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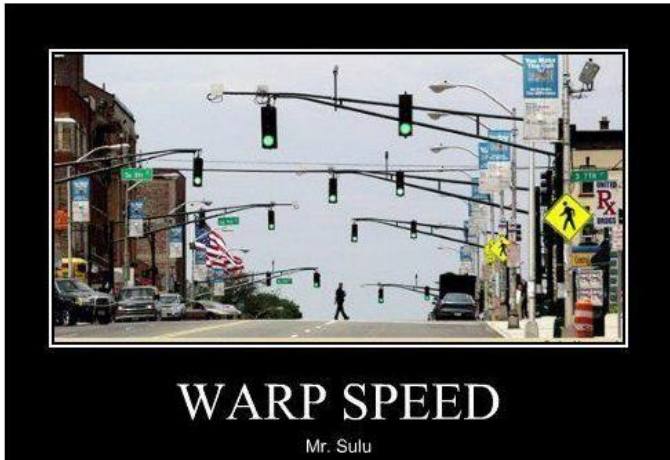
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The instructions and fine print in the manual for my new electronic humidity sensor intimidated me, so I delayed setting it up.

Once I finally began, my fear was eliminated when I read the fifth hint in the multi-page instruction manual, which stated: "Under no circumstances should you let it get to you! It's only a computer-like device and you cannot screw it up unless you throw it out the window, in which case it will not be under warranty!"

- "It's a good thing you came in today. We only have two more in stock."
- "Five pounds is nothing on a person of your height."
- "You made it yourself? I never would have guessed."
- "You don't look a day over 40."
- "Dad, I need to move out of the dorm into an apartment of my own so I can have some peace and quiet when I study."
- "It's delicious, but I can't eat another bite."
- "The new ownership won't affect you. The company will remain the same."
- "The puppy won't be any trouble, Mom. I promise I'll take care of it myself."
- "Your hair looks just fine."
- "Put away the map. I know exactly how to get there."
- "You don't need it in writing. You have my personal guarantee."



For a REAL sponge cake, BORROW all the ingredients.

The person who suggests splitting the bill evenly is always the person who ordered the most expensive meal.

At his interview, the inspector asked him this question: "What would you do if you saw 2 trains heading for each other on the SAME track?"

Benny replied, "I would switch the points for one of the trains."

"Good. But what if the lever broke?" asked the inspector.

"Then I'd run down to the signal box", said Benny, "and use the manual lever there."

"What if lightning struck it?" asked the inspector.

Ann Landers (1918-2002) challenged her readers to come up with the world's third biggest lie -- right after "The check is in the mail" and "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you."

Here is a sampling from the thousands she received:

"Then..." Benny continued, "I'd run back into signal box & phone the next signal box."

"What if the phone was engaged?"

"Well.....in that case," persevered Benny, " I'd rush down out of the box & use the public emergency phone at the level of the crossing up there..."

"What would you do if THAT was vandalized?"

"Oh, well then I'd run into the village & get my Uncle Toby."

This bizarre response puzzled the Inspector, so he asked, "And just why would you do that??"

"Because Uncle Toby... He's never seen a train wreck!!"



Now HERE is a challenge no missionary can resist!

The students in my third-grade class were bombarding me with questions about my newly pierced ears.

"Does the hole go all the way through?" "Yes."

"Did it hurt?" "Just a little."

"Did they stick a needle through your ears?" "No, they used a special gun."

Silence followed, and then one solemn voice called out, "How far away did they stand?"

The teacher was giving a lesson on verb tenses to her second-grade class, explaining the past, present, and future tenses.

"The past is what has already happened, such as eating your breakfast and morning recess," she explained. "The present is right now; what's happening at this

moment. The next tense is about what's going to happen. Does anyone know what we call what's going to happen next?"

"I know" said one boy. "Lunch!"

Intoxication (n.) Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Laws of Computing

When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.

- * When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
- * The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
- * When the going gets tough, upgrade.
- * For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
- * To err is human . . . To blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
- * If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
- * A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked perfectly.
- * The number one cause of computer problems? Computer solutions offered by [family](#) members.

And if I may add - The best line I have heard when trying to explain to new computer users why something is happening that you don't understand is:

"I think you have a problem with the interface between the chair and the keyboard."

Several women, each trying to one-up the other, appeared in court, each accusing the others of causing the trouble they were having in the apartment building where they lived.

The judge, with Solomon-like wisdom decreed, "Okay, I'm ready to hear the evidence...I'll hear the oldest first."

The case was dismissed for lack of testimony.



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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?"

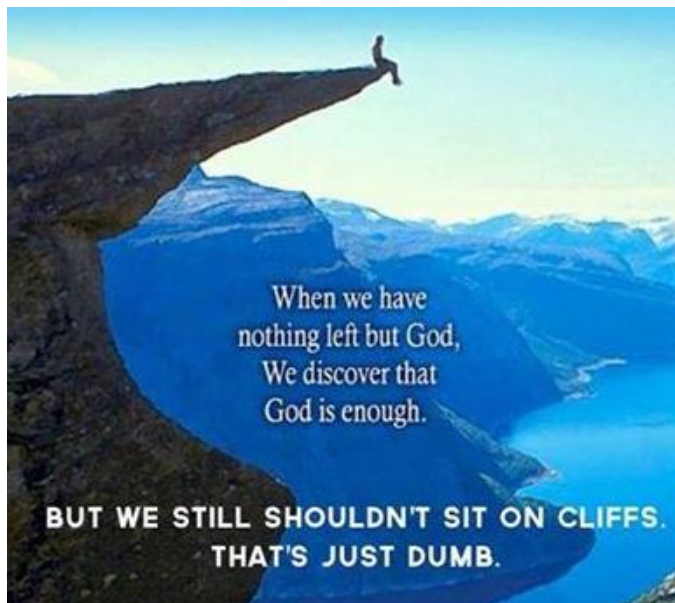
Looking over her carefully, Todd replied, "Judging from your skin, twenty; your hair, eighteen; and your figure, twenty five."

"Oh, you flatterer!" she gushed.

"Hey, wait a minute!" Todd interrupted.

"I haven't added them up yet."

Todd should have stopped while he was ahead. His funeral will be Tuesday at noon.



Two sisters were discussing the less than desirable physical attributes they had inherited from their father.

The older one said: "I hate my freckles from Dad."

Her unsympathetic younger sister replied: "At least you got his freckles. I got his eyebrow."

I never run with scissors. (Those last two word are not necessary).

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?"

The young woman who entered the bank to cash a check looked so hesitant that a teller went to help her.

"Please sign the back of the check," he told her, "as you'd sign a letter."

She looked at him gratefully, scribbled on the check and passed it to him.

Signed on the back was: "Yours affectionately, Pamela."

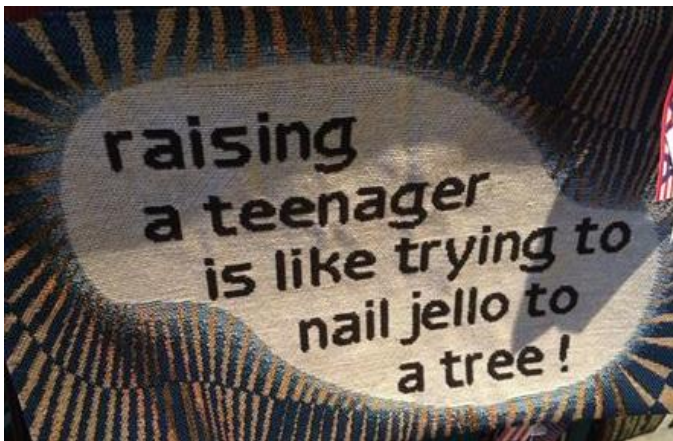
A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

"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???"



Recently, I brought my six-year-old granddaughter with me on my trip to the recycling yard to dispose of a lawnmower and some other metal.

There, we wandered around among the hundreds of cars that were waiting to be crushed. Most of them were missing parts, which had been removed for reuse in other cars.

My granddaughter said to me, "Poppa."

"Yes," I replied.

"I'm not buying my first car here."

Arachnoleptic Fit (n.) The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

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."

I spent an afternoon helping my brother move into a new apartment.

In one carton I found a crock pot, with an odd-looking and very dirty metal lid. Later I ushered my brother into the kitchen and asked why he hadn't mentioned this perfectly good pot.

He stared at it, then replied, "Well, after I broke the lid I never thought of replacing it with a hubcap."

If you have to borrow money, be sure to borrow from pessimists. They don't expect it back.

After trying 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?"



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My daughter, Michelle, is the commander of a Coast Guard cutter. When she gave my husband, Bob, a tour of her ship, he was impressed with the neatness of all decks. However, when Michelle brought Bob to her house, he couldn't believe the disorganization.

"Why is everything in its place on your ship," he asked, "but your house is such a mess?"

Michelle replied, "My house doesn't take 30-degree rolls."

The reason members of Congress try so hard to get re-elected is that they could not make a living under the laws they've passed.



**Just 20 Fridays
left until
Christmas**

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..."

A Zoning Board had just been set up in a new community. A householder went to the office to request permission to build a small toolshed in his backyard.

"Have you a plan?" asked the director.

"Oh, yes," said the householder, who showed him a map of his neighborhood, the dimension of his yard, and a sketch of the shed.

"That looks fine," said the director. He pulled out a piece of paper, wrote a few words on it, made a copy of it, and said, "Here's your permission."

A month later, a neighbor in almost exactly the same situation also wanted permission for a shed in her yard. She went to see the director, got as far as a secretary, and made her request. "Thank you, Mrs. Smith," said the secretary, taking the documents. "Telephone me in two weeks and I'll let you know what the director's decision is, or what further steps are necessary."

"But," groaned Mrs. Smith, "a month ago my neighbor got permission right away."

"Oh, yes," said the secretary, "but that was before we finally got organized."

Don't take life too seriously. It's not permanent.

I have a friend who filled his car with gas at a self-service gas station. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the gas cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost.

Well, he thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own gas cap, he might be able to find one that fit. Sure enough, he hadn't been searching long when he found a gas cap. He tried it on, and it went into place with a satisfying click.

"Great," he thought, "I lost my gas cap, but I found another one that fits.

And this one's even better because it locks..."



I was hanging out with a friend of mine when we saw a woman walk by us with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain.

My friend said, "Wouldn't the chain rip out every time she turned her head?"

I had to explain that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned.

Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

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.

A man goes into a bar very thirsty. He sits down waiting for the bartender to see him. The man next to him calls for the bartender saying, "I'll have another Waterloo."

The bartender gives him a tall ice cold drink, then asks the newcomer what he would like to drink. Wanting to try this new drink he says, "I'll have a Waterloo, too."

The bartender gives him a tall ice-cold drink. He takes a big drink and says, "HEY! This isn't any good. It tastes just like water!"

The man next to him looks at the bartender and says, "Well, it is water ... right, Lou?"

If it weren't for me, there'd just be a pile of my clothes on the floor.

After my wife landed a coveted job offer from courier company DHL, we went out of town to celebrate.

While on our trip, she was contacted by the company's Human Resources Department with an urgent request to complete and send back her tax forms.

"No problem," she said. "I'll FedEx them right over."

I am in shape. Round is a shape.



A 13-year-old boy, was sick in bed with bronchitis, and although he showed some general improvement, his harsh cough persisted and could be heard all over the house.

Worried that he was missing so much school, his mother went into his room to see how he felt.

There he was, propped up in bed, earphones on, listening to a baseball game, while the tape recorder coughed on and on.

The next morning he was in school.



If mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.
If grandma ain't happy – RUN!

Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.

Six Truths of Life

1. You cannot stick your tongue out and look up at the ceiling at the same time; it's a physical impossibility.
2. All idiots, after reading #1 will try it.
3. And discover #1 is a lie.
4. You are smiling now because you are an idiot.
5. You soon will forward this to another idiot.
6. There is still a stupid smile on your face.

I sincerely apologize about this but I'm an idiot and I needed company.

I will never use a tablet again while giving a talk in church. The topic was the "Work of Salvation."

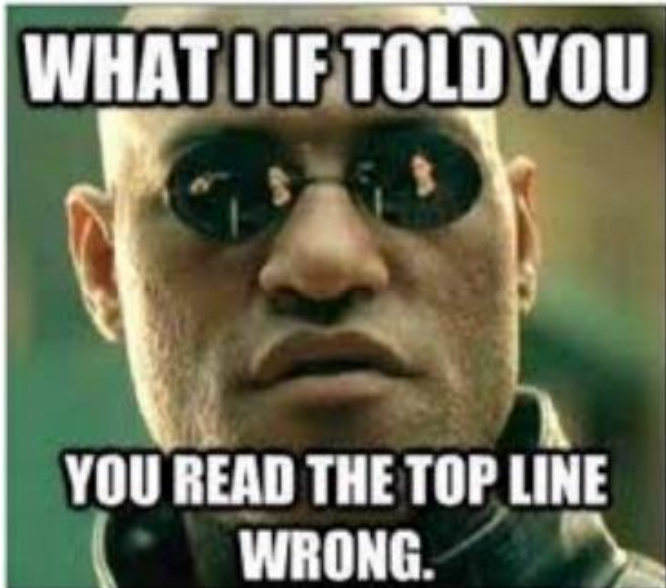
From the electronic version of the scriptures I read, "And blessed is he who repents and is baptized in my name..." I used a finger and swiped the screen and continued reading on the next page, "for he shall be thrust down to hell."

Not exactly the message I meant to leave the congregation. I really dislike tablet bookmarks.

A mother and father were chatting with their eight-year-old son about his future. The youngster said he'd like to attend Cornell, as his parents and other members of the family had.

Pleased with his response, they pressed on. "What would you like to take when you attend college?" they asked the little boy.

After giving it some thought and glancing around the kitchen, he replied, "The refrigerator, if you can get along without it."



Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

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 disheveled.

"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!"

A three-year-old had been told several times to get ready for bed.

The last time his mom told him, she was very insistent.

His response was, "Yes, Sir!"

Since he was talking to his mother, she was surprised he'd called her "Sir".

"You would say, 'yes sir,' to a man. I am a lady, and you would say 'Yes Ma'am,' to a lady," Mom said. To quiz him on this lesson she then asked him, "What would you say to Daddy?"

"Yes Sir!" was the reply.

"Then what would you say to Mama?"

"Yes, Ma'am!" he proudly answered.

"Good boy! Now what would you say to Grandma?"

He lit up and said, "Can I have a cookie?"

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?"

My brother was on a plane that had taken off and was approaching cruising altitude, when one of the flight attendants came on the public-address system.

She announced that she was sorry, but the plane's restroom was out of order.

The flight attendant went on to apologize to the passengers for any inconvenience. But then she finished cheerily with: "So, as compensation, free drinks will be served."

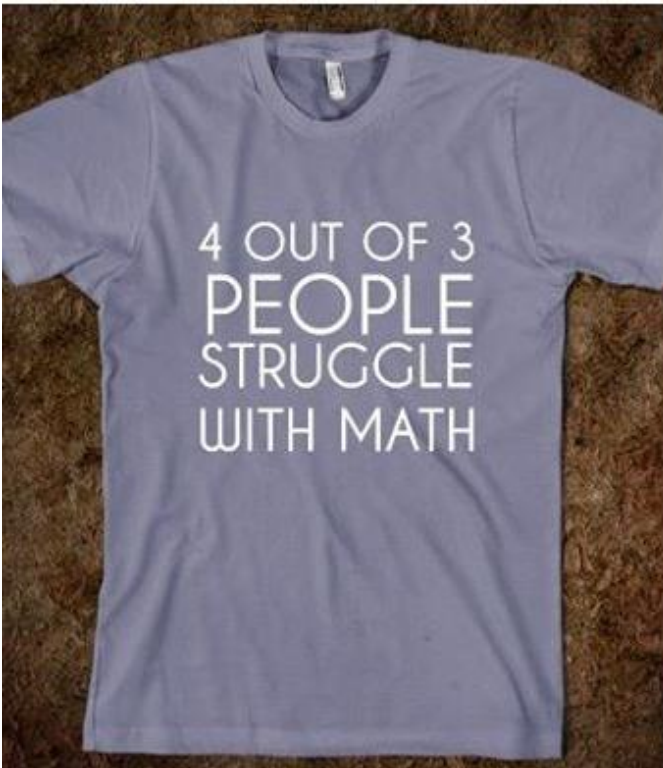
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Instructor: "Isn't it remarkable how quickly the kids learn to drive the car?"

Parent: "Yes, especially considering how slowly they catch on to running the lawnmower and vacuum cleaner."

What hair color do they put on a driver's license of bald men?



A Guide to Investments

STOCK: A magical piece of paper that is worth \$33.75

until the moment you buy it. It will then be worth \$8.50.

BOND: What you had with your spouse until you pawned his/her golf clubs to invest in Amazon.com.

BROKER: The person you trust to help you make major financial decisions. Please note the first five letters of this word spell "Broke".

BEAR: What your trade account and wallet will be when you take a flyer on that hot stock tip your secretary gave you.

BULL: What your broker uses to explain why your mutual funds tanked during the last quarter.

MARGIN: Where you scribble the latest quotes when you're supposed to be listening to your manager's presentation.

SHORT POSITION: A type of trade where, in theory, a person sells stocks he doesn't actually own. Since this also only ever works in theory, a short position is what a person usually ends up being in (i.e. "The rent, sir? Hahaha, well, I'm a little short this month.").

COMMISSION: The only reliable way to make money on the stock market, which is why your broker charges you one.

YAK: What you do into a pail when you discover your stocks have plunged and your broker is making a margin call.

My wife never quite got the hang of the 24-hour military clock. One day she called the orderly room to speak with me. The person who answered told her to call me at the extension in the band rehearsal hall.

"He can be reached at 4700, Ma'am," the soldier advised.

With a sigh of exasperation, my wife responded, "And

just what time is that?"

A ton of regret never made an ounce of difference.



Most of us have a bad habit we are constantly trying to break. For one woman, it's biting her fingernails.

One day she told her husband about the latest solution: press-on nails.

"Great Idea, Honey," he smiled. "You can eat them straight out of the box."

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

During my stay at an expensive hotel in New York City, I woke up in the middle of the night with an upset stomach.

I called room service and ordered some soda crackers. When I looked at the charge slip, I was furious. I called room service and raged, "I know I'm in a luxury hotel, but \$11.50 for six crackers is ridiculous!"

"The crackers are complimentary," the voice at the other end coolly explained. "I believe you are complaining about your room number."

I've discovered the whole problem with the National Debt. Most of us work 5 days a week, but the government spends 7.

One of the burdens of office of the small town mayor was his brother-in-law, a fellow who liked to throw his or, rather, his in-law's political weight around.

The mayor had instructed his policemen and other city officials to treat him just like they would any other taxpayer.

The brother-in-law got a ticket for overtime parking. He immediately descended in a fury on police headquarters, waving the ticket and sputtering, "Hey, do you know who I am?" The desk sergeant surveyed him calmly, picked up his telephone and dialed the mayor's office. "Tell the mayor," he said to the secretary, "that his brother-in-law is down here and can't remember his name."

I had planned to clean my oven since something had boiled over in it. However, before I had a chance to buy oven cleaner, my husband came home with a frozen pizza for supper.

After a while, we saw smoke coming from the oven and the detector went off.

"Oh! Is the pizza burning?" he asked.

"No" I replied, "the pizza isn't even in the oven yet."

A novice gardener who was looking for some advice asked an experienced farmer, "What would be good to plant in an area that gets very little rain, has too much late afternoon sun, has clay soil and lies on a rocky ledge?"

Replied the farmer, "How about a flagpole?"

I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.