

# MORNING BREAKS

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

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A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. He watched the game in astonishment for a while.

"I can hardly believe my eyes!" he exclaimed. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

"Nah, he's not so smart," the friend replied. "I've beaten him three games out of five."

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Most of my boarding school students are very computer literate, so I was surprised to find one sophomore writing her term paper on an electric typewriter.

In a reminiscent mood I said, "When I was in school my typewriter wasn't even electric."

She looked at me in shock and asked, "Do you mean it was battery-operated?"

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***UDOT impounded this vehicle for failing its safety and emissions test.***

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In French, "oeuf" means egg, cheese is "fromage." It's like those French have a different word for everything. What about Spanish?

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While waiting in line to check out at a paint store, a customer held up a yardstick and asked the clerk, "Do you have these in a larger size?"

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Isn't it redundant to say an offer is void where prohibited?

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One evening my teenage daughter and I were out shopping when she decided to make a purchase. She greeted the cashier with only a "Hi," then proceeded to dig nervously in her wallet. She was having obvious trouble counting out the correct bills and change.

But rather than help, the cashier simply stood and watched while she fumbled and mumbled her way to the correct amount. Finally, the transaction was completed.

As we were walking to the car, my daughter turned to me and said, "That was my math tutor."

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Red meat is NOT bad for you. Blue-green meat, THAT'S bad for you! Just ask missionaries serving south in Mexico.

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Oldie – but Goodie!

A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking.

The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large".

Then they walk around the ranch a little, and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows".

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a group of kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks, "And what are those"?

The Aussie replies with an incredulous look, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas"?

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Logic: "Because I said so, that's why."

Irony: "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

Wisdom: "When you get to be my age you'll understand."

Justice: "On day you'll have kids. I hope they turn out just like you."

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Having avoided the scale for a few years, my husband finally got up the nerve to climb aboard. Unable to read the numbers, he got off the scale to grab his eyeglasses and stepped back on.

"What do you know?" he called out. "These glasses weigh 50 pounds."

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You can observe a lot just by watching.

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A guy walking in the desert desperately needed a drink. As he followed the dunes, he came upon another man riding a camel. He asked the man if he had something to drink.

The man on the camel said "No, but if you like, I have a nice selection of ties. Would you like to buy one?"

"No!" The first man replied. "Are you crazy? I need something to drink, not a tie!"

So the man on the camel rode on, and the walking man continued his slow and very thirsty trek for several days. Finally he came upon a cantina.

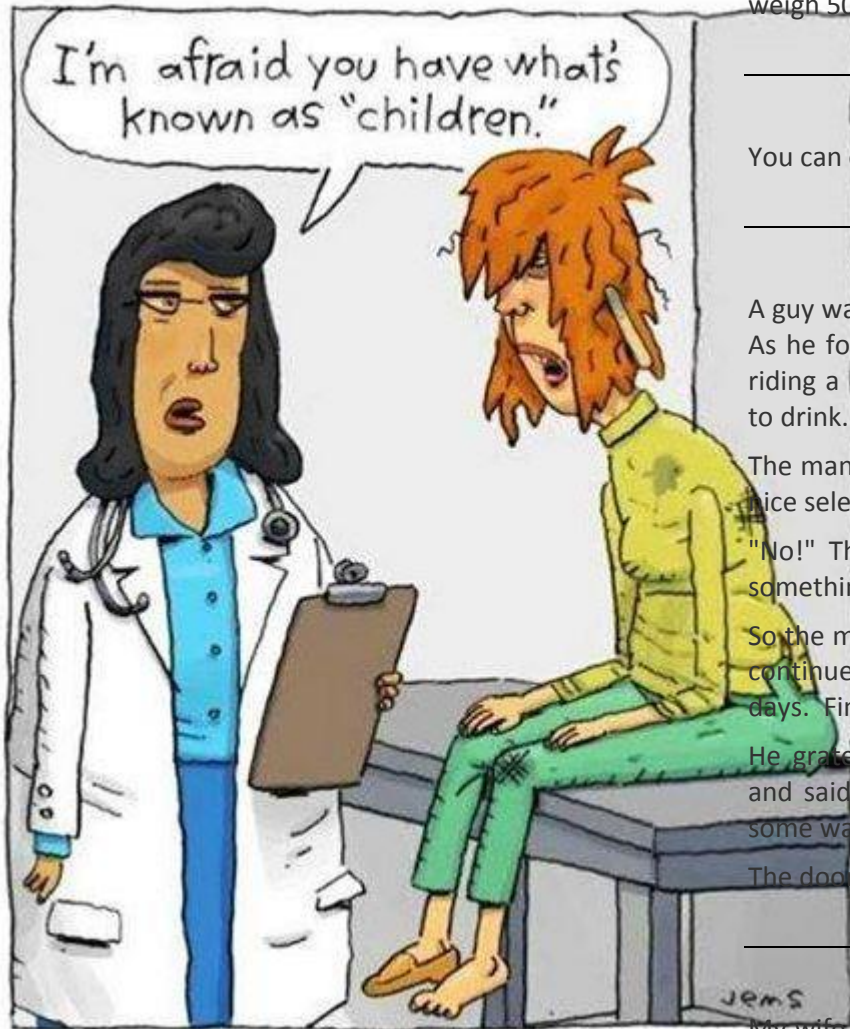
He gratefully approached the doorman at the cantina and said, "I'm so glad I made it! Can I get in and get some water?"

The doorman frowned at him. "Not without a tie."

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My wife asked me to help wrap Christmas presents this year, but I was watching football and declined to help. She then informed me that if I didn't help, I'd be in big, big trouble, so I helped.

However, she didn't tell me to put tags on them, so I got in trouble anyway. My New Year's resolution: Watch football instead of wrap gifts. I'll be in less trouble.



What my mom taught me:

Religion: "You better pray that comes out of the carpet."

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I was reminded of my younger days when I came across my charm bracelet one morning. I decided to wear it to school, thinking it would do the same for some of my teacher colleagues. However, the bracelet fascinated my students.

One of my fifth grade students watched the shiny, jingling items on my wrist for a few minutes, then put his hand up and asked, "Are you on a major medical alert?"

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**It's been a rough week but  
I made it - how about you?**



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A highway patrolman friend of ours had stopped at our cafe for break and was getting ready to leave.

"Go out and get 'em!" I said. "I suppose everyone gets a ticket today?"

"I don't really give out many tickets," he said seriously.

"Oh come on," I teased, "you'd give your own mother a ticket."

"No, my mother never drove a car," he said, still serious. Then a grin spread over his face. "I did catch her jaywalking once." he said, "and I issued her a warning. But that's all."

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Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you 30 cents?

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I was pulling into a gas station one day when I saw a woman drive off with the nozzle still in her gas tank. She jerked the nozzle right off the hose. Realizing what she had done, she pulled back in, took the nozzle out of the tank, and put it back on the pump. Then she went inside to straighten things out with the management.

While she was inside, a young man pulled up to the pump. He took the nozzle, with no hose attached, into his tank. He couldn't seem to figure out why he wasn't getting any gas. He even took the nozzle out and repositioned it in the tank a couple times.

I thought about pointing out the obvious problem to him but then decided that he'd be embarrassed enough when he figured it out on his own.

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Birthdays are a good thing for you: the more you have, the longer you live.

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My engineer husband is meticulous but mild-mannered. While our new house was being built, he would leave notes for the workmen, politely calling their attention to mistakes or oversights.

Two weeks before we were to move in, the floors still were not finished, the bathrooms not tiled, nor were necessary fixtures installed. I was sure that the work would never be completed in time. However, on moving day, we found that the house was ready to receive us.

Curious as to how this miracle had been accomplished, I went and checked where my husband always left his notes for the workmen. Posted prominently on the living room wall was my husband's last note: "After January 15, all work will be supervised by 5 children."

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***This is from last year – but I just couldn't help but repost it. After all, funny is still funny!***

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No sense being pessimistic. It wouldn't work anyway.

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A young businessman had just started his own firm. He had just rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques.

Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Wishing to appear the hot shot, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working.

He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?"

"Yeah, I've come to activate your phone lines."

When my wife and I moved to Tucson, Arizona, from the East Coast, we fell in love with the change of scenery: the desert, the beautiful sunsets, the wonderful Southwestern vistas.

When a native of Tucson asked what we thought of the area, I told him that I was impressed with the climate and the scenery, but I missed the beach.

"But we have lots of beaches here," he said. "We just lack an ocean."

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There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast

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Part of my job as a 911 dispatcher is to interrogate callers who are in various states of panic so I can send the appropriate emergency equipment.

One day a woman called to say that a family member had fallen and needed to go to a hospital.

After finding out where she lived and assuring her that the paramedics would arrive shortly, I asked her, "Do you know what caused the fall?"

"No," the woman nervously replied. "What?"

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A lady lost her handbag at the mall. An honest young lad found it and returned it to her.

Looking in her purse, she said, "Hmm, that's funny. When I lost my bag, there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy replied, "That IS funny. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

(Now that is a resourceful boy scout!)

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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's her name again?"

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The patient who came to my radiology office for abdominal X-rays was already heavily sedated. But I still had to ask her a lot of questions, the last one being, "Ma'am, where is your pain right now?"

Through her medicated fog, she answered, "He's at work."

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A man sees his wife is busy in the kitchen and says: "Can I help?"

She says, "Sure, take this bag of potatoes, peel half of them and put them in a pot to boil."

No matter what men do, somehow, we still get yelled at...



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I was so surprised at my birth, I couldn't talk for a year.

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I was on the computer in my home office when my eight-year-old son asked what I did for a living.

"I'm a consultant," I said.

"What's a consultant?"

"It's someone who watches people work and then tells them how they could do it better."

"We have people like that in my class," he said, "but we call them pests."

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Listen and Silent have the same letters ... coincidence?

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I was recovering from knee surgery and also the extraction of impacted wisdom teeth. I was lying on the couch with an ice bag on my leg and hot-water bottles against both cheeks.

From the kitchen I heard my wife cry out in pain.

Through a mouth stuffed with gauze I asked her what had happened.

"You know," she replied, "there's nothing worse than a paper cut."

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Fresh from a visit to the dentist, I decided to stop at my bank.

Barely able to enunciate, I told the teller, "I'm sorry about not speaking more clearly. I've just had novocaine."

"You should have used the drive-through," she said.

"Why?"

"Everyone who goes through, sounds like that," she explained.

Nothing increases your golf score like witnesses.

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One night about 10 pm, I answered the phone and heard, "Dad, we want to stay out until midnight. We met a couple guys, is that okay?"

"Sure," I answered, "as long as you called."

When I hung up, my wife asked who was on the phone.

"One of the girls," I replied. "I gave them permission to stay out until midnight."

"Not our girls," she said. "They're both downstairs in the basement."

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Sidewalks were treacherous after a heavy snowstorm blanketed McGill University in Montreal. Watching people slip and slide, I gingerly made my way to class.

Suddenly I found myself on a clean, snow-free section of walkway.

This is weird, I thought, until I noticed that it was directly in front of the Faculty of Law building.

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A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

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Our army physical-training program requires us to run two miles every other day in platoon formation. Being somewhat older than the other soldiers, I have trouble running faster than a ten-minute mile.

During a recent run, I was finding it difficult to complete the two miles without stopping, so I raised my hands high above my head to expand my diaphragm and gain my second wind.

Suddenly I heard a voice from behind me say, "Forget it, sergeant, we don't take prisoners."

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Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.

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Jill: I just don't understand the attraction golf holds for men.

Mary: TELL me about it! I went golfing with my husband one time, and he told me I asked too many questions!

Jill: Well, I'm sure you were just trying to understand the game. What questions did you ask?

Mary: I thought I asked legitimate questions . . . like, "Why did you hit the ball into that lake?"

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English is strange. When you "run out" of something you "run out" to get more.

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Following a major hurricane, my husband worked long hours clearing the jumble of trees that littered our property. The longer he worked, however, the more painful it became for him to move his right arm.

He ignored my pleas to see the doctor until one night he yelped, "Ow! This is getting serious."

As I turned to him in concern, he added, "Now it hurts to push buttons on the remote control!"

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Some people not only have bad luck ... they're carriers.

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My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

# MORNING BREAKS

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

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On my birthday, I got a really funny card. It joked about how our bodies might be getting older, but our minds were still "tarp as shacks".

I wanted to thank the friend who sent the card, but I couldn't. They forgot to sign it.

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***Kids have are interesting. They can fall asleep in the strangest places – like during a tantrum on the kitchen floor by the garbage can. I just couldn't "waste" the opportunity to take a picture.***

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The vet prescribed daily tablets for our geriatric cat and after several battles, my husband devised a way to give her the medication. It involved wrapping the cat in a towel, trapping her between his knees, forcing her mouth open and deposition the pill on the back of her tongue.

He was proud of his resourcefulness until one hectic session when he lost control of both cat and medicine.

The cat leaped out of his grasp, paused to inspect the tablet, which had rolled across the floor, and then ate it.

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Cats know your every thought. They don't care, but they know...

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The morning of my daughter's fifth birthday, I told her that if somebody asked her how old she was, she could simply spread out her hand and say "five."

"Oh," she replied, "so now I'm a handful?"

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A little girl was fascinated when her grandfather took out his false teeth and began brushing them. When he was done she asked him to remove his teeth again.

She stood there amazed, then demanded, "Now, take off your nose."

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An elected official is someone who gets 51 % of the vote cast by 40 % of the 60 % of the voters who registered.

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We telemarketers know we're universally loathed. Still, some people are quite pleasant on the phone. One day I called a number and asked to speak with Mr. Morgan.

The woman who answered explained that he no longer lived at that address, but she did have a number where he could be reached.

I thanked her, rang that number, and was greeted with, "Good morning, Highland View Cemetery."

A man went into a hardware store to purchase a bale of peat moss.

He gave a personal check in payment and said to the clerk, "I suppose you will want some identification."

Without hesitation the clerk replied, "No sir, that won't be necessary."

"How come?" asked the man.

"Crooks don't buy peat moss," answered the clerk.

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Suddenly, she interrupted him: "Hey look, I'm a vet - I don't need to ask my patients these kind of questions: I can tell what's wrong just by looking." She smugly added, "Why can't you?"

The doctor nodded, stood back, looked her up and down, quickly wrote out a prescription, handed it to her and said,

"There you are. Of course, if that doesn't work, we'll have to have you put to sleep."

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I was making Play-Doh animals with my four-year-old niece, Chris, and her three-year-old brother, Neil. While Chris was clearly molding a crude but recognizable dog, figuring what Neil was making was a bit more challenging.

"It's a cat," he told me, "but a truck ran over it."

Sometime later, Chris had made another simple animal shape, but Neil had a rather flat slab of dough on the table in front of him.

"What happened to this animal?" I asked.

Neil shrugged and said simply, "Same truck."

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When the going gets tough, upgrade.

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Mr. Norton was in the hospital recovering from an operation when the nurse on duty received a call from a man who asked how Mr. Norton was doing.

"Oh, quite well. We expect he'll be released in the morning."

"Very good, thank you."

"May I ask who is calling so that I can tell Mr. Norton?" inquired the nurse.

"This IS Mr. Norton. The doctors don't tell me anything!"

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"A taxpayer is someone who works for the federal government but who doesn't have to take a civil service examination." - Ronald Reagan

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A Veterinarian was feeling ill and went to see her doctor.

The doctor asked her all the usual questions: what were the symptoms, how long had they been occurring, etc.

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