

# MORNING BREAKS

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"A sense of humor keeps life interesting..." –Marjorie Pay Hinckley

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The two young boys were discussing their ailments together in the children's ward.

"Are you medical or surgical?" asked the first, who had been in the ward for a week.

"I don't know what you mean," replied the second.

"It's simple," replied the first.

"Were you sick when you came in here? Or did they make you sick when you got here?"



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Heather and Marcy hadn't seen each other in a while so they decided to meet for lunch.

The talk naturally got around to their respective love lives. Marcy confided that there really wasn't anyone special in her life. Heather, on the other hand, was beaming about the new man she had found.

"He's perfect. He's handsome, and last night when we went out to dinner, he said the four little words I've been waiting to hear a man say to me!"

"He said 'will you marry me?'" Marcy asked.

Heather replied, "No, he said 'put your money away!'"

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## Excuses To Give When You Have Missed Work And You Don't Have a Good Excuse...

~ 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. Okay?

~ I have a rare case of 48-hour projectile leprosy, but I know we have that deadline to meet...

~ I am stuck in the blood pressure machine down at the Food Giant.

~ Yes, I seem to have contracted some 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.

~ 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.

~ The psychiatrist said it was an excellent session. He even gave me this jaw restraint so I won't bite things when I'm startled.

~ The dog ate my car keys. We're going to hitchhike to the vet.

~ I prefer to remain an enigma.

~ 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.

~ I am converting my calendar from Julian to Gregorian.

~ I am extremely sensitive to a rise in the interest rates.

~ I refuse to travel to my job until there is a commuter tax. I insist on paying my fair share.

~ I've used up all my sick days...so I'm calling in dead!

~ 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.

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***But President, we were just following the Lord's instructions in D&C 109:7 "...seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom,"***

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My 15-year-old son asked me to drive him to his friend's house. Once we were in the car and several minutes had passed in silence, I attempted to open the lines of communication.

"Did you have a nice day at school?"

"Yep."

"Any homework to do?"

"Nope."

"You got your hair cut?"

"Yep."

"This is a monosyllabic conversation isn't it?"

"Yep."

"You do know what monosyllabic means?"

"Yep."

"Well, tell me." Aha, I thought, now he has to give me a dictionary explanation.

With a mischievous grin and a sly look at me, he replied, "One."

"Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant." – Unknown

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A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains just became too much and he could go no farther.

He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours he hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he got to going too fast to honk the horn on his bike and he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes--both going well over 120 mph--blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 2 Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph.

He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this, but there's guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass."

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At a clearance sale, the wife of a federal district court judge found a green tie that was a perfect match for one of her husband's sports jackets.

Soon after, while the couple was vacationing at a resort complex to get his mind off a rather complicated cocaine conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the design of the tie.

The judge showed it to a local FBI agent, who was equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug' planted by the conspiracy defendants. The agent sent the device to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC for analysis.

Two weeks later, the judge phoned the Washington office to learn the results of their tests.

"We're not sure where the disc came from," the FBI told him, "but we discovered that when you press it, it plays 'Jingle Bells.'"

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A woman of our acquaintance was in the habit of having long telephone conversations that usually lasted over an hour.

One day she hung up after 25 minutes.

"What is the matter?" asked her husband. "You were on the phone talking for less than half an hour."

"I got a wrong number," the woman replied.

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Two wrongs don't make a right, but three rights do make a left.

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GCF: Getting Older

"I must be getting old. I'm starting to talk to myself."

"We all do, Ralph."

"Well, I find it annoying."

"Why is it annoying?"

"Because I'm also losing my hearing and I have to repeat everything!"

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Teenagers express their burning desires to be different by dressing exactly alike.

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Just as she was celebrating her 80th birthday, our friend received a jury-duty notice. She called to remind the people at the Clerk's Office that she was exempt because of her age.

"You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms," they said.

"I've already done that," she replied. "I did it last year."

"You have to do it every year," she was told.

"Why?" came the response. "Do you think I'm going to get younger?"

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**YES! I WEAR A BADGE!**

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There are two theories about how men can argue with women. Neither one works.

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After arriving home from work, I found out that our six-year-old daughter had written on the bathroom wall at school.

I talked to her about the importance of respecting others and their property. Then I asked her how it was discovered that she'd written on the wall.

"I don't know, Daddy," she said.

After reading her a bedtime story that night, I asked again if she had any idea how the teacher had known for sure who had written on the wall.

"I don't know, Daddy," she again replied.

Then I asked what she'd written.

"My name," she said.

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"Freedom consists not in doing what we like but in having the right to do what we ought." - Pope John Paul II October 8, 1999

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My son burst into the room and excitedly announced he had won a prize in his Grade 1 class.

After telling him how proud of him I was, I asked what he had achieved.

"I won," he said, "for having the oldest mom in the whole class!"

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

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After our friends were married, they left the church and were disappointed to see that their car looked completely normal. No one had decorated it with "Just Married" signs or tin cans or balloons or anything at all.

"Disappointed" was not, however, the word used by the bishop who married them.

His car was very similar in make, model, and color as the groom's vehicle.

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I wish the buck stopped here – I could use a few of them.

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A mom was preparing food for a family gathering. Her three-year-old son watched intently as his mother stabbed repeatedly at a large pickle in a jar before she managed to spear it.

As she added it to the relish tray, he asked, "Is it dead yet, Mommy?"

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The early bird might get the worm, but it's the second mouse that gets the cheese.

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A classmate and I were discussing some frustrations of dorm life, and high on my list was the difficulty of keeping others from eating ice cream I'd stored in the fridge.

"I've solved that one," my friend said. "I just wrap my ice cream in a brown paper bag and label it Tofu."

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Before you point your fingers, be sure your hands are clean.

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*"A sense of humor keeps life interesting..." –Marjorie Pay Hinckley*

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At the clothing store where I work, I make it a point of pride to give customers my unvarnished opinion. One day, when a man emerged from the fitting room, I took one look at him and shook my head.

"No, no," I said. "Those jeans look terrible on you. I'll go get you another pair."

As I walked away, I heard him mumble, "I was trying on the shirt."

Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars, and he'll believe you. But, tell him a bench has wet paint, and he has to touch it.

"The only way to get through life is to laugh your way through it. You either have to laugh or cry. I prefer to laugh. Crying gives me a headache."  
— Marjorie Pay Hinckley

*Laugh*



Friends and I were chatting over dinner in a restaurant. A man at the next table told his cell-phone caller to hold on. Then he stepped outside to talk.

When he returned, I said, "That was very thoughtful."

"I had no choice," he nodded and said to me. "You were making too much noise."

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up.

During the year that my husband was undergoing expensive dental reconstruction, he got to know everyone in the dentist's office.

A couple of staffers teased him about his garbled speech after he got a mouth-numbing anesthetic.

He replied, "Well, it's hard to talk with \$27,000 in your mouth."

Bumping into an old girlfriend, I invited her for lunch and told her that I had given up accounting to take up writing.

"That's terrific!" she said, "I really admire a person who follows their dream. Tell me, have you sold anything?"

"Sure have," I replied. "My house, my car, all my stocks and bonds...."

A computer DOES save time at work. Now I can play solitaire without having to spend all that time shuffling real cards.

A father told a friend how he had stopped his son from being late to school.

"I bought him a car." he explained. "Now he has to get there early to find a parking place."

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If ever you're about to be mugged by a pair of clowns, don't hesitate ... go for the juggler.

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A young man had just graduated from Harvard and was so excited just thinking about his future.

He gets into a taxi and the driver says, "How are you on this lovely day?"

"I'm the Class of 2001, just graduated from Harvard and I just can't wait to go out there and see what the world has in store for me."

The driver looks back to shake the young man's hand and says, "Congratulations, I'm Mitch Class of 1969."

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My son, a Naval Officer, came home from a three-month deployment aboard his submarine, and told us that one of the ways the sailors kept up morale was to make wooden cars out of kits and run derby races.

"What do you do for a ramp?" my husband inquired.

"Don't need one," he said. "We just put the cars on the floor and then tilt the sub."

If at first you don't succeed, try again. Then quit. No use being a darn fool about it.

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Uncle Leroy got a job down at the Broom Factory.

On his first day the straw boss (Floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man huh? What is yer name?"

Leroy replied "Leroy"

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to breakdown in my Authority. I refer to all employees by last names; now what is Your Last Name!"

Leroy sort of smiles and says, "Its Darling - Leroy Darling!"

The Straw Boss said "Now Leroy the next thing....."

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### A Dictionary of Project Terms

Project slightly behind original schedule due to unforeseen difficulties-- We got so sick of working on this that we decided to do something else.

Major Technological Breakthrough--Back to the drawing board.

Developed after years of intensive research--It was discovered by accident.

Customer satisfaction is believed assured--We are so far behind schedule that the customer will be happy to get anything at all from us.

The design will be finalized in the next reporting period--

We haven't started this job yet, but we've got to say something.

Test results were extremely gratifying--It works, and are we surprised.

Extensive effort is being applied on a fresh approach to the problem--We just hired three new guys; we'll let them kick it around for a while.

Preliminary operational tests are inconclusive--The darn thing blew up when we threw the switch.

The entire concept will have to be abandoned--The only guy who understood the thing quit.

Modifications are under way to correct certain minor difficulties--We threw the whole thing out and are starting from scratch.

# MORNING BREAKS

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

"I did? What did I tell you?" said 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'."



***My daughter's boyfriend needs to start over in English Class. Not exactly the Valentine she expected.***

After giving birth, I couldn't lose the 40 pounds I'd gained. So I dragged my husband to the mall in search of more flattering clothes.

We were encouraged by a sign over a rack of suits: "Instantly hides ten pounds!"

"Look," he said. "You just need to buy four of these."

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

The workers in a large office were making secret plans to stage a big office party for the 70-year old cleaning woman who had spent the better part of her life with the company.

Somehow the secret leaked out and the woman got wind of it. Much perturbed, she rushed to the office manager. "Please sir," she cried, "Do not let them do it! Do not let them do it!"

"Oh, come now, Mrs. Smith, you must not be so modest. After all, they simply want to show how much you are appreciated."

"Appreciated, my foot," exclaimed the woman. "I am NOT going to clean up after a mess like that!"

I used to always top and smell the roses – until one day I inhaled a bee.

## **Why some countries can't go METRIC!**

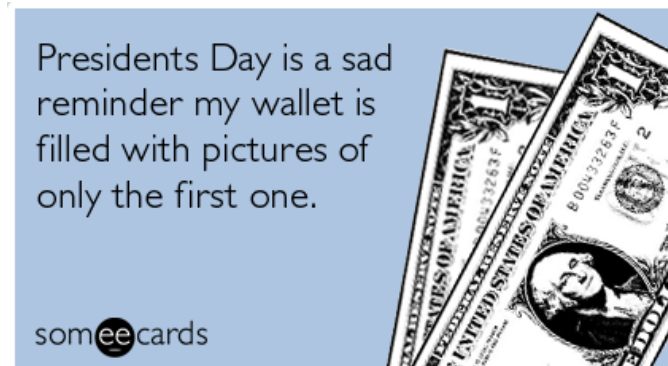
If the metric system did ever take over, we'd have to change our thinking to the following:

- \* A miss is as good as 1.6 kilometers.
- \* Put your best 0.3 of a meter forward.
- \* Spare the 5.03 meters and spoil the child.
- \* Twenty-eight grams of prevention is worth 453 grams of cure.

\* Give a man 2.5 centimeters and he'll take 1.609 kilometers.

\* Peter Piper picked 8.8 liters of pickled peppers.

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We had built our dream house some years ago, and furnished it with quality pieces as we could afford them. Now the delivery truck carrying the last purchase, a new bedroom suite, was pulling into the driveway.

"Finally!" I exclaimed, flinging open the front door as the driver walked up to the house. "I've been waiting twelve years for this!"

"Don't blame me, lady," he said. "I just got the order this morning."

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### Self-Evident Truths About Pets

\* Although cats are rather delicate creatures, and they are subject to a good many ailments, I never heard of one who suffered from insomnia.

\* Dogs and cats instinctively know the exact moment their owners will wake up. Then they wake them 10 minutes sooner.

\* Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.

\* Dogs shed, cats shred.

\* I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult?

\* No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.

\* Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

\* I hope to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.

\* Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

\* We wonder why the dogs always drink out of our toilets, but look at it from their point of view: Why do humans keep peeing into their water bowls?

\* Women and cats will do as they please ... men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

\* When a man's best friend is his dog, that dog has a problem.

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Shirley and Abe, a retired couple from New York City, living in Miami Beach, are getting ready to go out to dinner.

Shirley says, "Abe, darling, do you want me to wear this Chanel suit or the Gucci?"

Abe says, "Do I care?"

A few minutes later Shirley says, "Abe, should I wear my Cartier watch or my Rolex?"

Abe says, "Who cares?"

A few more minutes pass and Shirley says, "Abe, love, shall I wear my five-carat pear diamond ring or my six-carat round diamond ring with the baguettes?"

Abe says, "Shirley, I really don't care what you wear, but if you don't get moving, we're going to miss the Early Bird Special."

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One day a man drove his secretary home after she fell quite ill at work. Although this was an innocent gesture, he decided not to mention it to his wife, who tended to get jealous easily.

Later, that night the man and his wife were driving to a restaurant.

Suddenly he looked down and spotted a high-heel shoe half hidden under the passenger seat. Not wanting to be conspicuous, he waited until his wife was looking out her window before he scooped up the shoe and tossed it out of the car. With a sigh of relief, he pulled into the restaurant parking lot. That's when he noticed his wife squirming around in her seat.

"Honey," she asked, "have you seen my other shoe?"