctor, make me beautiful."

"Are you kidding me?" he replied. "You're already beautiful"

"Well, in that case," said the elderly woman, "Don't deface me."

Walking through the hallways at the middle school where I work, I saw a new substitute teacher standing outside his classroom with his forehead against a locker.

I heard him mutter, "How did you get yourself into this?"

Knowing that he was assigned to a difficult class, I tried to offer moral support.

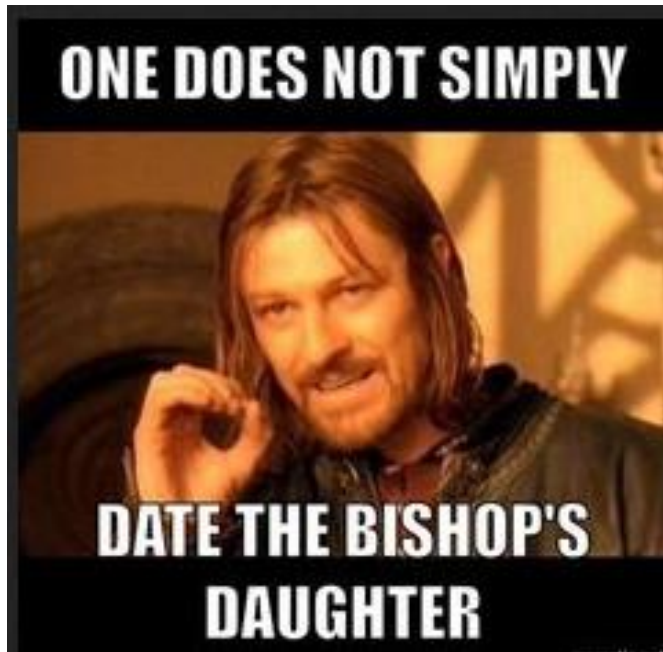
"Are you okay?" I asked. "Can I help?"

He lifted his head and replied, "I'll be fine as soon as I get this kid out of his locker."

Hypochondriac that I am, I constantly log on to the Internet to self-diagnose my latest ailment. But even I knew it was time to lighten up the day I typed in the keywords "liver disorders." That led me to a medical site.

With growing alarm I realized I had each of the first seven symptoms. Then I came to number eight and

suddenly felt much better: "Feeling of lethargy. No longer enjoys romping and wagging tail."



Maury ran a small commercial real estate company. One day, a few years back, he sold his interest in one of his projects for 3 million dollars.

The only problem was that the guy who bought him out was a big shot in his very small hometown in Pennsylvania, and he wanted Maury to use the local bank branch where he had his business.

So Maury goes in to the guy's local bank and tells the teller he'd like to open a few accounts. The teller goes through the list of gifts you can get for your initial deposit. \$300 gets you a toaster, \$600 for a television, etc. The teller then asks him how much he would like to deposit. Without saying a word, Maury hands her the cashier's check.

The teller turns bright red, and runs to get her manager. The manager escorts him into her office, where they sit down. "Sir, welcome to our town. We're thrilled to have you as a customer. What can I get you?"

To which Maury replied, "I'll take 10,000 toasters."

After trying to for hours to get my daughters to clean their room, I burst in and yelled,

"GET THIS ROOM CLEAN NOW, BEFORE I HAVE A COW!!!"

My youngest daughter (3 years old) looked at me with a very puzzled expression and said,

"You mean you're going to get rid of us and have a cow instead?"

Last week, my wife and I returned home from shopping and saw a card hanging from our mailbox. Without getting out of the car, my wife sighed and told me that a local charity was doing a used-clothing drive and she had forgotten to put out the bags as she had promised.

She was surprised when she read the card's message, thanking us for our kind donation. A look of horror then crossed her face as she realized that the two bags of leaves we had raked and bagged the previous night were now gone.

Jake had proposed to young Gina and was being interviewed by his prospective father-in-law.

"Do you think you are earning enough to support a family?" the older man asked the suitor.

"Yes, sir," replied Jake, "I'm sure I am."

"Think carefully now," said Gina's father.

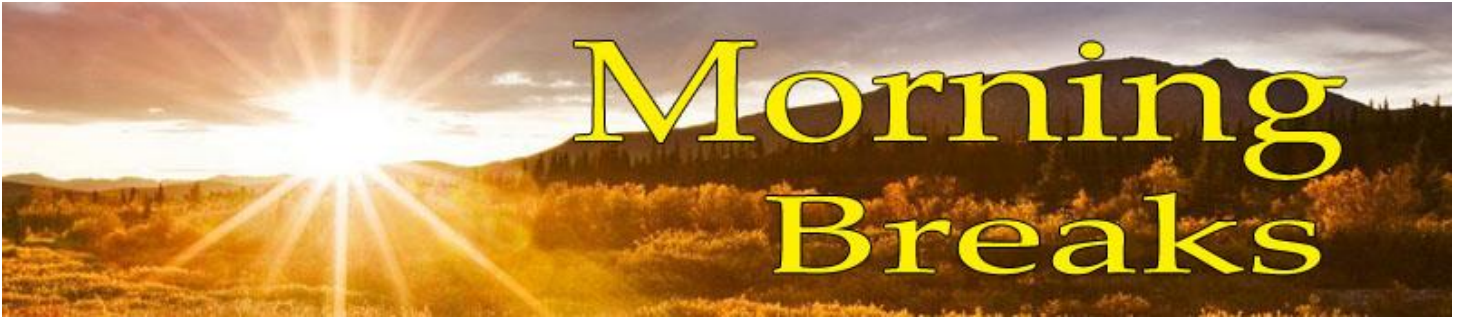
"There are twelve of us..."

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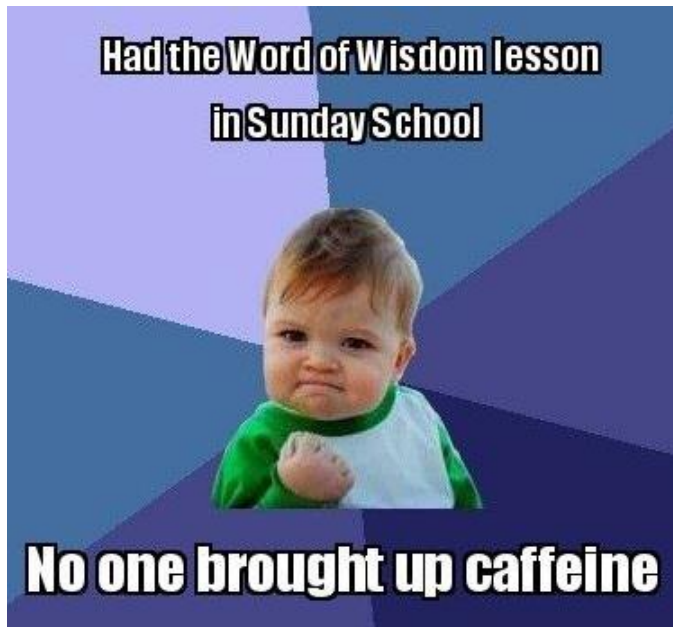
A pharmacist is going over the directions on a prescription bottle with an elderly patient.

"Be sure not to take this more often than every 4 hours," warned the pharmacist.

"Don't worry," replied the patient. "It takes me 4 hours to get the lid off!"

It was a warm day and the air conditioning in the Tabernacle was broken.

President Hinckley stood up to address the perspiring congregation gathered for General Conference and said, "It's warm. We're sorry. But it's not as warm as it's going to get if you don't repent!"



On one occasion, Heber C. Kimball was praying fervently for several individuals. Suddenly, he burst in to laughter, which greatly surprised the others participating in the prayer.

Regaining his composure, he continued with his prayer by remarking, "Lord, if makes me laugh to pray about some people."

True Story: Brigham Young was conducting a visiting clergyman around the prosperous Salt Lake Valley, when the impressed visitor commented on what an amazing job Brigham and God had accomplished.

Brigham responded, "Yes, and you should have seen it when the Lord had it alone."

At a recent stake conference of the Chula Vista, California Stake, President Paul B. Duncan related the following story:

President Duncan explained how Saturday was a day to get things done around their house because of work, family and church responsibilities. Just a few weeks ago he and his youngest son Jeff, who is six years old, had just finished mowing the lawn and were putting things away.

President Duncan thought this would be a terrific opportunity to rest and spend a few minutes with Jeff. The two of them crawled up on the family's trampoline and gazed up into the blue sky.

With a puzzled look Jeff turned and asked, "Dad,...Why are we here?"

President Duncan thought this would be great teaching opportunity so he explained how we are children of our Father in Heaven, how he has sent us here because he loves us and wants us to experience the things he has created for us, and how he wants us to serve one another, to learn, to grow and to develop those qualities that will allow us to return to live with Him some day.

President Duncan paused and asked if that had answered his question.

Jeff responded, "Not really."

President Duncan then began to think how else he might be able to answer the question when Jeff again asked, "Dad,...Why are we here?...weren't we supposed to pick Mom up an hour ago?"



Signs that scientists have gone too far with genetically modified food:

*Your hot dog just fetched its own ketchup and relish.

*You spot the tell-tale signs of a primitive central nervous system in you Jell-O.

*Chocchini: looks like zucchini, tastes like a Ding Dong.

*The black-eyed peas on your fork just winked at you.

*Every time you pour a glass of orange juice, your garage door goes up.

The missionary who was quickly losing his hair asked the barber in his new area, "Why do I have to pay full price for a haircut -- there's so little of it."

"Well," said the barber, "actually I only charge a little for cutting it. What you're paying for mostly is my time searching for it."

After many years, her original wedding ring had become worn and thin, so she asked her husband to buy her a new ring as her anniversary present. But this time she asked him to buy her one with diamonds.

They went down to the jewelry store to pick one out. As they waited for the clerk, she said to her husband, "My eyes aren't as good as they used to be, so I'd really like diamonds I can see."

Having overheard their conversation, a customer standing nearby remarked, "Sir, it would be cheaper if you bought her glasses."

A lady who was speeding had an officer pulled her to the side of the road.

She didn't have her seat belt on so as soon as she stopped, she quickly slipped it on before the officer got to her window.

After talking to her about speeding, the officer said, "I see you are wearing your seat belt. Do you believe in wearing it at all times?"

"Yes, I do, officer," she replied.

"Well," asked the officer, "do you always do it up with it looped through your steering wheel?"

Busted.



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A man had left the winter streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was to leave a day later and was planning to meet him there. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail to let her know he arrived. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her e-mail address, he did his best to type it in from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly woman whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife:

Just got checked in. Everything is prepared you're your arrival tomorrow.

-Your Loving husband.

PS: Sure is hot down here.

Todd's wife bought a new line of expensive cosmetics guaranteed to make her look years younger.

After a lengthy sitting before the mirror applying the "miracle" products, she asked, "Darling, honestly, what age would you say I am?"

Looking over her carefully, Todd replied, "Judging from your skin, twenty; your hair, eighteen; and your figure, twenty five."

"Oh, you flatterer!" she gushed.

"Hey, wait a minute!" Todd interrupted.

"I haven't added them up yet."

I was lying in my hospital bed on the third day after an accident when my eight-year-old granddaughter arrived with her mom.

She looked in awe at the wrist-to-shoulder cast on left arm, then asked to see the rest of the damage. I showed her my broken right ankle, which wasn't in a cast yet; my left leg, bruised knee to thigh; and, pushing back my bangs a raw bump the size of an egg above my eyebrow.

Her blue eyes wide, she asked earnestly, "Grandma, can I take you to school tomorrow for show and tell?"

A Primary teacher was testing her class to see if they understood the concept of going to the Celestial Kingdom.

She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into the Celestial Kingdom?"

"NO!" the children answered.



"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into the Celestial Kingdom?"

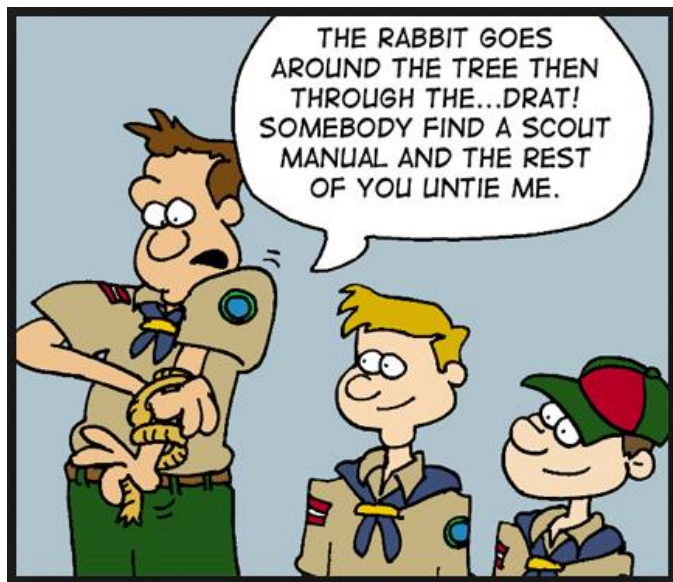
Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into the Celestial Kingdom?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into the Celestial Kingdom?"

The youngest boy in the class shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



One time I died and went up to heaven. To reach the Pearly Gates I had to climb up all of the stairs, which took forever. When I finally reached the top, Saint Peter told me that I haven't suffered enough and I could not come in.

Being somewhat discouraged, I started down the steps. For some reason that I don't know of, Saint Peter was following me. When I was walking down the stairs, I saw you coming up. Since you were my friend on earth I said "hi" like friends say to each other.

Saint Peter heard me say this and he asked me, "Do you know this person?" I told him that I did. Then he responded, "Ok, you've suffered enough, come on in."

It was a terrible night, blowing cold and rain in a most frightful manner. The streets were deserted and the local baker was just about to close up shop when a little man slipped through the door. He carried an umbrella, blown inside out, and was bundled in two sweaters and a thick coat. But even so he still looked wet and bedraggled.

As he unwound his scarf he said to the baker, "May I have two bagels to go, please?"

The baker said in astonishment, "Two bagels? Nothing more?"

"That's right," answered the little man. "One for me and one for Bernice."

"Bernice is your wife?" Asked the baker.

"What do you think," snapped the little man, "my mother would send me out on a night like this?"

"I'm going to quit this health club."

"Why?"

"The floors are so low I can't touch my toes."

"Grandpa, I'm really proud of you," said the modish young lady.

"What's to be proud of?" asked the old man.

The young lady replied, "I noticed that when you sneeze, you've learned to put your hand in front of your mouth."

"Of course," explained Grandpa.

"How else can I catch my teeth???"

My friend's wife returned from a tour of duty in the Middle East. To celebrate, he decided to take her out for a night on the town. Proud of her service record, he suggested she wear her uniform.

Not only did a patriotic taxi driver refuse to accept money from them, but an appreciative citizen paid for her meal at the restaurant, and the theater manager upgraded their balcony seats to the orchestra.

At the end of the evening, my friend turned to his wife. "I still get credit for taking you out, right?"



A stockbroker was cold calling about a penny stock and found Rodney, a client.

"I think this one will really move said the broker, it's only \$1 a share now," he told Rodney.

"OK, buy me 1000 shares," said Rodney.

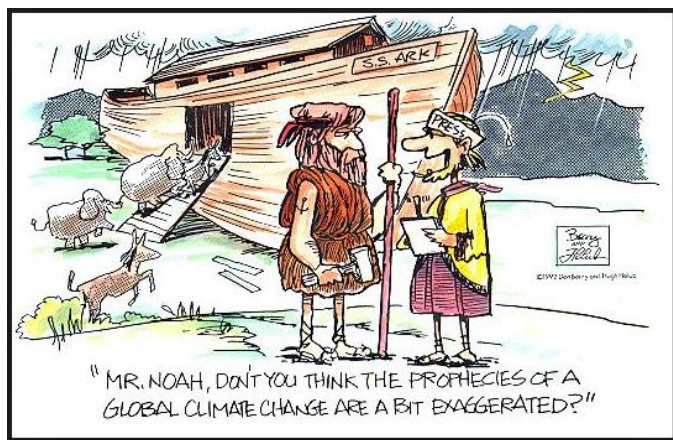
The next day the stock was at \$2. Rodney called the broker and said, "You were right, give me 5000 more shares".

The next day Rodney looked in the paper and the stock was at \$4. He ran to the phone and called the broker, "Get me 10,000 more shares"

"Great" said the broker.

The next day Rodney looked in the paper and the stock was at \$9. Seeing what a great profit he had in just a few days, he phoned and told the broker, "Sell all my shares."

The broker said, "To whom? You were the only one buying that stock."



The wife was determined to ride her exercise bike several miles a day.

Late one night, having put it off all day, she climbed aboard the noisy contraption in the bedroom, where her husband was reading a book.

After about 20 minutes of listening to the squeaky machine, he glanced up. "Don't you think it's time you turned around and headed for home?" he asked.

"I'm worried about you always being at the bottom of your class," said the father to his son.

"Don't worry Dad," he replied. "They still teach the same thing at both ends."

I was walking across a bridge one day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump off. So I ran over and said, "Stop! Don't do it!"

"Why shouldn't I?" he said.

I said, "Well, there's so much to live for!"

He said, "Like what?"

I said, "Well, are you religious or atheist?"

He said, "Religious."

I said, "Me too! What religion?"

He said, "Mormon."

I said, "Me too! Raised in the church, or convert?"

He said, "Raised in the church."

I said, "Me too! Where are you from?"

He said, "Provo!"

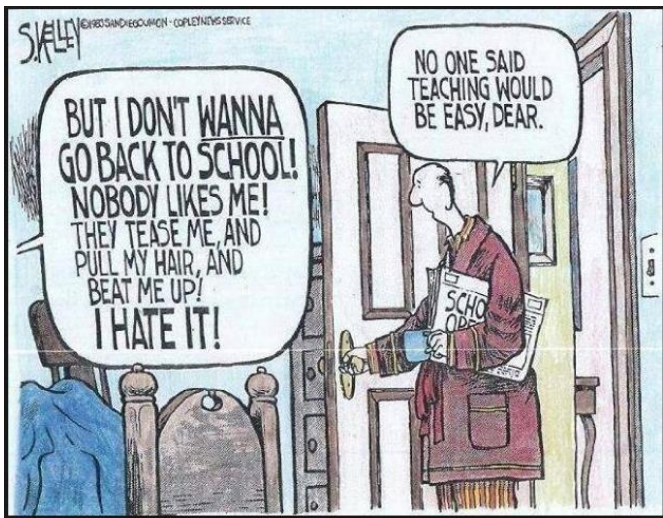
I said, "Wow! Me too! Where did you go to college? Utah or BYU?"

He said, "Utah."

So I pushed him off.

Once at a BYU football game, a person leaned forward to the person in front of them and asked, "Could you remove your hat? It's obstructing my vision."

"Oh! I'm so sorry!" said the person in front, "I didn't realize you were having one!"



Memos For An Eclipse

Memo from Director General to Manager:

Today at 11 o'clock there will be a total eclipse of the sun. This is when the sun disappears behind the moon for two minutes. As this is something that cannot be seen every day, time will be allowed for employees to view the eclipse in the car park. Staff should meet in the car park at ten to eleven, when I will deliver a short speech introducing the eclipse, and giving some background information. Safety goggles will be made available at a small cost.

Memo from Manager to Department Head:

Today at ten to eleven, all staff should meet in the car park. This will be followed by a total eclipse of the sun, which will disappear for two minutes. For a moderate cost, this will be made safe with goggles. The Director General will deliver a short speech beforehand to give

us all some background information. This is not something that can be seen every day.

Memo from Department Head to Floor Manager:

The Director General will today deliver a short speech to make the sun disappear for two minutes in the eclipse. This is something that cannot be seen every day, so staff will meet in the car park at ten or eleven. This will be safe, if you pay a moderate cost.

Memo From Floor Manager to Supervisor:

Ten or eleven staff are to go to the car park, where the Director General will eclipse the sun for two minutes. This doesn't happen every day. It will be safe, but it will cost you.

Memo from Supervisor to staff:

Some staff will go to the car park today to see the Director General disappear. It is a pity this doesn't happen every day.

When I worked as a medical intern in a local hospital, one of my patients was an elderly man with a thick accent.

It took me some time to understand that he had no insurance coverage.

One thing he had made clear was that he was a World War II veteran, so I had him transported to the Veteran's Administration hospital, where he'd be eligible for benefits.

The next day my patient was back, with a note from the VA: "Right war, wrong side."

It was the first camping experience for Jed.

As soon as he had pitched his tent, he went for a hike in the woods. In about fifteen minutes he rushed back into camp, bleeding and dishevelled.

"What happened?" asked a fellow camper.

"I was chased by a black snake!" cried the frightened Jed.

The camper laughed and retorted, "A black snake isn't deadly."

"Listen," groaned Jed, "If he can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff, he is!"