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An older client who frequented our veterinary clinic owned five poodles. Over the years, she brought her pets to us for routine checkups and procedures. She was devoted to the dogs. As time went on, the dogs aged, and one by one, each of her beloved pets died.

When the last of her dogs passed away, I expected a grieving client. Instead, she said: "Well, that is it then. My friend asked me to marry him five years ago, but he didn't like my dogs, so I declined. Now that they're gone, I can marry him."



Alarm Clock: A small mechanical device used to wake up people who don't have children.

I had an inauspicious start as a dog groomer when one of my first clients bit me.

Noticing my pain, my boss voiced her concern. "Whatever you do," she said, "don't bleed on the white dogs."

I have an exceptionally high Q.I.

My wife is a very adventurous cook. "How does this sound?" she called out from the kitchen. "Bonito, surimi, and anchovies in a decadent, silky broth."

"Sounds delicious," I hollered back. "Is that what we're having tonight?"

"No. I'm reading ingredients from this can of cat food."

If you have everything, you value nothing.

Applying for my first passport, I took all the relevant papers to the passport clerk at the post office. The clerk checked over my application form, photos, marriage license and other identification.

All seemed in order until she came to my birth certificate. She handed it back to me and said, "This isn't any good. It's in your maiden name."

I've gotten to the age where I need my false teeth and hearing aid before I can ask where I left my glasses.

I was having lunch with my five-year-old daughter at our local mall and was feeling particularly macho for a 46-year-old. All morning, women had been smiling at me and giving me the eye.

Getting up to leave the table, I ran my fingers through my hair and discovered two yellow-ducky barrettes that had been lovingly placed there hours before.

The difference between gossip and news is whether you hear it or tell it.



A different version to the Sound of Music: "The Hills were alive 'til I started singing..." – Elder Robert Scott Killpack, Alpine German-Speaking Mission.

A woman was sitting around feeling semi-miserable when her husband asked if ice cream would make her feel better. They had two flavors in the freezer and he asked which one she wanted. She said, "Surprise me."

About a minute later he came running out of the kitchen with his shirt pulled over his head, wearing a ghoulish Halloween mask, wielding a serving spoon and shouting "Aahhhhhhh!!!"

Once he was satisfied that she was thoroughly surprised, he handed her a bowl of chocolate chips.

The most efficient labor-saving device is still money.

After being at sea in the Persian Gulf for 90 straight days, I went to the squadron command master chief to complain.

"Chief, I joined the Navy to see the world," I said, "but for the past three months all I've seen is water."

"Sailor," he replied, "three-quarters of the earth is covered with water, and the Navy has been showing you that. If you wanted to see the other 25 percent, you should have joined the Army."

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain.

I took my son to the zoo. As we were walking around viewing the animals in the nature compounds, he pointed to a lion. "Look, Dad, there's a frickin' lion!"

"What?"

"It's a frickin' lion!"

"Uh ... how did you come up with that?"

"It's on the sign over there."

Sure enough, posted on the fence was a sign that read, "African Lion."

Recently in traffic court, a man who received an expensive parking ticket testified that a uniformed policeman had given his OK for the man to park there.

The Judge asked the man if he would recognize the officer if he ever saw him again, and the man replied that he would. The Judge then said, "Good. When you see the officer again, tell him he owes you 157 dollars. Next..."

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

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A golfer, known for his bad temper, walked into the Pro Shop one day and plunked down big bucks for a new set of clubs.

The staff all watched to see what would happen after he used them for the first time ... more than half expecting he'd come in and demand his money back.

But the next time he came in, he was all smiles. "They're the best clubs I've ever had," he said. "In fact, I've discovered I can throw them at least 40 yards farther than I could my last ones."

Mommy sighs, knowing this day would come so she sits her daughter down for a long talk about the birds and the bees.

After Mommy has told her little girl all about the making of babies, the little girl is now silent for a while.

"You understand it now?" Mommy asks.

"Yes," replies her daughter.

"Do you still have any questions?"

"Yes, how about little kittens, how does that work?"

"In exactly the same way as with babies."

"Wow," the girl exclaims, "my daddy can do ANYTHING!"

Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't think you've done a permanent job.

I work as a cashier at a grocery store that was celebrating its grand re-opening.

To draw customers, we were mailing out coupons for various free items, such as eggs, soda, chips, etc. The coupon for the chips was very specific: it had to be a 13 1/4 ounce bag of Lays Potato Chips.

One lady was a bit confused. Upon handing me her bag of chips and the corresponding coupon, she said, "The coupon says thirteen and one fourth, but I guess this is close enough, right?"

I checked. The net weight printed on the bag was 13.25 ounces. I looked up, certain she was joking. She wasn't.



Apparently Mac supports Windows now.

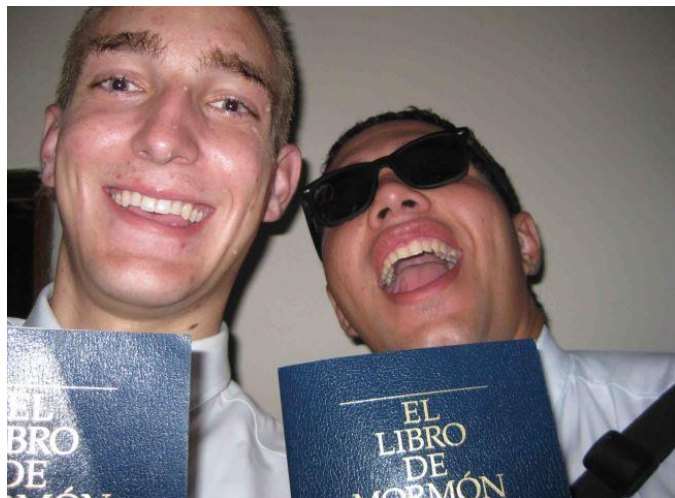
How do those dead bugs get into those closed light fixtures?

If you're going to draw on the wall, do it behind the couch.

After my husband asked me to help him shed some unwanted pounds, I stopped serving fattening TV snacks and substituted crisp celery.

While he was unenthusiastically munching on a stalk one night, a commercial caught his attention.

As he watched longingly, a woman spread gooey chocolate frosting over a freshly baked cake. When it was over, my husband turned to me. "Did you ever notice," he asked, "that they never advertise celery on TV?"



Compliments of Elder Matthew Hansen – Columbia Bogota North Mission.

The Book of Mormon – the hottest book in town. Just look at the sweat pouring off the missionaries' faces!

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

One day a young man went up to the teller window at the bank and whispered, "Please deposit this hundred dollars in my savings account."

The teller handled the transaction and whispered back, "Have a good day."

The young man started to leave but turned back. "I'm sorry we have to whisper," he said, "but if my car knows

I've deposited money, it'll break down again." With his finger to his lips he tiptoed out.

A budget is just a method of worrying before you spend money, as well as afterward.

"Hello? Pizza Mania? Do you have anything on special?"

"Yes, we have our Veggie Haters Delight. It has twelve different types of meat and five different cheeses."

"Does anything come with that?"

"A high cholesterol count."

I'm not afraid of heights; I'm afraid of widths.

As I sat in my doctor's reception area, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent.

Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

If your dog doesn't like someone, you probably shouldn't either.

I was on the phone trying to set up a furniture delivery.

"If you would like to arrange a delivery date, please press one," the automated voice prompted me.

"If you would like to confirm delivery, please press two."

At that moment my three-year-old daughter let out an ear-piercing shriek.

"I'm sorry," the automated voice said, "that is not a valid response."

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Diagnosing my problem as water on the knee, the doctor prescribed complete bed rest. When we got home, my husband set me up in a lounge chair and brought my knitting and some books.

As he packed ice around my knee, he said, "Now, honey, I don't want you to move until it's time to get dinner ready."



"Runners to your mark. Get set. Go! ... OK, come get your T-shirts."

If the purpose for learning is to score well on a test, then we have lost sight of the real reason for learning.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION -- The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW -- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT -- An archaic word no longer in use.

STOCK - A magical piece of paper that is worth \$33.75 until the moment after 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.

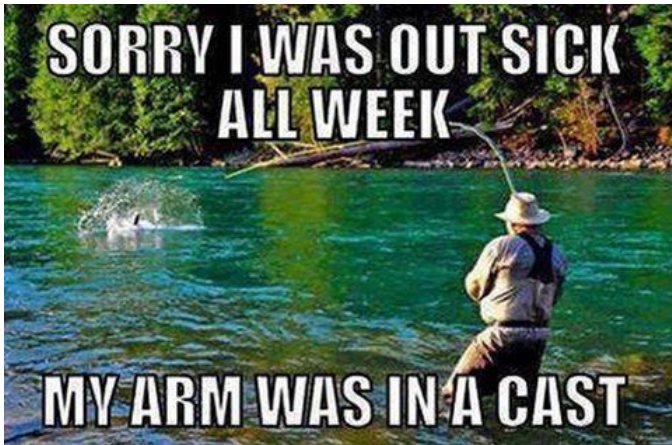
MARGIN - Where you scribble the latest quotes when you're supposed to be listening to your manager's presentation.

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.

"Exercise" is a dirty word. Whenever I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate.



While serving in the Army, I found myself in a world that had changed little since Biblical times. With so few creature comforts available, packages from home containing cookies and canned goods were received with great anticipation.

When I got a box from my sister, I happily tore into it, only to discover just how far from home I really was. She had filled it with packages of microwave popcorn.

You know those wheezing and popping noises the refrigerator makes? It just means that it's making ice. I'm not getting old. I'm just making ice!

My husband and I were building a sunroom to accommodate our new hot tub. The project soon turned into a money pit.

During one of our numerous trips to the hardware store, he inquired about exhaust fans. The store clerk looked them up on the computer and praised one fan in particular because it was exceptionally quiet.

My husband asked for the price. After receiving the answer, he sighed and asked, "Do you have anything louder?"

Ambivalence may or may not be my problem.

A tobacco company sent Dave several packages of cigarettes with the explanation: "We are sending you some of our finest cigarettes. We hope you enjoy them and will want more."

After several months the tobacco company received this reply from Dave...

I got your cigarettes and soaked them in a quart of water which I sprayed on my bug-infested rose bushes. Every bug died! These cigarettes make the best poison ever!

Please send me some more next year, in case any bugs survived.

Thanks,

Dr. Dave Smith

I wish the chemists who successfully removed the lead from gasoline would try the same with our congressmen.

After sawing at his steak with no effect, a restaurant patron called the waiter over and complained about the tough piece of meat.

The waiter looked at the customer's plate and announced, "I am very sorry, but I can't take it back because you have already bent it."

If you become dissatisfied and want to go back to your youth, just think of Algebra.

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Late one night I had to visit the convenience store. Unsure that it would still be open, I called.

"What time do you close?" I asked.

There was a moment's pause. Then the clerk said, "Ten o'clock. But we start giving dirty looks at quarter to."

Wayne's eyes now darted around the garage, hoping to find a security guard.

Just then, the driver's face softened. "Please," he said, "I've been driving up and down for two hours. I can't find a space to park and I want yours."

I hate mornings. They're so early.



"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."- Ronald Reagan

Wayne was returning home from a business trip, bags in hand, and slowly making his way to his vehicle in the crowded airport garage.

Suddenly a large dark car screeched to a stop in front of Wayne, and the driver pointed menacingly at him. "Get in," the driver ordered. "I'll take you to your car."

Startled, Wayne took a step backward. "Ah ... no thanks," he answered. "I can get there myself."

"No!" the man barked back as he threw open his passenger side door. "Get In!"

Evaluation Excerpts

These are excerpts from college course evaluation forms:

1. "The textbook is almost useless. I use it to kill roaches in my room."
2. "He teaches like Speedy Gonzalez on a caffeine high."
3. "Help! I've fallen asleep and I can't wake up!"
4. "The recitation instructor would make a good parking lot attendant. Tries to tell you where to go, but you can never understand him."
5. "The class is worthwhile because I need it for the degree."
6. "Textbook is confusing; someone with a knowledge of English should proofread it."
7. "Problem sets are a decoy to lure you away from potential exam material."
8. "He is one of the best teachers I have had ... He is well-organized, presents good lectures, and creates interest in the subject. I hope my comments don't hurt his chances of getting tenure."
9. "I would sit in class and stare out the window at the squirrels. They've got a cool nest in the tree."

10. "Information was presented like a ruptured fire hose-spraying in all directions - no way to stop it."

11. "I never bought the text. My \$60 was better spent on the Led Zeppelin CDs that I used while doing the problem sets."

12. "The course was very thorough. What wasn't covered in class was covered on the final exam."



I remember carbon paper.

I remember the smell of the mimeograph.

I remember the fading "dot"=C2=9D when you turned off the television.

I remember illegally copying music by holding a tape recorder up to an AM radio. (and that you used to have to push the "record" and "play" buttons at the same time to get it to record).

I remember opening a can of Spam with a key (and tuna fish too).

I remember when milk was delivered to your door in pint & quart sized glass bottles.

I remember opening a bank account with one dollar.

I remember some relatives not having an indoor toilet.

I remember leaded gasoline.

You could only get watermelon in the summer.

I remember adjusting roller skates with a skate key.

I remember phone booths.

I remember when you returned empty soda bottles, they sent them back to the factory to be cleaned and refilled; and you got your deposit back.

Am I getting old?

A husband is someone who takes out the trash and gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

My wife asked me to help one of our neighbors, a young mother whose sailor husband was at sea. Her car had to have a freeze plug replaced; a job that took two days.

Then I discovered the battery was dead and the starter was shot, so I fixed those too. Days later I proudly handed the woman her keys saying. "Now your car is good for many more miles."

"Thanks," she said. "All I care is that it runs long enough to make it to the dealer. I'm trading it in tomorrow."

My wife and I always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

If the horse you're drawing looks more like a dog, make it a dog.